

**Minutes**  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
**Tuesday, December 12, 2023 - 7:00 PM**  
McCormick One Stop Conference Room  
109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC

**Welcome & Comments** – Mayor Smith welcomed all those in attendance to the Town’s December 12, regular Town Council meeting, stating that Council Member Mr. Dansby would not be present; and absent also was Council Member Mrs. Hood.

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Call to Order –

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01 pm, and called for

A) **Quorum Confirmation** – Town Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney announced a quorum was present

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

C) **Invocation** - Mayor Smith gave the invocation, being thankful for another day, asking for mercy and grace, clarity of attitude, spirit, tongue and mind, and blessings for those present and the McCormick Community.

Approval of Agenda as Presented – Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented; **Council Member Mr. Jennings offered the motion, said motion duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Jones and Mrs. Franklin, and unanimously approved.**

Appearance of Citizens – Public Comments – Mayor Smith stated that no written requests had been received, and then calling for comments from those attending and receiving none, he closed the public comments section of the meeting.

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Moving to -

Regular Town Council Business Items – November – Mayor Smith called for questions or comments regarding the

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

And receiving none, he called for a motion. **Council Member Mr. Jennings offered the motion, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Franklin, and unanimously approved.**

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**Public Hearing:**  
**Ordinance to Adopt Redistricting – 2020 Census Data**  
**Ordinance O-2023-11-14-01**

**Mayor Smith opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7:06 pm and called for public comments; none were offered, and Mayor Smith closed the hearing closed at 7:06 pm.**

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Moving to -

**Legislation for consideration** – Mayor Smith stated two ordinances were to be considered for second reading/adoption –

**A) Ordinances: Two –**

**(1) Ordinance to Adopt Redistricting** of Districts/Wards for Election Purposes based on the 2020 Census Data - Second Reading/Adoption

**Council Member Mr. Chiles made a motion to approve the Redistricting Ordinance, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones and unanimously approved; council signatures were obtained.**

**(2) Ordinance to Amend FY 23/24 General Fund Budget** to Appropriate Additional Funding for The Streetscape Project - Second Reading/Adoption

**Council Member Mr. Chiles called the question as to whether any changes had been made regarding the budget amendment from last meeting, with Mayor Smith responding no – no changes had been made.**

**Council Member Mr. Jennings offered the motion to approve the Budget Amendment Ordinance, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Franklin, and unanimously approved.**

**B) Résolutions: None – Mayor Smtih stated no Resolutions needed to be considered.**

**C) Proclamations: Two – Mayor Smith stated two Proclamations had been issued -**

(1) World Pancreatic Cancer Day – November 16

(2) Alpha Kappa Alpha – 50-year Celebration – December

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Moving to –

Reports – Mayor Smith called for questions regarding

A) **Police – no questions or comments offered**

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

C) **Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer** – Council Member Chiles questioned as to the new businesses which was shown on the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer’s report asking what business they were; Town Clerk/Treasurer stated that one was located on South Pine, one on North Main, one on South Mine, and the other on West Gold; discussion was held as to further question from last meeting as to getting a Bojangles for McCormick. Mayor Smtih stated the had talked to Mr. Warner and it all had to do with demographics, population and whether a community would support.

**Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the Reports; said motion was offered by Council Member Mr. Jennings, duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Franklin, and unanimously approved.**

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Old Business -

A) **Municipal Election Schedule for General Election – April 2, 2024**

Mayor Smith stated the schedule was for information.  
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New Business -

**A) Business Incentive Grant Program – Seven (7) applications for funding businesses**

Mayor Smith stated he had met with the Business Incentive Grant Committee to review all applications, with the Committee approving five applications – Ashalon's, Visions & Dreams, McCormick Tire & Oil, Boys & Girls Club, and Storey's at the Red Rooster – and not approving two the – Dorn Mill – Historical Commission and the MACK – Arts Council - as these two had received funding in the past year. Mayor Smith stated there was a three year wait period in the grant process.

**Mayor Smith called for a motion from Council to acknowledge the Committee's action; said motion being offered by Council Member Mr. Jennings, duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Franklin, and unanimously approved.**

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**Mayor's Report –** Mayor Smith first stated that the Parade turned out great and was well attended despite the rain; then he reported -

- **Christmas Holidays would be observed by the Town on December 25,26,27**
- **MASC's - Hometown Legislative Action Date – February 7**
- **Registration for Meeting & MEO classes opens – February 7  
Info Attached**
- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Program – January 15; 3 PM MMS Gym**
- **New Business – Café/Coffee Shop – 118 North Main Street (mentioned in Reports)**
- **Wreaths Across America Day – December 16; 12 NOON MMS Gym**
- **Mayor's 2023 Progress Report, Highlights –** maintaining a safe community, despite shortage of officers with hiring of three officers with one additional slot open; keeping taxes and fees low and not adding unnecessary burdens on town residents due to any increases; obtaining numerous grants, acknowledging Chief Willis and Mrs. McKinney for their efforts; improvements downtown done to attract more businesses, such as Thompson's Hardware who had bought White's and expanded the business; working on the vacant buildings downtown, one property on North Pine being renovated and opened back up as a business, and properties on both West Gold and South Mine being opened back up as businesses.

**Adjournment** – Mayor Smith called for other business to come before Council and receiving none, he called for a motion to adjourn.

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

Council Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 pm. Respectfully submitted -

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Sandra McKinney  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

**Attendance Schedule**  
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Mayor	Roy Smith, Jr.
Council Members	Dolly Franklin Nathan Jones Calvin Chiles Alvin Jennings
Attorney	James G. Padgett, III
Department Heads	Police Chief W.D. (Bo) Willis Fire Chief Mike Barron
News Media	McCormick Messenger John Stone
FOIA Notifications	Chuck Cook, County Council Member, District 3 John Stone, Journal-Messenger Charlotte Tallent, Executive Director, McCormick Chamber Commerce
Others	Donn & Christine Lee Bob Domzalski, SLV Liaison Mrs. Cook

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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)

***The Town's Municipal Election Commission will meet at 6:30 pm to review the Election Ad and Other Materials for the April 2, 2024 Town General Election.***

**MEC Commission Members met for a brief meeting, December 12, 2023 to review the April 2, 2024 General Election process, publishing of ads, opening and closing of books, obtaining poll mangers, and working with the County VBR to open the absentee precinct, obtain all voting machines and machines, ending with certification of candidates the Thursday after the election date. Members present were Donn Lee, Chairman, Eddie Talbert and Marilyn New. MEC Clerk, Michelle Chambers, and Town Clerk/Treasurer, Sandra McKinney were also present. Meeting began at 6:30 pm and adjourned at 6:50 pm.**

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