

Minutes
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 19, 2024 - 7:00 PM
109 W Augusta Street, McCormick, SC

APPROVED
12/10/24

Mayor Smith

Welcome & Comments – Mayor Smith welcomed those present to the November meeting of McCormick Town Council, and thanked them for their attendance.

1. Call to Order – 7:01 pm – Mayor Smith called the meeting to order and for:

- A) **Quorum Confirmation** – Mayor Smith called for the Clerk/Treasurer to verify that a quorum was present; Mrs. McKinney stated, with the mayor as a voting member, a quorum was present.

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

- C) **Invocation** – Mayor Smith offered the invocation, being thankful for the day, for air, food, and shelter; seeking wisdom and guidance, especially in the conduct of the meeting.

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2. Approval of Agenda as Presented –

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

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

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Oath of Office – Newly Elected Council Member – District 4

Mayor Smith called forward Curt Dansby and the oath of office was taken. Mr. Dansby, whose family members were present, stated he wanted to thank the citizens for voting for him and trusting in him to represent District 4 on Council; he stated he appreciated the opportunity to serve. He then thanked his family for their love and support, stating he had an awesome family and was blessed in having a loving family, parents, and others who were there to show their love and support of him.

3. Appearance of Citizens –

Mayor Smith stated there had been no requests by citizens to appear before the meeting by the required deadline.

Presentation to Tim White & Robbie Sanders – Community Service during Hurricane Helene

Mayor Smith stated that Mr. White and Mr. Sanders were not able to attend, but wanted to present to these two individuals, a plaque for their services to the community during Hurricane Helene. Mayor Smith read the inscriptions on both plaques to the audience.

Calling on Chief Willis for comment, Chief Willis stated that both of these individuals stepped up to serve the community when it seemed that there was not going to be any fuel for law enforcement and emergency vehicles and by providing meals when there was no electricity and the community would be in trouble.

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Presentation of the FY 23/24 Audit by Marcy Loucks, McKinley, Cooper

Mayor Smith called forward Ms. Loucks to present audit findings to Council.

Ms. Loucks thanked Council for allowing her firm to prepare the audit report, stating their findings found that the Town's financials were being presented as an unmodified clean opinion according to GASB and auditing principles. She then reviewed the statement of net position stating the Town had a net increase in fund balance of some \$614,000, with 14% of assets being restricted, and 86% being unrestricted. She stated that two methods of auditing were conducted, full accrual and full financial, the difference being in the reporting of the requirement to report on the retirement, or net pension liability, of the Town.

She stated no issues were found during the audit process, stating that Town management assisted the audit process by having all financials ready, again, due to the good management by the Town.

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4. Regular Town Council Business Items – October –

Mayor and Council had received copies of the regular business items to come before council prior to the meeting for review, and Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments and receiving none, called a motion to approve the:

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

Council Member Dansby made the motion to approve the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement for October, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones and unanimously approved.

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Moving to:

5. Legislation for consideration – Mayor and Council had received copies of the legislative items to come before council prior to the meeting for review, and Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments and receiving none, called a motion to approve:

- A) **(1) Ordinance No. O-2024-11-19-01**
to Amend the Town's FY 24/25 General Fund Operating Budget to Account for non-grant related Expenditures for the Community Development Block Grant 4-CE-009-020, Streetscape – Second Reading/Adoption

Calling for and receiving no questions or comments regarding the Ordinance, Mayor Smith called for a motion.

Council Member Mr. Jones offered the motion, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, with said ordinance being unanimously approved.

- A) (2) Ordinance No. O-2024-11-19-02**
to Obligate remaining ARPA funding for waterline improvement Project
in the MACK Park – Introduction/First Reading

Calling for and receiving no questions or comments regarding the Ordinance, Mayor Smith called for a motion.

Council Member Mr. Dansby offered the motion, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, with said ordinance being unanimously approved.

