

Minutes
Regular Town Council Meeting
*******Tuesday, November 14, 2023 - 7:00 PM*******
McCormick One Stop Conference Room
109 W Augusta Street, McCormick, SC

Welcome & Comments – Mayor Smith – Mayor Smith welcomed and thanked all of those in attendance to the regular meeting of Council for November

He stated a special guest was with present, Ms, Naomi Reed, Field Services Representative from the Municipal Association who would be speaking to Council.

A meeting attendance sheet is attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.

Notice of Meeting – In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 4, Title 30, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, amended, in giving public notice of the meeting, the agenda was 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, with copies being emailed to the news media, Journal-Messenger and the Index-Journal, to those individuals and agencies requesting notice of meetings; and posted on the Town’s website.

FOIA Notification – those requesting agenda packages received those packages at the meeting, November 14, 2023.

1.Call to Order –

Quorum Confirmation
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 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 the Pledge in a patriotic manner. Mayor Smith then gave the invocation, being grateful for the dawn of a new day, blessings for those in attendance and families, that any unpleasantness be removed from hearts, that the spirit be among the Town, for guidance of mind and thoughts in making decisions for the Town.

3. Appearance of Citizens –

A. Joy Bell Turman – the old PTC building

Mayor Smith called forward Ms. Turman who handed out a package of information to Council and reviewed the same with them. Ms. Turman asked Council to consider donating or leasing the old Piedmont Tech Building to her to create a child day care center for McCormick. She gave her credentials as an educator, having served on the McCormick School Board, her education achievements which included Master’s Degrees, and her business interests as an LLC and a non-profit. She gave statistical information regarding students in all three public schools in reading and math deficiencies. She stated her passion was for the children in helping to educate them and give them a hope for posterity.

Mayor Smith asked Mrs. McKinney to speak to the zoning of the property.

Mrs. McKinney stated that the area was zoned residential and that business were not allowed in residential zone She stated that in correspondence of 2022 to Ms. Turman, she was given information as to zoning and the condition of the building which at the present time was not up to Code and in a dilapidated state. In Ms. Turman’s package of information, it was noted that she had referred to McCormick County zoning and not the Town’s; it was also noted that she had referenced the address as 206 S. Maple and the correct address was 407 East Augusta Street.

Ms. Turman stated that the building had been used as Piedmont Tech.

Ms. McKinney stated that schools and colleges could be located in residential zones.

Ms. Turman asked that Council consider her request.

Mayor Smith stated that her request would be considered and a letter would be sent to her.

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Introduction of Ms. Naomi Reed, Field Services Representative
Municipal Association of South Carolina

Mayor Smith then called upon Ms. Reed.

Ms. Reed stated that she was one of three of the Field Service Representative with the Municipal Association, she serving some 92 municipalities and 15 counties. She stated before coming to the Municipal Association she was the CFO with Fountain Inn. She provided Council with upcoming events of the Association including Hometown Legisltaiive Action Day in February, the Municipal Elected Officiais Institute and the Advanced Institute, the Annual Meeting which would be held in Greenville - July 17-24 at the Hyatt Regency, and the Small Cities Conference August 22.

Mayor Smith stated he was glad that she was on board and that the Town would be calling on her for assistance.

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Introduction of Police Officer Candidates
Lauren Young
Kendall Owen

Mayor Smith called forward both officers and administered the oath of office, commenting that he felt they were a good fit for the Town, thanked them for their interest in serving, and welcomed them to the Town family.

Both officers had parents, family, and friends attending to observe their swearing in.

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

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4. Regular Town Council Business Items – October

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

Mayor Smith stated that Council had received copies of the regular business items for October 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 Members Jones, and unanimously approved by council.

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5. Legislation - Mayor Smith stated that Council had received copies of all legislative items for review prior to the meeting.

A) Ordinances – Two

(1) Ordinance to Adopt Redistricting of Districts/Wards for Election Purposes based on the 2020 Census Data, Introduction/First Reading

Mayor Smith stated with regard to redistricting he wanted to give council information regarding the process which begins after the 10-year census and based upon the census data, the town's districts were looked at to determine if redistricting was needed to equalize population in each district. He stated that in working with the State Fiscal Affairs Office, that Office took the census data and prepared a benchmark report and an updated district map. After receipt of the report and map, Mayor Smith stated he had reviewed the same with each Council Member. He stated that the present ordinance was for introduction and first reading, with a public hearing to be held in December and hopefully second reading and adoption. Calling for questions and receiving none, he called for action by Council,

Council Member Jones made the motion to give first reading to Ordinance 2023=11-14-01, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Dansby, and unanimously approved by all Council.

