

*Minutes*  
*Regular Town Council Meeting*  
**\*\*\*\*\*Tuesday, September 12, 2023 - 7:00 PM\*\*\*\*\***  
*McCormick One Stop Conference Room*  
*109 W Augusta Street, McCormick, SC*

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Welcome & Comments – Mayor Smith – Mayor Smith welcomed all of those in attendance to the regular meeting of Council for September.

Attendance sheet is attached here to and made a part of these Minutes.

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**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, 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, and to those requesting notice of meetings; posting was also done on the Town’s website.

**FOIA Notification** – those requesting agenda packages were given said packages at the meeting, September 12, 2023.

**1. Call to Order –**

- Quorum Confirmation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01 p.m. and called for quorum confirmation; Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney announced that a quorum was present. Calling for the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stood and gave same in a patriotic manner. Mayor Smith then gave invocation, being grateful for the dawn of a new day, blessings for those present, family, and community, searching and preparing of mind and thoughts, and for guidance in the conduct of the meeting.

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

Mayor Smith called for any comments or questions regarding the agenda as presented, and receiving none called for action by council.

Council Member Chiles made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Dansby, said motion being unanimously approved.

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**Introduction of Police Officer Candidate – Matthew D Yonn & Oath of Office**

Mayor Smith called forward Officer Yonn and proceeded to offer and recite the Oath of Office which was given in a thoughtful manner. Mayor Smith stated he was glad to have Officer Yonn on board with the Police Department, stating he felt it would be a good fit. Officer Yonn thanked him and Council for the opportunity to serve.

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### **3. Appearance of Citizens –**

Mayor Smith stated there had been no requests to appear by the deadline, September 7. He stated Ms. Latonya Leverette was present and asked her to address Council regarding the Breast Cancer Walk Event.

Ms. Leverette gave information stating this would be the first walk for McCormick and would be held on October 28, starting at 8 am with a program from 8 am to 9 am with the walk following thereafter. She gave the parade route going from Clayton Street to Pine Street, down South Main Street, then back to the MACK Park, where there would be further events and vendors. She stated the goal was to raise \$5,000 which would be donated to the Self Regional Cancer Center. Funds would be raised by donations, raffles, and sponsor support, with sponsor levels at \$500-Gold; \$250-Silver; and \$100-Bronze. She asked the Council to consider a donation to the event.

Council Member Dansby asked her to address assistance from the Town with regard to the MACK Park events, and the need to set-up tables and chairs, and assist with vendor set-up.

Ms. Leverette requested the help of the Police and Fire Departments in these areas.

Other members of the Breast Cancer Walk Committee were present.

Mayor Smith thanked Ms. Leverette for the information and stated that an item would be placed on the October Agenda for consideration of a donation.

### **4. Regular Town Council Business Items – August**

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

Audit work has begun for the FY 22/23 Fiscal Year

Mayor Smith stated that Council had received copies of the regular business items for August and called for any questions or comments regarding them. Receiving none, he called for action by council.

**Council Member Dansby made a motion that the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statements, be approved, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Chiles, with said motion being unanimously approved.**

### **5. Legislation -**

- A) **Ordinances – two**

Mayor Smith stated that Council had received copies of all legislative items for review prior to the meeting. After calling for questions or comments regarding each ordinance and receiving none, he called for action regarding each ordinance as follows:

- (1) **Ordinance 2023—09-12-01 – Ordinance to Amend the Town’s Zoning Ordinance to include McCormick County’s Airport Environs Overlay District (AD); Introduction/First Reading (see Ordinance notes attached here to and made a part of these Minutes regarding same)**

Mayor Smith called for Council action.

**Council Member Chiles made a motion to give first reading to Ordinance No. O-2023-09-12-01, said motion being duly seconded by Council member Dansby, with said motion being unanimously approved**

**(2) Ordinance 2023-09-12-02 – Ordinance to Close Portion of Alley – N. Walnut at N. Maple; Introduction/First Reading (see Ordinance notes attached here to and made a part of these Minutes regarding same)**

Council Member Chiles asked if there would be a problem with closing the alley.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney stated that only the middle portion would be closed, and the entrances to alley along Virginia Street and East Gold Street would remain open for future utility easements and purposes.

Mayor Smith stated the first thing that was done, when the request came in, was to contact CPW with regard to any issues with closing, and CPW had make the request to leave open the entrance portions of the alley on both streets.

Mayor Smith called for action from Council.

**Council Member Chiles made a motion to give first reading to O-2023-09-12-02, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Dansby, with said motion being unanimously approved.**

**B) Resolutions –**

Mayor Smith stated there were no Resolutions to be considered.

**C) Proclamations –**

Mayor Smith stated no Proclamations had been issued.

