

Minutes
McCormick Town Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2023 - 7:00 PM
McCormick One Stop Conference Room
109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC
Welcome & Comments

Mayor Smith welcomed all those in attendance to the regular meeting of the McCormick Town Council at approximately 7:00 p.m., stating that Council Members Nathan Jones and Alvin Jennings would not be present, as well as Fire Chief Mike Barron.

Attendance pages are attached for reference and made a part hereof.

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.

1. Call to Order -

Quorum Confirmation
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation

Mayor Smith called for quorum confirmation; Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney stated that with four council members and the mayor, as a voting member, the same constituted a quorum.

Mayor Smith then called for the Pledge of Allegiance which was offered in a patriotic manner by all those present.

Invocation was given by Mayor Smith – being thankful for a beautiful day, refreshing air and sun; seeking mercy and blessings for family and community; those present and those absent; and seeking guidance in tongue, thought, and mind in the conduct of the meeting.

***2. Approval of Agenda as Written –**

Mayor Smith called for council action regarding the agenda as written. Council Member Dansby made a motion that the agenda be approved as written, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Hood, and unanimously approved.

3. Appearance of Citizens –

A) Everette Hall – Youth Empowerment – McCormick County
Present and presenting information regarding Youth Empowerment – McCormick County – was Pastor Everette Hall. Pastor Hall spoke to Council regarding his passion to help the youth of the community in giving something back to the community. He handed out to Council information as to who and what Youth Empowerment is and does, citing the mission of the organization. He thanked Council for their past support of the organization's efforts.

Mayor Smtih thanked Pastor Hall for his attendance; he stated from the information there were three levels of support, and that the information given would be presented at the next meeting of Council with decision being made at that time regarding.

***4. Regular Town Council Business Items – April**

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

Council had received copies of the regular Town Council Business Items for review prior to the meeting; Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments regarding and none were offered. Council Member Dansby made a motion to approve the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Hood, and unanimously approved.

Public Hearings:

***FY 23/24 General Fund Operating, Capital Projects & American Rescue Plan Funding Budgets
as published in the
Lincoln Journal Messenger***

***Citizens desiring to review budgets draft for FY 23/24 and make comments
may request a copy or review the documents on file at Town Hall***

***Mayor Smith opened the public hearing at approximately 7:15 pm and called for any
public comments, favor or opposition, regarding the FY 23/24 General fund Operating,
Capital Projects & the American Rescue Plan Funding Budgets. None were offered. He
then closed the public hearing at approximately 7:15 pm.***

***5. Legislation -**

- A) Ordinances - Two

Ordinance-2023-06-13-01 - Introduction/First Reading - FY 23/24 General Fund Operating Budget, Appendix A, Schedules of Revenue & Expenditures, the Capital Projects Budget, and the American Rescue Plan Funding Budget

Ordinance-2023-06-13-02 – Introduction/First Reading – Comprehensive Plan Update Ordinance for 2023; public hearing to be held June 13, 2023

- B) Resolutions – None

- C) Proclamations – One

May – Mental Health Awareness Month

Council had received copies of all of the Legislative items for review prior the meeting.

Mayor Smtih stated there were two ordinances for introduction and first reading and called for questions or comments regarding same. None were offered. He then called for council action for Ordinance 2023-06-13-01.

Council Member Dansby made a motion to approve first reading, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Chiles, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith called for council action regarding Ordinance 2023-06-13-02, Comprehensive Plan Update.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney asked if she could speak and was permitted to do so. She stated that several of the Planning Commission members were present, as well as Rick Green, from Upper Savannah, who had facilitated the Planning Commission meetings to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan. She thanked them for their attendance at those meetings and their work to update the Plan.

Mayor Smith also thanked the Planning Commission members and Mr. Green, thanking them for their service to the community.

Mayor Smith then called for council action regarding Ordinance 2023-06-13-02, Comprehensive Plan Update.

Council Member Dansby made the motion, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Chiles, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated there were no Resolutions to consider, and stated there was one Proclamation – May -Mental Health Month.

Mayor Smith stated that Linda Kidd usually sent information as to any events for May and the Mental Health Proclamation and asked the Clerk/Treasurer to see that council was given any information later on regarding any events.

*** 6. Reports -**

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

Council had received copies of all reports prior to the meeting for review.

Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments regarding each of the reports, Police, Fire, Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

Council Member Chiles directing question to Police Chief Willis regarding police report, asked, due to shortage in the Police Department, were there any applicants.

Chief Willis stated there was one applicant who was certified. He also gave information regarding the police candidate who was at the Academy who had about two weeks left, and when finished, and with the applicant possibly being added, the Department would have four officers.

Council Member Dansby asked if there would bring the department current, and Chief Willis stated that he would still be without three - the department having a force of seven officers.

Calling for any other questions or comments and receiving none, Mayor Smith called for council action regarding the reports.

Council Member Chiles made the motion to approve the reports, said motion duly seconded by Council Members Franklin and Dansby, and unanimously approved.

7. Old Business -

No old business was brought to council.

8. New Business –

- A) MASC Annual Meeting Information
- B) 2023 Premium Pay Schedule for Essential Workers

Council had received information regarding New Business items prior to the meeting for review.

Mayor Smith stated the MASC annual meeting would be held in July in Greenville and that the 2023 Premium Pay for Essential Workers would be processed sometime during the next weeks. No questions or comments were offered regarding the new business items.



Mayor's Comments

Shred Day/Prescription Drug Take Back – April 29

Mayor Smith stated that there seemed to be a good turnout for this event.

Update on Streetscape Project – Veterans Park, Town Parking Lot

Mayor Smith stated that SITEC had started, but had some setbacks, but would be back on track.

Trunks of Gold – May 6

Mayor Smith stated that this, too, seemed to have a good turnout, with some 60 vendors participating.

He stated he also attended the event for Shaaron Kohl, who had moved to Florida, having been a part of the McCormick Community for some time, she having done many good things, and owning the Red Rooster business downtown. He stated he presented her with a plaque and the key to the city.

He stated he would be attending the Valor Luncheon – May 11 – at the Dorn Mill.

A thank you note had been received from the Historical Commission for the funding recently given them from the American Rescue Plan funds and the Business Incentive Grant program.



***9. Adjournment**

Calling for other items to come before council and receiving no further questions, comments, or items, Mayor Smtih called for adjournment.

Council Member Dansby made the motion to adjourn, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Hood, and unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney, Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor	Roy Smith, Jr.
Council Members	Dolly Franklin Calvin Chiles Curt Dansby Faye Hood
Absent	Nathan Jones Alvin Jennings
Town Attorney	James Graham Padgett, III
Department Heads	Police Chief W.D. Willis
Absent	Fire Chief Mike Barron
News Media	Lincoln Journal Messenger - Amanda
Agencies/Individuals Requesting Notice	Chuck Cook, McCormick County Council Member – District 3 Mrs. Cook Charlotte Tallent, Executive Director Chamber of Commerce
Others	Marge Elmore, Resident, Washington Street

McCormick Planning & Zoning Commission
Comprehensive Plan Update – 2023
Attendance for the McCormick Town Council Meeting

<i>Town Planning Commission Members:</i>	<i>Curtis Sibert</i> <i>Charles Parnell</i> <i>Robert Galloway</i> <i>Kendra Dansby</i>
<i>Facilitator:</i>	<i>Rick Green, CSD, Upper Savannah</i> <i>COG</i>
<i>Town Staff:</i>	<i>Sandra McKinney, Clerk/Treasurer</i>

