

Minutes

Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2022 - 7:00 PM
McCormick One Stop Conference Room
109 West Augusta Street – McCormick, SC

Welcome & Comments – Mayor Smith welcomed all in attendance to the October (regular) Town Council meeting. He stated Fire Chief Barron would not be present nor would the Auditor, Marcy Loucks, of McKinley, Cooper. He stated that he was pleased to have Jeff Shacker, Field Services Representative from the Municipal Association present who would be speaking to Council.

1. Call to Order: - Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 pm.

Present/Attending: Council Members: Dolly Franklin, CM/D1; Nathan Jones, CM/D2; J. Calvin Chiles, CM/D3 and Mayor Pro Tem, Curt Dansby, CM/D4, and Alvin Jennings, CM/D5.

Absent: Council Member Faye Hood, CM/D6.

Staff Present/Attending: Police Chief W.D. Bo Willis, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Sandra McKinney, and Town Attorney, James Graham Padgett, III.

Absent: Fire Chief Mike Barron.

Guests/Others Attending: Jeff Shacker, Field Services Representative, Municipal Association; Paul Williams and son, J.P. Williams of Emerald Sanitation; Heather McNally, Chuck Cook, County Council Member District 3 and Mrs. Cook.

New Media present: Deborah Stone, Journal-Messenger.

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, October 11.

A) **Quorum Confirmation** - Mayor Smith asked the Clerk/Treasurer to confirm that a quorum was present; Mrs. McKinney affirmed a quorum with five members present.

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

C) **Invocation** – Mayor Smith offered the invocation being grateful for the dawn of day, asking for blessings for family and community, that the presence of Spirit be in mind, thought and tongue, and for the conduct of meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda as Presented: Mayor Smith called for any discussion regarding approval of the agenda as presented; no discussion being offered; Mayor Smith called a motion to approve.

Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion to approve the agenda, along with the aforementioned changes, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mrs. Franklin and Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

3. Appearance of Citizens/Submitted Requests – Paul Williams, Emerald Sanitation.

Mayor Smith called forward Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams spoke to Council with regard to the need for replacement or changes to the Town's roll carts, stating that when he was with Powell's back in 2005 a request was made then to change out the roll carts. He stated that he had two employees to quit because of the condition of the carts, stating along with the age of the carts, the carts also leaked liquids causing an unhealthy situation. He stated that the Town's contract called for the Town to maintain the roll carts.

Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Williams, stating that the Town would take his comments as information and under advisement.

For Presentation: Mayor Smith called forward Mr. Shacker.

Mr. Shacker thanked Council for allowing him to come, giving history of the formation of the Municipal Association, a non-profit organization, formed back in the 1930's, the purpose to which was to be a voice – an advocate – for towns and cities across South Carolina. He stated prior to the Municipal Association, he was City Manager at Newberry, and also worked with Rick Green, Upper Savannah Council of Governments. Mr. Shacker spoke to Council with regard to conduct of meetings, from procedures, using Roberts' Rules of Order, to motions and amendments, stating the Association had publications which were available to aid in the conduct of meetings. He presented the Town with the publication "How to Conduct Effective Meetings", which he stated was a good tool to have as a guide. Mr. Shacker also spoke to Council with regard to the Association's offering of the Municipal Elected Officials Institute, outlining the courses required to graduate. He stated Council Members could attend the Advanced Academy for further training, and also attend continuing education classes. He spoke to the three forms of government, the Town having the Mayor-Council form of government, which meant that the Mayor serves as the Presiding Officer of meetings.

Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Shacker for his attendance and comments.

4. Regular Town Council Business Items - September – Council had received copies of the regular Town Council business items for September for review prior to the meeting, and Mayor Smith called for any comments or questions regarding.

- A) **Minutes** – no questions or comments offered
- B) **Bills** – no questions or comments offered
- C) **Financial Statement** – no questions or comments offered
(Subject to Auditor's Adjustments for FY 21/22)

No questions or comments being offered, Mayor Smith called for a motion from Council.

Council Member Mr. Jennings made a motion to approve the Minutes, Bills and Financial Statement, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mrs. Franklin and Mr. Dansby and unanimously approved.

