

**APPROVED**

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**Mayor Smith**

**Minutes**  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
**Tuesday, April 14, 2026 - 7:00 PM**  
McCormick One Stop Conference Room  
109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC

Welcome – Mayor Smith

Mayor Smith welcomed all those in attendance, a crowd overflowing due to the various oaths of office to be given, to the regular meeting of the McCormick Town Council for the month of April, stating he appreciated everyone attending.

**Call to Order:** Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:03 p.m. and called for:

**Quorum Confirmation** – Clerk/Treasurer McKinney stated a quorum of council was present.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – all attending gave the Pledge in a patriotic manner.

**Invocation** - Mayor Smith offered the invocation, being grateful for the dawn of a new day, blessings for all attending, family and friends, and asking that there be opened minds, searching of hearts, and guidance in thoughts and actions in the conduct of the meeting.

**Approval of Agenda as Presented:** - Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments regarding the agenda as presented and receiving none, called for council action.

**Council Member Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.**

**Presentation**  
**Golden Nugget Award**  
**Roshunnia Dennis – Paul Dennis Center**

*Before making the presentation, Mayor Smith made comment on the various activities that were offered by Ms. Dennis and the Paul Dennis Center that were beneficial to the youth of the community – back to school event, giving of supplies, events at holidays, giving of turkeys and hams, prom events, giving of gowns, sponsoring with SC Works in promotions of jobs, and other events that go un-noticed. He then called forward Ms. Dennis and presented to her and the Paul Dennis Center the “Golden Nugget Award”.*

*Ms. Dennis stated she appreciated being recognized, stating that she was from McCormick with the Center being named for her father, it opening in 2021, seeking to make a difference in the community through its youth.*

**Oath of Office – Swearing in -  
Council Members – Districts 1, 3 & 5  
APRIL 7, 2026 – Regular Municipal Election**

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**Mayor Smith stated he would give the oath to the returning council members and commissioner first and then to the new council member.**

**He then called forward Council Members Dolly Franklin and Calvin Chiles, and Commissioner Yeldell and proceeded with the taking of the Oath of Office**

**Mayor Smith then called forward new Council Member for District 5, Lorenzo Leverette, and proceeded with the taking of the Oath of Office.**

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**Oath of Office – Swearing in -  
Officer Tim Kelly**

**Lastly, Mayor Smith called forward Officer Timothy Kelly, returning Police Officer and proceeded with the taking of the Oath of Office.**

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**Rob Wolfe – Field Services Representative – Municipal Association  
Update on State-wide Events**

**Mayor Smith stated a special guest was present and called for Mr. Wolfe to speak to council, telling who he was and his duties with the Municipal Association. He stated he was formerly the City Manager with Cheraw.**

**Mr. Wolfe stated he was one of three Field Services Representatives with the Municipal Association, his area being the Upstate area, and his duties being to assist some 91 towns and cities when needed, one duty being to help with the training of the Planning Commission members with the three hours of continued training each year.**

**He asked that Council note several upcoming dates/events – the annual meeting being held in July in Greenville; the Small Cities Summit, targeting smaller towns/municipalities to be held in August.**

**He reported on several legislative items recently acted on – the LGF fund being fully funded with an added increase, and the lowering of local tax assessment on boats from the 10.5% to 6%, with the assessment being lowered further which may affect tax revenue.**

**He stated that he was available to Council when needed, and left his business card so that he could be reached when needed.**

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**Appearance of Citizens, Public Comments:** No written requests received by deadline – Wednesday, April 8 – Mayor Smith stated there were no written requests for citizens to appear.

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**Regular Town Council Business Items - for March:** - Mayor Smith stated council had received copies of the regular town council business items for review prior to the meeting. He called for questions or comments from council regarding the

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

No questions or comments given, Mayor Smith called for council action.

**Council Member Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the Minutes, Bills and Financial Statement as presented, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.**

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**Legislation:** Mayor Smith stated council had received copies of the Legislative items for review prior to the meeting. He called for council action regarding

A) Ordinances:

**O-2026-04-14-01** – FY 25/26 GFO Budget Amendment for Final Streetscape Project & Veterans Memorial Park, Introduction/First Reading

**Council Member Mr. Jones made a motion to give first reading to the Ordinance said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.**

Mayor Smith stated that the Town was finishing up the Streetscape Project and the ordinance provided for any additional overages in the general fund budget.