- B) (1) Resolution R-2024-11-19-01**
To Allow the Mayor to work with the Contractor for the Town’s Trash Collection
Services with regard to negotiations to renew or rebid

Mayor Smtih stated that the trash contract was to expire and passing the Resolution would allow him to work with the Contractor. He called for any questions or comments, and receiving none, called for a motion.

Council Member Mr. Dansby made a motion to approve the Resolution, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, with said Resolution being unanimously approved.

- C) Proclamations: Two**
GLEAMNS – Weatherization Day
Bertha Cartledge – recognition of her 90th Birthday

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Before moving to Reports, Mayor Smith called forward Eric Anderson, police officer candidate for the Town and duly offered the Oath of Office; he then congratulated Officer Anderson, stating that the felt Officer Anderson would be a good fit for the Department.

Officer Anderson then thanked the Mayor, Council, and Chief Willis for the opportunity. He also thanked his Heavenly Father and acknowledged his mother, Jodi Anderson, who was in attendance and had always given him her support.

6. Reports –

- A) Police –** No questions or comments offered.
- B) Fire –** No questions or comments offered.
- C) Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer –** No questions or comments offered.

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve all Reports.

Council Member Mr. Jones made the motion to approve all Reports, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, with said motion being unanimously approved.

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7. Old Business – Mayor Smith stated there was no Old Business to consider.

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8. New Business – Mayor Smith stated there were several items of New Business to consider.

***A) Review & Approval of 2025 Town Council Meeting Dates/Holidays to be Observed**

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the 2025 Town Council Meeting Dates/Holidays to be Observed.

Council Member Mr. Jones offered the motion, which was duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, with said motion being unanimously approved.

***B) Review & Approval FY 25/26 Budget Schedule for General Fund Operating Budget**

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the 2025 Town Council Meeting Dates/Holidays to be Observed.

Council Member Mr. Jones offered the motion, which was duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, with said motion being unanimously approved.

C) Information Regarding Storm Damages to Town properties, solicitation/bids for services to correct

Mayor Smith stated no action was needed regarding the information for services to correct damages to town properties from Hurricane Helene.

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Moving to –

Mayor's Report

Veterans Day Observed by the Town– November 11

Thanksgiving Holidays: Thursday/Friday, November 28 & 29

Update on Breast Cancer Walk Event held October 26

A day of good community support, speakers, vendors, music, and program

Business Incentive Grant Program, 2024/2025

Open and extended to receive applications; only one application having been received

Holiday on Main Activities – December

Being planned by Chamber

DOT – clean-up of debris – about 85% done; still a lot to do; slow process

Streetscape – parking lot landscaping done; moved to front of Town Hall to start work on Veteran Park area

Entry into Town Hall is through the rear Police Department Door

EV Station grant – Town would be putting an electric charging station in the new parking area

Before moving to adjourned, Mayor Smith asked if there were other items to come to Council.

Council Member Mr. Dansby asked when was the complete date for the streetscape project, he knowing that there had been delays due to weather and other things.

Mayor Smith stated he did not have a date, in that the waterline improvements were unexpected as well, and needed to be done first before moving the Veterans Park.

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9. Adjournment –

Council Member Mr. Dansby made the motion to adjourn, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra McKinney, Town Clerk/Treasurer

M-11-19-2024

Attendance Schedule
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109 W Augusta Street, McCormick, SC

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| Mayor | Roy Smith, Jr. |
| Council Members | Curt Dansby Nathan Jones Dolly Franklin |
| Absent | Alvin Jennings Faye Hood Calvin Chiles |
| Attorney | Douglas Bell |
| Departments | Police Chief Willis Fire Chief Barron |
| News Media | John Stone, Journal-Messenger-Reporter |
| For FOIA Notifications: | Scott Wharram, SLV Public Liaison |

Others:

Family Members in support of Council Member Curt Dansby
Jodi Anderson, mother, in support of POC Eric Anderson

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- "In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 4, Title 30, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, an agenda was posted on the rear entrance door to the McCormick One Stop, 109 W Augusta St and in the kiosk in front of Town Hall, 117 W Augusta St, posted on the Town's website, townofmccormicksc.org, and sent to the news media."

- 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)