

Minutes
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 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 December (regular) Town Council meeting, thanking them for their attendance.

1. Call to Order: - Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 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, Fire Chief Mike Barron, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Sandra McKinney, and Town Attorney, James Graham Padgett, III.

Guests/Others Attending: Charlotte Tallent, Chamber of Commerce; Shaaron Kohl, Visitor's Council; Heather McNally, Arts Council; Chuck Cook, County Council Member, District 3; and Mrs. Cook.

Police Candidate: Brionne Pratt, and Officer Eric New.

News Media present: John Stone, Lincoln Journal/McCormick 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, December 13.

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, 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. Jennings made the motion to approve the agenda, 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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Introduction of Brionne Pratt – Candidate for Police Officer

Mayor Smith introduced Ms. Pratt and asked her if she wished to address Council.

Ms. Pratt stated that she was 27, a resident of Ninety-Six, and had two boys, ages 5 and 8; that she graduated with a criminal justice degree in 2020 and was in school continuing her education. She thanked Council for the opportunity.

Mayor Smith stated that from comments received she was a good fit for the Town; welcomed her to the community, thanked her for her interest, and stated she would be attending the Academy for training; Chief Willis stated she would be registered someone after the first of the year.

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4. Regular Town Council Business Items - November – 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

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 Member Mrs. Franklin 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 – Two:

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 stated this Resolution only needed signatures of Council, and signatures were obtained.

R-2022-12-13-01 – Safety Policy & Management Letter; Protocol for Reporting Accidents for 2023; Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve this Resolution and to obtain signatures.

Council Member Mr. Jennings 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. Jennings made a motion to approve all reports, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Dansby and Mrs. Franklin 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) **American Rescue Plan Funding – Four (4) applications for funds to Non-Profits**
- B) **Business Incentive Grant Program – Two (2) applications for funds to businesses**

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

Council Member Mr. Jennings made the motion to approve the receipt of the applications, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

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Mayor's Comments

Ground Breaking for Veteran's Memorial Park – January 5

Christmas Holidays to be Observed – December 26,27,28

Wreaths Across America – December 17 – Catholic Church

Mayor Smith stated the time would be 12 noon and both the City Cemetery and Overbrook would be included.

*Chamber Ribbon Cuttings: Branded Birdie, (the) Paul Dennis Center; The Stoddard-Funderburk Law Firm
and

CPW – New Water Plant held November 16

(*Events that have taken place)

Mayor Smith stated if anyone had not visited the new water plant that they would be impressed with the new plant. Council Member Mr. Dansby asked who to contact with regard to a tour; Mayor Smith stated to contact the CPW.

MASC's - Hometown Legislative Action Date – February 8

Mayor Smith stated if anyone wished to attend, to contact Mrs. McKinney.

Registration for Meeting & MEO classes opens – December 16

Info Attached

Mayor Smith thanked those involved with Holiday on Main and stated from all appearances it appeared to be a big success.

9. Adjournment –

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

Council adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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