5. Legislation for consideration: - Council had received copies of the Legislative items for review prior to the meeting.

A) Ordinances – One:

O-2022-09-13-01 – Ordinance to Rezone 23.60 acres owned by Mat Hardy, The Hardy Foundation, Second Reading/Adoption

Mayor Smith called for any discussion regarding action on the Ordinance. No discussion was offered.

Council Member Mr. Jennings made the motion to give second reading/adoption to the Ordinance, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mrs. Franklin and Mr. Dansby and unanimously approved.

B) Resolutions – Two:

R-2022-10-11-01 – Resolution to Transfer All Trash Collection Services to Emerald Sanitation

Mayor Smith called for any discussion regarding action of the Resolution. No discussion was offered.

Council Member Mr. Jennings made the motion to approve said Resolution, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, and unanimously approved.

R-2022-10-11-02 – Resolution Pledging to Promote Civility in the Town of McCormick

Mayor Smith called for any discussion regarding action of the Resolution. No discussion was offered.

Council Member Mr. Jennings made the motion to approve said Resolution, said motion being dully seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

C) Proclamations – Mayor Smith stated there were two Proclamations issued – Hispanic Heritage Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month – both being for October, and copies being given to Council Members for review prior to the meeting.

6. Reports: - Council had received copies of the Reports for review prior to the meeting. Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments.

A) **Police** – Council Member Mr. Chiles had a question regarding the issue of Railroad and Brown Street and trucks still trying to drive through that area. Chief Willis stated that was the latest incident to occur and since that time, additional signs had been placed in the area.

B) **Fire** - no questions or comments offered

C) **Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer** – no questions or comments offered

Mayor Smith called for a motion regarding the Reports.

Council Member Mr. Jennings made a motion to approve all reports, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mrs. Franklin and Mr. Dansby and unanimously approved.

7. Old Business: - Mayor Smith stated there was no Old Business to come before Council.

8. New Business: - Mayor Smith stated that action would not be needed as the Auditor was not present, the agenda having listed action to approve the FY 21/22 audit as presented.

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Executive Session: Section 30-4-70 (a)(1) – Discussion of ...compensation ... Town regulated employees

Mayor Smith called for a motion to hold the executive session for the discussion of compensation for Town regulated employees.

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

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Executive Session held: approximately 7:40 pm to 8:05 pm.
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Upon return to regular session, Mayor Smtih called for a motion to return to regular session.

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

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Mayor's Comments:

Halloween – October 31 – Town suggests Face Coverings, Social Distancing, and Small Groups - if - Trick or Treating and staying within neighborhood

Regional Advocacy Meeting – MASC – October 5

Mayor Smith gave information from the meeting regarding the various topics covered from consequences of elections, what to know and do; business license regulations, infrastructure projects and grants.

Tentative – November 3; 6 pm; TFC; Joint Meeting – Agencies/Organizations

Chamber Ribbon Cuttings:

Mojito's – October 12; 3 pm

Paul Dennis Center – October 12; 4:30 pm

9. Adjournment –

Council Member Mr. Jennings made to the motion to adjourn, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mrs. Franklin and Mr. Dansby and unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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Distribution Schedule

Mayor	Roy Smith, Jr.
Council Members	Dolly Franklin Nathan Jones Calvin Chiles Curt Dansby Alvin Jennings Faye Hood
Attorney	James G. Padgett, III
Department Heads	Police Chief Willis Fire Chief Barron
News Media	Lincoln Journal-Messenger-Reporter The Index-Journal
Town Website	TownofMcCormickSC.org.
Agencies Requesting Notice & FOIA Notifications	McCormick County MACK – Arts Council Charlotte Tallent - Chamber of Commerce Richard Neely, Dominion Energy Charles Cook, County Council Member District 3 John Stone, Journal-Messenger
For Audit Presentation	Marcy Loucks, McKinley, Cooper
For Public Comment	Paul Williams, Emerald Sanitation
Public Posting	Town Kiosk, 117 W. Augusta St. Back Door to One Stop Conference Room

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- 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)