

*Prior to the regular meeting of Town Council, the Town's Planning & Zoning Commission met at 6 pm to continue their work on the 2023 Updated Comprehensive Plan; Rick Green, Upper Savannah Council of Government's Community Services Director, facilitated the meeting, and a copy of the Minutes of said meeting is attached, as reference.*

### **Minutes**

*Town of McCormick Regular Council Meeting*

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023 - 7:00 PM**

*McCormick One Stop Conference Room*

*109 W Augusta St., McCormick, SC*

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**Call to Order:**

- A) Quorum Confirmation
- B) Pledge of Allegiance
- C) Invocation

**Mayor Smith welcomed all those present - to the Town's April regular Town Council meeting at approximately 7:03 p.m., and called for a quorum confirmation.**

**Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney confirmed that a quorum was present with Council Members Dolly Franklin, Alvin Jennings, Calvin Chiles, Nathan Jones, Curt Dansby and Faye Hood attending.**

**Also attending were Police Chief W.D. Bo Willis, Fire Chief Mike Barron, Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney and Town Attorney James Graham Padgett, III.**

**Other attendees/guests were Chuck Cook, County Council Member, District 3, Heather McNally, McCormick Arts Council, and Marge Elmore, resident of Washington Street.**

**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 given said packages at the meeting, April 11, 2023.

**All present stood and offered the Pledge of Allegiance in a patriotic manner.**

**Mayor Smith gave the invocation, being grateful for a beautiful day, assembly of meeting, mercy, grace, and asking that the assembly be guided in thought, tongue, and actions; blessings for those assembled and the community.**

Approval of Agenda as Presented:

Mayor Smith called for any discussion or comments regarding the agenda as presented and receiving none, he called for a motion.

Council Member Jennings offered the motion to approve the agenda as presented, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Dansby, with said motion being unanimously approved.

Appearance of Citizens, Public Comments, No Written Requests by Required Deadline

Mayor Smith stated that no requests to appear before council had been received by the required deadline.

Reverend Everette Hall was listed on the agenda to appear to address Council regarding the Second Annual Golf Classic for Youth, but was not present.

Regular Town Council Business Items: - March:

- A) Minutes
- B) Bills
- C) Financial Statement

Council had received copies of the Minutes, Bills and Financial Statement for March for review prior to the meeting. Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments regarding each item and receiving none, called for a motion.

Council Member Jennings made a motion to approve the Minutes, Bills and the Financial Statement for March, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Franklin and Dansby, with said motion being unanimously approved.

Legislation:

- A) **Ordinances** – One – Ordinance No. 2023-04-11-01 – MASC Local Revenue Services Agreement

Council had received a copy of said Ordinance for review prior to the meeting. Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments regarding same and receiving none, called for a motion.

Council Member Hood made a motion to give first reading to the Ordinance, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Jones, with said motion being unanimously approved.

- B) Resolutions – None
- C) Proclamations – None

**Signatures were obtained for Ordinance-2023-04-11-01**

Reports:

- A) Police
- B) Fire
- C) Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

**Council had received copies of all Reports for review prior to the meeting, and Mayor Smith called for questions or comments regarding all reports, Police, Fire, Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.**

**Council Member Chiles noted the increase in incident reports in the Police Department. Discussion was held as to the Chief working additional time because of the shortage of officers.**

**Council Member Jennings made a motion to approve all reports, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Dansby and Franklin, with said motion being unanimously approved.**

Old Business:

- A) Revised Schedule of American Rescue Funding Grant & Business Incentive Grant Awards to be paid April, 2023

**Mayor Smith stated there was one item under Old Business, a revised report for the Business Incentive Grant and American Rescue Funding grant awards; Council had received a copy as information prior to the meeting for review. No comments or questions were offered as to the revised report and signatures were obtained from Council regarding the payment of the awards.**

**Signatures were obtained.**

New Business:

- A) must be done Draft copies of the FY 23/24 – General Fund Operating Budget, Capital Projects Budget & American Rescue Funding Budget

**Mayor Smith stated the draft budgets were for information and they would move to Legislative in May for introduction, first reading, along with the public hearing.**

- B) Discussion – Transfer of Funds from the Town's Fixed Asset Account for the MACK building

**Mayor Smith stated that the Town was holding in its fixed assets account an amount of some \$35,000 for the MACK building. He stated that the Town and County had transferred ownership of the building to the Arts Council, and had retained ownership of the MACK Park grounds. He stated that a portion of the \$35,000 fixed asset funding could be transferred to the Arts Council - \$17,500, with the balance \$17,500 being retained for improvements in the MACK Park.**

**Mayor Smith asked Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney to speak to Council regarding, and she stated that each budget year an amount was allocated as a reserve amount for Town owned buildings – properties, and for the MACK building, no longer being owned by the Town, the amount of funding for fixed**

assets was \$35,000 and she recommended, as the Mayor had stated, that a portion be transferred to the Arts Council, as the Town no longer had the responsibility for the upkeep of the MACK building.

Mayor Smith presented Council with a transfer document and signatures were obtained for the transfer of fixed assets funds to the MACK.

**Signatures were obtained.**

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**Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Smith stated –

He, along with Council Member Mrs. Hood, had attended the annual barbeque sponsored by Bacot & Padgett and the Ribbon Cutting for Thompson Hardware. Several events to take place were the Trunks of Gold on May 6 and the Shred/Drug Take Back Day on April 29.

He attended the Joint Meeting of Town and County Council on April 6, stating that the meeting was very informative.

Introduction of Amanda Smith, reporter for the Lincoln Journal Messenger. Ms. Smith stated she was formerly with the Abbeville Press and Banner and would be covering the McCormick Area for the Lincoln Journal Messenger.

Adjournment:

Mayor Smtih called for a motion to adjourn, said motion being offered by Council Member Dansby, being duly seconded by Council Member Jones, and unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra McKinney  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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