

*Minutes*  
*Regular Town Council Meeting*  
**\*\*\*\*Tuesday, October 10, 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 October.

He stated Council Member Mr. Chiles would be absent as he was attending a Municipal Association training class.

Attendance sheet is attached hereto 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 on Friday, October 6, 2023.

**FOIA Notification** – those requesting agenda packages were given said packages at the meeting, October 10, 2023.

**1. Call to Order –**

Quorum Confirmation  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Invocation

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 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, open minds and hearts, blessings for those present, family, and community, 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 Jennings made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Dansby, and unanimously approved by council.**

**3. Appearance of Citizens –**

Mayor Smith stated there had been no requests to appear by the deadline.

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**Presentation: Marcy Loucks, McKinley, Cooper & Co., LLC, Town's FY 22/23 Audit**

Mayor Smith called upon Mrs. Loucks, who spoke to Council, stating that the Town's audit had received an unmodified, clean opinion.

She relayed several facts regarding the audit procedure, with management having provided all material data used for the conduct of the audit. She stated that the Town's net position was positive with assets of \$6.2 million, focusing on the difference in the reporting of the pension liability of the Town, leaving it out, and still having a positive, net position of \$5.8 million. She stated that revenue was up due to taxes and state shared revenues; as well as lower salaries and benefits.

She stated that the audit report showed good, budget management by the Town.

Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. Loucks stating that it was always good to hear good news from the audit as it showed transparency by the Town.  
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**4. Regular Town Council Business Items – September**

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

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

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

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**Public Hearing – Ordinance No. O-2023-09-12-01 – Ordinance to Amend the town's Zoning Ordinance to include McCormick County's Airport Environs Overlay District (AD) Ordinance, and Other Matters Related Thereto.**

Mayor Smith called the public hearing opened at approximately 7:11 pm, and called for any public comments. None were offered. He then closed the public hearing at approximately 7:11 pm.  
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**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); Second Reading/Adoption**

**Council Member Jennings made a motion to give second reading and adoption to Ordinance No. O-2023-09-12-01, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Dansby and Franklin, and unanimously approved by council.**

- (2) **Ordinance 2023-09-12-02 – Ordinance to Close Portion of Alley – N. Walnut at N. Maple; Second Reading/Adoption**

**Council Member Jennings made a motion to give second reading/adoption to O-2023-**

**09-12-02, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Dansby and Franklin, and unanimously approved by council.**

**Signatures for both ordinances were obtained.**

**B) Resolutions –**

Mayor Smith stated there were no Resolutions to be considered.

**C) Proclamations – one – Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

Mayor Smith stated one Proclamations had been issued – Breast Cancer Awareness.

**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.**

Mayor Smith called upon Chief Willis to address Council regarding hiring and grants. Chief Willis stated that one officer was hired last month and two other non-certified individuals would be starting on October 16; he stated all three would need to attend the Academy for training. As to grants, he stated that the Department had received grants for body armor, vests, in the amount of \$5,250.00, a grant for a new body camera system, \$8,398.00, and a JAG grant for new radios, \$8,000. He stated that the old radios, in good working order, would be given to the Fire Department. He also stated that during COVID, the Department had received grant funds for the purchase of a patrol unit of 446,000.

Mayor Smith commended him on his ability to seek out and find grant funding for the Town.

**Fire Report – No questions or comments**

**Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer – No questions or comments.**

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

**7. Old Business –**

A) Consider Donation to the Breast Cancer Walk Event on October 28; 8 am, MACK Park (Presentation having been made to Council at the September meeting by Ms. Latonya Leverette)

Mayor Smith recommended a donation of \$500 and called for any comments or discussion. None were offered.

**Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the \$500, said motion being duly seconded by Council member Dansby, and unanimously approved by council.**

**\*8. New Business:**

- A) – Motion to Approve the FY 22/23 Audit Report as presented by Auditor

Mayor Smith stated Council had heard from the Auditor and asked what was the pleasure of

council regarding the information presented. No additional comments or questions were presented.

**Council Member Jennings made a motion to approve the FY 22/23 Audit as to the information presented the Auditor, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Dansby, and unanimously approved by council.**

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**Executive Session: FOIA Section 30-4-70(2) ... Receipt of Legal Advice ... Redistricting Information – Possible Action May be Taken**

**Mayor Smith called for a motion from council to hold the Executive Session as presented; said motion was given by Council Member Jennings, duly seconded by Council Members Dansby and Franklin, and unanimously approved by Council.**

**Executive Session held from 7:22 pm to 7:38 pm.**

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Upon return to regular session, by motion of Council Member Jennings, duly seconded by Council Member Franklin, with council unanimously approving, Mayor Smtih announced that Council would be proceeding with a review of redistricting information for the Town.  
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**Mayor's Comments:**  
**Breast Cancer Awareness Walk – October 28 – 8 am**  
Walk to be held on October 24; 8 am; MACK Park

Halloween – October 31

Chief Williss stated that the Trunk or Treat event by the Baptist Church would be held also on October 28, from 5-7 pm – Church parking lot

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**9. Adjournment –**

Mayor Smith called for other items to come before Council. No other information being offered.

Council Member Jennings offered the motion to adjourn, said motion duly seconded by Council Members Dansby and Franklin, and unanimously approved.

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:41 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Sandra McKinney**  
**Clerk/Treasurer**

**M-10-10-2023**

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**Attendance Schedule**

Mayor	Roy Smith, Jr.
Council Members	Dolly Franklin Nathan Jones Curt Dansby Alvin Jennings
Absent Members	Calvin Chiles Faye Hood
Town Attorney	James Graham Padgett, III
Department Heads	Police Chief W.D. Willis Fire Chief Mike Barron
Clerk/Treasurer	Sandra McKinney
News Media	John Stone, Lincoln-Journal-Messenger
FOIA Notifications	Chuck Cook, McCormick County Council Member District 3 John Stone, Lincoln-Journal-Messenger
Others	Bob Domzalski SLV Public Relations Liaison Mark Warner, McCormick County ED Mrs. Cook Marge Elmore, Resident of Washington Street Deborah Fuller, Visitor's Council
For Audit Presentation	Marcy Loucks, McKinley, Cooper, LLC