(2) Ordinance to Amend FY 23/24 General Fund Budget to Appropriate Additional Funding for the Streetscape Project, Introduction/First Reading

With regard to Ordinance 2023-11-14-02, Budget Amendment to the FY 23-24 Budget, Mayor Smith stated that this Ordinance was to provide additional funding for the Streetscape project in having to re-route a waterline that was not in the original plans and any other work that may be needed as found. He stated that funding from the American Rescue Plan would be used.

Mayor Smith called for questions or comments.

Council Member Mr. Chiles asked about the Fund Balance line item noting that the funds in the budget amendment did not add up to the itemized items outlined.

Mayor Smith called for Mrs. McKinney to address the issue.

Mrs. McKinney stated that the budget amendment amount included those items on the itemized listing as well as a cushion amount, as Mayor Smith had stated, in case there were other unknowns that may arise in completing the project. She stated that Treasury had added another use for the ARP funds which use could be used for community development. She stated that the other source for the fund balance was the Town's reserve funds.

Mayor Smith called for other questions and receiving none, called for council action.

Council Member Jones made a motion to give first reading to the budget amendment ordinance, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Dansby, with all council giving unanimous approval.

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6. Reports - 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.

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

Police Report – Council Member Mr. Chiles asked Chief Willis for information on the incident reports by the County. Chief Willis stated that the County's reports were listed separately as their reports did not go into the Police Department's system. He stated that he received monthly time sheets listing all activity which he signed off on with a copy going to the Town Clerk.

Fire Report – No questions or comments

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

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

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7. Old Business – Mayor Smith stated there was none to be considered.

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***8. New Business:** Mayor Smith stated that Council had received copies of all legislative items for review prior to the meeting.

- A) – **Review & Approval of 2024 Town Council Meeting Dates/Holidays** to be Observed

Mayor Smith called for questions or comments and none were offered. He then called for a motion from Council.

Council Member Dansby made a motion to approve the schedule, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Jones, and unanimously approved by all council.

- B) – **Review & Approval FY 24/25 Budget Schedule** for General Fund Operating Budget

Mayor Smith called for questions or comments and receiving none, call for action by council

Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the budget schedule, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Dansby and unanimously approved by all council.

C) Discussion regarding Request for Qualifications for Improvements to Town owned buildings/properties utilizing ARP funding

Mayor Smith stated that Item C- was for information and read a proposed ad that would be used to seek qualifications of architects for the renovations to town owned properties including Town Hall, the Log Cabin and the Dorn House. He stated that ARP funding would also be used for these renovations.

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Mayor's Comments:

Veterans' Day Observed by the Town – November 10

Mayor Smith stated the Town closed November 10 in observance of Veterans' Day.

He stated the Town would observe Thanksgiving Holidays on November 23 and 24.

Update on Breast Cancer Walk

Mayor Smith stated that this event was well planned and attended by over a hundred people; he stated the goal was to raise \$5,000, and the event raised \$9,476 dollars which was donated to Self-Regional Healthcare Foundation.

Gold Rush Meetings

Mayor Smith stated he attend the October 16 and 30 meetings, the meetings being held to get the Gold Rush Festival back on track, with a possible change of date, this being the Town's biggest festival.

Business Incentive Grant Program – FY 23/24

Mayor Smith stated that there were seven applications for this Program.

Holiday on Main Activities

Mayor Smith read a list of the various activities that would be taking place in December as a part of the Holiday on Main event, including the parade downtown.

Mayor Smith also told Council that a request had come in to put the teachers of the year information the Message Board which had been done.

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Before adjournment, Mayor Smtih asked if there was anything further to come to Council.

Council Member Mr. Chiles stated that on Mims at the Mims Center that possibly during the construction, the lighting in the area was affected and it was very dark in that area.

Mayor Smith asked the Clerk/Treasurer to contact CPW regarding.

Council Member Mr. Chiles also stated that as he drove through various small towns, he noticed that Bojangles was expanding their business in these areas and asked why McCormick couldn't do the same.

Mayor Smith stated that he saw this same thing happening, and he recommended that Mr. Warner of County Economic Development office be contacted to see if McCormick could attract a Bojangles also.

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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 Jones, and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sandra McKinney
Clerk/Treasurer**

M-11-14-2023

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Attendance Schedule

Mayor	Roy Smith, Jr.
Council Members	Dolly Franklin Nathan Jones J. Calvin Chiles Curt Dansby Faye Hood
Absent Members	Alvin Jennings
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	John Stone, Lincoln-Journal-Messenger
Others	Naomi Reed, Field Services Representative, Municipal Association Marge Elmore, Resident of Washington Street
For Oath of Office	Police Officer Candidates: Lauren Young, Kendall Owen Family, Friends of the Police Officer Candidates
For Appearance of Citizens	Joy Bell Turman