**6. Reports -**

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

Moving to Reports, Mayor Smith stated that Council had received copies of the reports for review prior to the meeting and called for questions or comments regarding them.

Police Report – No Questions or Comments offered.

**Fire Report** – Council Member Mr. Chiles commented regarding the award of the Fire Safe Grant again, and the effect that would have on reduced insurance premiums.

Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Reports – No Questions or Comments offered.

Mayor Smith called for council action.

**Council Member Chiles made a motion that all reports be approved as presented, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Dansby and Franklin, with said motion being unanimously approved.**

**7. Old Business –**

Mayor Smith stated there was no old business to come from Council.

**\*8. New Business:**

- A) - **Review and Discussion** - Opening of the FY 23/24 Business Incentive Grant Program – Grant Period: October – December

Mayor Smith stated Council had received the ad that would be published in the Lincoln-Journal Messenger and the application form for review prior to the meeting.

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the grant opening and process.

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

B) - **Request to Pay - FY 2023/24 Inter Agency Funding in September – Accommodations Tax Revenue – Tourism Related & Non-Tourism Agencies**

Mayor Smith stated Council had received the listing for review prior to the meeting and called for Council action.

**Council Member Dansby made the motion to pay Interagency Funding, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Chiles, with said motion being unanimously approved.**

C) - **2024 LOST Tax Credit Calculation Report – for information; not an action item**

Mayor Smith stated no action was needed from Council regarding, as Council had received for review as information.

Clerk/Treasurer explained the formula used to calculate the credit, stating that the Town would be giving an approximate 97% tax credit on the 4% assessments, stating that the tax credit for 2024 would be 0.004079.

D)- **April 2, 2024 - Municipal General Election Schedule of Events – for information; not an action item**

Mayor Smith stated no action was needed regarding, as Council had received for review as information, and that the Municipal Election Commission had met prior to the meeting to consider and sign off on the Schedule of Events.



**Mayor's Comments:**

**1-Joint Meeting – August 24**

Well-attended; update on activities and goals by agencies attending

**2-Legislative Luncheon – August 25**

Attended along with Council Member Chiles, Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; funds given to several agencies including the Sheriff's Office, the MACK and others.

**3-Redistricting per 2020 Census through the Office of Revenue & Fiscal Affairs**

**4-Veteran's Memorial Park – Update**

Concrete work being done; slow progress as it is hard to get concrete; projects meetings held every two weeks; new waterlines to be installed along West Augusta Street at Town cost

Mr. Dansby asked about date of completion. No date was given, as an extension of time would be needed to complete.

**5--ARP Funds – Request for Qualifications for Master Plan Development/Architectural Services for Renovations to Town-owned properties**

Working to draft a Request for Qualifications for Architectural Services for renovations to Town Hall, Log Cabin, Dorn House; ARP funds having to be expended by December, 2026. Funds can be used for Community Economic Development.

**6-Breast Cancer Awareness Walk – October 24 – 8 am**

Again, Walk to be held on October 24; 8 am; MACK Park

Mayor Smith stated that each council had their Town shirts and stated that this was a small token of appreciation for their service.

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**9. Adjournment –**

Mayor Smith called for other items to come before Council.

No other information being offered -

Council Member Dansby offered the motion to adjourn, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Franklin, with said motion being unanimously approved.

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:38 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Sandra McKinney  
Clerk/Treasurer**

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**Attendance Schedule**

Mayor	Roy Smith, Jr.
Council Members	Dolly Franklin Calvin Chiles Curt Dansby Faye Hood
Absent Members	Alvin Jennings Nathan Jones
Town Attorney	James Graham Padgett, III
Department Heads	Police Chief W.D. Willis Fire Chief Mike Barron
Clerk/Treasurer	Sandra McKinney
News Media	None
Agencies/Individuals Requesting Notice	None
FOIA Notifications	Chuck Cook, McCormick County Council Member District 3
Others	Mrs. Cook Bob Domzalski SLV Public Relations Liaison Carole Sturkey, Resident Gracie Masters, Resident Ms. Latonya Leverette and Members of The Breast Cancer Walk Committee
Police Officer Candidate	Matthew Yonn

**The Town of McCormick Election Commission met prior to the Regular Town Council Meeting on September 12, 2023, at 6:30 pm to consider and sign the Schedule of Events for the upcoming April 2, 2024 General Municipal Election for the election of Mayor, three council seats, Districts 2,4 & 6, and a CPW Commissioner. Attending were Chairman Donn M. Lee, Members Marily New and Eddie Talbert. The Commission reviewed the Schedule and signed off on the same, thereby opening the process for the said upcoming election.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Sandra McKinney, Clerk to the Commission**

**09/12/2023**