

**Town of McCormick, SC**

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**Minutes  
Budget Workshop**

FY 24/25  
GFO, CP & ARF Budgets  
Tuesday, March 19, 2024  
6:00 pm

McCormick One Stop Conference Room, 109 W. Augusta Street, McCormick, SC

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Members Present:

Roy Smith, Jr., Mayor  
Dolly Franklin, D1  
Nathan Jones, D2  
James C. (Calvin) Chiles, D3 & Mayor-Pro-Tem  
Curt Dansby, D4

Faye Hood, D6

Members Absent:

Alvin Jennings, D5

Town Staff Present:

Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney  
Police Chief W.D. Bo Willis  
Fire Chief Mike Barron

Guests/Other Attendees:

None

News Media Present:

None

**Notice of Meeting** – In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 4, Title 30, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, an agenda had been posted on the rear entrance door of the McCormick One Stop Building, 109 West Augusta Street, as well as posted in the Town's Kiosk, 117 West Augusta Street, giving public notice of the meeting, copies were emailed to news media, Journal-Messenger and the Index-Journal, those requesting notice of meetings, and posting was done on the Town's website.

**FOIA Notification** – those requesting agenda packages were sent by email a copy of the prepared agenda only; previous council packages for the March 12, 2024 regular meeting of council contained the budget drafts.

Mayor Smith welcomed all present to the budget workshop, stating the purpose was to review the draft budgets. He **called to order** the workshop at approximately 6:00, calling for the **Pledge of Allegiance**, which was done in a patriotic manner, and then the **Invocation**.

He then called forward Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney to review the budget drafts.

Mrs. McKinney went through the General Fund Operating budget draft pointing out the tax millage remained the same at 102 mills; the revenue and expenditures schedules, the contract schedule, the Inter Agency funding schedule, she then went through each budget draft stating that the budget draft showed a General Fund Operating budget of \$1,441,920. She also reviewed the Capital Projects and American Rescue Funding drafts.

Calling for any comments or questions regarding the drafts; no questions or comments were offered by Council.

General Discussion was had with regard to town owned properties - the need to use ARP funding to repair and renovate; keeping tax millage at a rate where it would not be a burden to residents; wages and salary increases, and general, future needs of the Town.

Fire Chief Mike Barron, when called for by Mayor Smith, stated he would like to some for repairs for the fire station, painting, as well as maybe a small addition to the building to create a space for the firemen for general meeting and other purposes. Discussion was had as to the overall fire responses between the Town and County.

Police Chief Bo Willis, when called for by Mayor Smith, asked regarding the patrol unit he had requested and thought was in the budget. Mayor Smith stated that he had removed it, but it was still in the Capital Projects budget; as he felt that the Town was good for patrol units and other vehicles at this time.

Mayor Smith stated, in his final remarks, for the draft budget, that he proposed a \$900 increase in police officers' salaries, and a 3.5% increase for the administrative staff. He also reviewed the Inter Agency funding levels, and the contract services.

Mrs. McKinney stated she would have another draft budget in the April council meeting agenda packages, and that Council would have another opportunity to submit any further changes; she stated that a final budget would be due in May, along with a public hearing, introduction and first reading; she stated that the final budget would need to be adopted at the June council meeting.

Council Member Mr. Chiles asked if the budget was "balanced", and Mrs. McKinney, it was – the revenues and expenditures both being at \$1,441,920.

Mayor Smith called for any further comments or discussions, and with nothing further being offered, he closed the budget workshop.

Adjournment was at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sandra McKinney  
Clerk/Treasurer

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