

**Minutes**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 9, 2022 -7:00 PM**  
**McCormick One Stop Conference Room**  
**109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC**  
**Welcome & Comments**

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Mayor Smith welcomed all in attendance to the regular meeting of Council for August.

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**Notifications -**

**News Media and others requesting notice** of meeting was done by email on August 5, 2022.

**FOIA Notifications** were done on August 9, 2022, for those requesting notice of meeting and agenda packages.

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**1. Call to Order:** Mayor Smith called to order the regular meeting of the McCormick Town Council for the month of August at approximately 7:00 pm.

**Quorum Confirmation** – The Town Clerk/Treasurer affirmed that a quorum was present, those being in attendance:

Mayor Roy Smith, Jr.

Council Members, Calvin Chiles, CM D#3 & Mayor Pro Tem, Curt Dansby, CM D#4, Alvin Jennings, CM D#5, and Faye Hood, CM D#6. Absent was Council Members Dolly Franklin, CM D#1 and Nathan Jones, CM D#2.

Staff in attendance were: Police Chief W.D. Bo Willis, Fire Chief Mike Barron, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Sandra McKinney, and Town Attorney, James Graham Padgett, III.

Others in attendance were Chuck Cook, County Council Member, District 3; Mrs. Cook; Lynn Caughman and Marge Elmore, residents, and the new owner of the former White's Hardware, Scott Thompson, who had recently purchased the business, with the name changing to Thompson Hardware.

Mr. Thompson introduced himself stating he was from Guyton, Georgia, was excited to be in McCormick, looking to expanding the hardware business and having extended hours of operation.

Mayor Smith welcomed Mr. Thompson to the McCormick Community.

**News Media:** Debra Stone, The Journal/Messenger/Reporter.

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

**Invocation** – Mayor Smith offered the invocation - being thankful for another

dawn of day; blessings for family and community, and for all in attendance, seeking guidance in preparing minds in thought, tongue, and conduct of the business of the meeting.

2. **Approval of Agenda as Written** – Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the agenda as written.

**Council Member Mr. Jennings offered said motion, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.**

3. **Appearance of Citizens** – No requests to appear before Council had been received by the deadline of Wednesday, August 3.

4. **Regular Town Council Business Items - July**

A) **Minutes** – no questions offered

B) **Bills** – Council Member Mr. Chiles inquired as to who “Russell Bennett” was, with Chief Willis stating that he was the person who repaired the Town’s pickup truck.

C) **Financial Statement** – no questions offered

**Audit work has begun for the FY 21/22 Fiscal Year**

Council had received copies of the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement for July, prior to the meeting for review.

Mayor Smith called for a motion regarding the Minutes, Bills and Financial Statement.

**Council Member Mr. Jennings offered a motion to approve the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement for July, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.**

5. **Legislation** – Mayor Smith stated that no Ordinances, Resolutions, or Proclamations needed to come before Council.

6. **Reports** for presentation and approval as presented -

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. No questions or comments were offered as to Police, Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer’s reports, with Council Member Mr. Chiles having several questions regarding the Fire report.

Questions 1 was if the Chief had scheduled a meeting with the County regarding dispatch, policies and procedures, with the Fire Chief replying no; and the second questions was to any scheduled meeting with the Mayor regarding the information that Mr. Cook presented to Council at the July meeting to which Chief Barron stated no.

Calling for further questions or comments and receiving none, Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the Reports.

**Council Member Mr. Jennings offered said motion, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.**

7. Old Business – No old business was offered.

8. New Business –

**A) Recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding property owned by Mat Hardy – Rezone Area to AF (Agricultural/Forest Land); will move to Legislation in September** – Council had received copies of documents for review prior to the meeting.

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### Mayor's Comments

Mayor Smith stated that he had only one comment with regard to the Municipal Association's Annual Meeting which was held July 13-17 in Charleston, where he reported on several topics of interest from the meeting, particularly with emphasis on the presentation regarding Civility. Respect. Solutions, where the Municipal Association suggested that local governments adopt a Civility Pledge to practice and promote civility within the governing body; to build stronger and more prosperous communities; to find solutions for the betterment of community; and to promote open, honest, and transparency in government, all to find common ground.

Mayor Smith stated it might be good for the Council to consider adopting and taking the Civility Pledge.

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Before calling for adjournment, Mayor Smith asked if there was anything further to come before Council.

Council Member Mr. Chiles stated he had two issues, the first being the continuing problem of the thru traffic, trucks, in the Brown Street area. He stated the latest incident did damage to resident, Mr. Talbert's yard. He stated he knew that letters had been sent to DOT, but was asking that stronger measures be taken to get something done to prevent this situation, with maybe a letter from the Town Attorney to DOT.

Mayor Smith stated that he would get the Clerk/Treasurer to contact Mr. McLaughlin regarding the matter and send information as to the number of incidences that had occurred.

The second issue, Council Member Mr. Chiles related, was to the fact of losing industry/jobs in town, with the closing of Milliken, Georgia Pacific, and Mt. Vernon Mills. He stated he knew that one of the reasons had to do with infrastructure, and also related the issue that there is not an interstate in the area. He stated that he felt that if the Town, County and the Schools could come

together maybe discussions could be held as to a solution.

Mayor Smith stated that he was planning to have a joint meeting of agencies in October and hopefully this could be one of the topics presented and discussed.

**9. Adjournment -**

Mayor Smith called for the motion to adjourn.

**Council Member Mr. Jennings offered the motion, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.**

Council adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra McKinney  
Clerk/Treasurer

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