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Mayor Smith

Minutes
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 2024 - 7:00 PM
109 W Augusta Street, McCormick, SC

Welcome & Comments – Mayor Smith – Calling the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m., Mayor Smith welcomed all those attending to the Town’s regular council meeting for August, noting that there were several absences, Chiles and Jennings – illness; and Mrs. Hood.

1. Call to Order –

A) **Quorum Confirmation** – Mayor Smith called for the Clerk/Treasurer to verify if a quorum was present; Mrs. McKinney stated, with the mayor as a voting member, a quorum was present.

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

C) **Invocation** – Mayor Smith offered the invocation, being thankful for the day, asking that hearts be opened and prepared for the conduct of the meeting in a pleasurable manner.

*2. Approval of Agenda as Presented – **Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Council Member Dansby made said motion, it being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.**

Swearing In of **Police Officer Candidate:**

Brionne Pratt

Mayor Smith stated that Ms. Pratt was not present due to an emergency and that she would be sworn in at the next meeting of council.

Introduction of McCormick County Chamber of Commerce Director –

Ms. Kennetta Robertson

Mayor Smith stated that Ms. Robertson was not present at this time, and would have her back at another meeting of council.

3. Appearance of Citizens – Mayor Smith stated that there were no requests to appear before council by the Wednesday, August 7 deadline; no public comments were received from those attending.

*4. Regular Town Council Business Items – July – Mayor and Council had received copies of the regular business items to come before council prior to the meeting for review, and

Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments and receiving none, called a motion to approve the:

- A) **Minutes**
- B) **Bills**
- C) **Financial Statement** – stating that
Audit work has begun for the FY 23/24 Fiscal Year.

Council Member Dansby made the motion to approve the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement for July, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

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*5. Legislation - Mayor and Council had received copies of the Legislative items to come before council prior to the meeting for review, and Mayor Smith stated that there was one Ordinance for second reading and adoption; he stated that there was a change, and Council had received copies of the original ordinance and that would be the one to approve; he then called for a motion regarding:

- A) **Ordinances – One:**
Ordinance 07-09-01 – Special Election Ordinance for November 12, 2024 – Second Reading/Adoption

Council Member Mr. Dansby made the motion to give second reading and adoption to Ordinance 07-09-01 – Special Election Ordinance for November 12, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

B) **Resolutions – None – Mayor Smith stated there were no Resolutions to consider.**

C) **Proclamations – None - Mayor Smith stated there were no Proclamations to consider.**

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*6. Reports -

- A) **Police** – No questions or comments offered.
- B) **Fire** – No questions or comments offered.
- C) **Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer** – No questions or comments offered.

Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments regarding each report, and none being offered, called for a motion to approve all Reports.

Council Member Mr. Jones made the motion to approve all Reports, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

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7. Old Business – Mayor Smith stated there was no Old Business to consider.

8. New Business – Mayor Smith stated there was no New Business to consider.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Section 30-4-70 (a)(1)(2) Discussion of Appointment and negotiations incident thereto of a proposed contractual arrangement and General Discussion of Personnel Issues regarding employment

Action – May or May Not – Be Taken

Mayor Smith called for a motion to enter into Executive Session.

Motion was duly made by Council Member Mr. Dansby, duly approved by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

Executive Session: Approximately 7:10 to 7:20 p.m.

Upon return to open meeting, Council Member Mr. Dansby made a motion to return to open session, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith announced discussion only had taken place in Executive Session, and called for the pleasure of council from those discussions.

Council Member Mr. Dansby made a motion to appoint Douglas Bell as Town Attorney, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith then called Attorney Bell forwarded for Oath of Office as Town Attorney.

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Ms. Kennetta Robertson, new Director of the Chamber of Commerce arrives and Mayor Smith calls for her to address Council

Ms. Robertson stated that she was glad to be back home, she being a McCormick native, her parents being Oren and Sarah Robertson. She stated she was excited with regard to the position and in meeting and seeing old and new friends.

Mayor Smith also stated that Mr. Stone had a guest he would like to introduce to Council, and then introduced the new reporter for McCormick, John Hilton. He stated Mr. Hilton was from Massachusetts and would be covering the council and other meetings. Mr. Stone stated he was returning to areas of service he had previously been involved in – areas of economic development; he stated that there had been a good report and relationship on both sides, in his journalism and political careers.

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Mayor's Comments – Mayor Smith stated he and Council Member Mr. Dansby had attended the MASC Annual Meeting – Greenville – July 17-21; he stated that this was a good conference with elected officials across the state; he stated there was several sessions such as Artificial Intelligence, Branding, and Community Policing which were of interest to cities and towns across the States.

He also reported that the Town had been awarded Capital Penny Tax funding for Police Department Renovations - \$150,000 and a Fire Department Tanker - \$200,000, and hopefully these would be approved in November.

Lastly, he stated he had met with JLA on Town-owned Properties Improvements, and they would be assessing which properties had the most needs and would be preparing a Master Plan of Improvements. He stated that Town Hall, the One Stop, the Chamber, the Log Cabin, and other properties were to be included.

The Breast Cancer Walk would be held on October 12, starting at 8:00 a.m.

Calling for any other business to come before Council, Council Member Mr. Dansby asked when was the deadline for the parking lot improvements to be completed. Mayor Smith stated that the project had been extended.

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Calling for a motion to adjourn -

*9. Adjournment - Council Member Mr. Jones made the motion to adjourn, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra McKinney, Town Clerk/Treasurer

M-08-13-2024

Attendance Schedule
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Mayor	Roy Smith, Jr.
Council Members	Dolly Franklin Nathan Jones Curt Dansby
Absent	Calvin Chiles Alvin Jennings Faye Hood
Departments	Police Chief Willis Fire Chief Barron
News Media	Messenger – John Stone, Editor John Hilton - Reporter
For FOIA Notifications:	Chuck Cook, McCormick County Council Member, District 4 John Stone, Lincoln Journal/McCormick Messenger
Others:	
Douglas Bell, Attorney	
Lorna Hill	
Marge Elmore	
Mrs. Cook	
Donn & Christine Lee	
Toni Mason & David Lomax	
Kenetta Robertson, Director, McCormick County Chamber of Commerce	

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- "In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 4, Title 30, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, an agenda was posted on the rear entrance door to the McCormick One Stop, 109 W Augusta St and in the kiosk in front of Town Hall, 117 W Augusta St, posted on the Town's website, townofmccormicksc.org, and sent to the news media."

- This is a meeting defined under S.C. Code Ann. Section 30.4-20(d) - ('Meeting' means the convening of a quorum of the constituent membership of a public body, whether corporal or by means of electronic equipment, to discuss or act upon a matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.' (Emphasis added)