

Minutes
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 8, 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 November (regular) Town Council meeting. He thanked everyone for doing their civic duty by voting in the General Election. He stated Council Member Mr. Jennings was absent due to work conflict, and Fire Chief Barron would not be present due to another engagement. He welcomed guest, Senita Settles, and the Town’s Auditor, Marcy Louck, of McKinley, Cooper LLC, who would present the Town’s FY 21/22 audit to Council.

1.Call to Order: - Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 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 Faye Hood, CM/D6.

Absent: Council Member Alvin Jennings, CM/D5.

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: Senita Settles, resident of Plum Branch by way of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Chuck Cook, County Council Member District 3.

New Media present: None.

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, November 8.

- B) Pledge of Allegiance** – All present stood and gave the Pledge in a patriotic manner.
- 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.
- C) Invocation** – Mayor Smith offered the invocation being grateful for the dawn of day, asking for blessings for family and community, for 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. Jones made the motion to approve the agenda, along with the aforementioned changes, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

3. Appearance of Citizens/Submitted Requests – No requests to appear before Council had been received, and no public comments were offered.

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Presentation: Marcy Loucks, McKinley, Cooper & Co., LLC -town's FY 21/22 Audit
Mayor Smith called forward Mrs. Loucks, who addressed Council, pointing out highlights of the Audit findings. She stated that the audit resulted in an unmodified, clean opinion. She commended Council for preparing and maintaining good budget practices. Pointing out highlights, Mrs. Loucks noted the Town's year end assets exceeded its liabilities, the net position of the Town at year end being \$5,387,139, with assets approximating \$6.1 million. She noted the Town 's requirement to report actuaries for retirement purposes, and the receipt of several grants and the American Rescue Funding. She reported that the assets of the Town represented approximately two years' worth of assets, with 31% being investments (fixed assets), and 69% being for operations. She noted that the Town did acquire a patrol unit and also noted that there were some staffing issues which did not affect the overall financial status of the Town.

Calling for questions and none being offered, Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. Loucks for the Report, and she was then excused.

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4. Regular Town Council Business Items - October – Council had received copies of the regular Town Council business items for October 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 Smtih called for a motion from Council.

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

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

A) Ordinances – None:

B) Resolutions – One:

R-2022-11-08-01 – County Hazard Mitigation Plan (the agenda had listed the Resolution Number as R-2022-01-09-01 which was in error, the correct number being Resolution – R-2022-11-08-01.)

Mayor Smith called for Mrs. McKinney to comment.

Mrs. McKinney stated that McCormick County was required to present to FEMA a prepared Mitigation Plan for natural disasters and each incorporated municipality had participated in the drafting of said Plan. Mrs. McKinney stated that both the Police and Fire Departments had been involved in discussion regarding the Plan, and Chief Willis was called to comment.

Chief Willis stated that the County's Plan was the only one in the State which had been presented to FEMA and accepted. He stated also that the Plan was required by FEMA in order for funds to be awarded to the County for any natural disasters, and that each incorporated Town was required to participate.

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the Resolution.

Council Member Mrs. Hood made the motion to approve said Resolution, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

C) Proclamations – None

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

Mayor Smith called for a motion regarding the Reports.

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

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

8. New Business: - Mayor Smith stated two items were listed –

- A) FY 2023 Town Council Meeting Dates/Holidays to be Observed, and
- B) FY 23/24 Budget Schedule for General Fund Operating Budget

Mayor Smith called for any questions regarding the two items, and none offered, called for motions.

Council Member Mr. Jones made the motion to approve the 2023 Meeting Dates and Holidays to be Observed, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

Council Member Mrs. Hood made the motion to approve the FY 23/24 Budget Schedule, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.



Mayor's Comments:

Veteran's Day to be Observed – November 11; Mayor Smith stated the annual Veterans Program would be held at the American Legion, at 11 a.m., and also there was a meeting of the Legislators that same day at the River Grille, with breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m.; He stated he planned to try to attend both. He also stated that the High School would be having a program.

Thanksgiving Holiday – to be observed Thursday/Friday – November 24 & 25

Update on the Streetscape Project – Veteran's Memorial Park, Municipal Parking Lot – ground breaking – January 5; start of construction – January 16; SITEC, out of North Augusta awarded project; total project costs: \$957,808; CDBG grant of \$750,000 and Town budgeted the balance; municipal parking lot to consist of approximately 60 spaces, with cameras



Mayor Smith stated that Council had an invitation to the Open House for the new Water Plant which would be held on November 16.

Mayor Smith then recognized guest, Senita Settles, who addressed Council of her move to McCormick, she now living in Plum Branch for the past year. She stated that her daughter served on Council in Cincinnati. She commented that during her year that she had attended many events in Town, and offered the thought of the community offering movies in the summertime, as she felt there was not a lot of activity in the summer. She stated that this was done in Cincinnati.

9. Adjournment –

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

Council adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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Distribution Schedule

Mayor	Roy Smith, Jr. – agenda book prepared 11/4/22
Council Members	Dolly Franklin – council packages delivered Nathan Jones 11/4/2 Calvin Chiles Curt Dansby Alvin Jennings Faye Hood
Attorney	James G. Padgett, III – Agenda – Emailed – 11/4/22
Department Heads	Police Chief Willis – Agenda – Emailed – 11/4/22 Fire Chief Barron "
News Media	Lincoln Journal-Messenger-Reporter – Agenda - The Index-Journal – emailed to both news media 11/4/22
Town Website	TownofMcCormickSC.org. – emailed/posted – 11/4/22
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
(All requestors emailed agenda on 11/4/22; and November 8, 2022 meeting)	Council Agenda Packages were available at the
For Audit Presentation	Marcy Loucks, McKinley, Cooper – Email agenda on 11/4/222
Public Posting	Town Kiosk, 117 W. Augusta St. Back Door to One Stop Conference Room 11/4/2022

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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)