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B) Resolutions: Mayor Smith stated there were no Resolutions to be considered.

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C) Proclamations: Mayor Smith stated he had issued one Proclamation for Mr. Banks on the occasions of his birthday, Mr. Banks having served on County Council for a good many years. Mayor Smith attended his birthday celebration event.

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**March Reports for presentation and approval as presented:** Mayor Smith stated that Council had received copies of all the reports for review prior to the meeting.

- A) Police – Mayor Smith called for questions or comments regarding the Police Report. Council Member Mr. Dansby commented on the small number of offenses stating he receives feedback from the police officers and commended the Police Chief and the Officers for the good work they do.

**B) Fire – Mayor Smith called for the Fire Chief to update Council on the V-Safe Grant Award. Chief Barron stated that his award was offered to smaller volunteer departments by the State Fire Marshall and Forestry Commission offices and was for the smaller volunteer departments to be able to obtain necessary supplies and equipment. He stated that this was the third award received by the Department. Council Member Mr. Dansby asked the Chief to speak to the recent tractor-trailer incident, with Chief Barron stating that this was an incident that required the volunteer firemen to be on scene for a longer length of time than normal, with some volunteers not being able to even go to their regular jobs. He stated that the volunteers were a dedicated group, sometime to the point of given time away from jobs, families, and other things, stating they do an outstanding service for the Town.**

**C) Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer – no questions or comments were given.**

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**Mayor Smith commented that he was appreciated of the staff at Town Hall, the Police and Fire Chiefs writing their own grants. He stated that he appreciated Mrs. McKinney also, stating with all of the Staff doing their jobs, his job was made a little easier.**

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**Old Business:** Mayor Smith stated council had received copies of the FY 26/27 draft budget for review prior to the meeting, stating that this item was for information, resulting from the budget workshop held March 19 and required no action.

**A) Draft Copies of the FY 26/27 –  
General Fund Operating Budget – Ordinance, Narrative & Appendix A  
Capital Projects Budget – Review from Budget Workshop held March 19**

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**New Business:** Mayor Smith stated council had received copies of the Report for review prior to the meeting, stating that this item was for information.

**A) Project & Expenditure Report of the American Rescue Plan Funds for renovations/repairs to Town Owned Properties – Final Project/Expenditure Report: April, 2027; all funds to be expended by December 2026**

**Mrs. McKinney stated that this was one of the items that Mr. Wolfe had helped her to prepare and submit.**

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**Mayor's Reports:**  
Speaking to the Mayor's Report

**Bacot & Padgett BBQ – Mayor Smith reminded Council of this event on April 16 beginning at 4 pm and the ending of the Streetscape Project with the **Dedication/Ribbon Cutting for the Veterans Memorial Park** being held on April 2. Mayor Smith thanked Council for their support during this very long grant process.**

Mayor Smith also acknowledged Scott Wharram, the SLV liaison for the Town, who attended Town Council meetings on a regular basis.


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**Adjournment** – before adjourning, Mayor Smith called for any additional items to be brought to Council.

Council Member Mr. Chiles stated he wanted to thank everyone for the cards, calls, and prayers during his recent three-month absence from Council due to a fall at Church caused by a dog tripping him up and breaking his hip.

**Council Member Mr. Dansby made the motion to adjourn, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.**  
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Council Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Sandra McKinney  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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**Distribution Schedule**

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Mayor	Roy Smith, Jr.
Town Council Members	Dolly Franklin Nathan Jones Calvin Chiles Curt Dansby
Department Heads	Police Chief W.D. (Bo) Willis Fire Chief Mike Barron
News Media	The Journal-Messenger
FOIA Notifications	Chuck Cook – County Council Member, District 3 Vivian Jennings, Reporter Journal-Messenger Scott Wharram, SLV Public Affairs Liaison
Presentation	Roshunnia Dennis, Paul Dennis Center
Oath of Office Notifications	Newly Elected Council Members, Districts 1, 3, & 5 & Commissioner of Public Works (Franklin, Chiles, and Yeldell) and Newly elected Council Member for District 5 – Lorenzo Leverette  Officer Timothy Kelly
Other	Rob Wolfe, FSM, MASC
Guests	Various members of the community and Other states for the presentation and Various Oaths of Office

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