

Minutes
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 - 7:00 PM
McCormick One Stop Conference Room
109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC
Welcome & Comments

Mayor Smith welcomed all in attendance to the regular meeting of Council for April at approximately 7:05 pm, stating that the Town Attorney would not be present, as he was out of town.

Notifications -

News Media and others requesting notice was done by email on April 8, 2022.

FOIA Notifications was done on April 12, 2022, for those requesting notice of meeting and agenda packages.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Smith called to order the regular meeting of the McCormick Town Council at approximately 7:05 pm.

Quorum Confirmation – The Town Clerk/Treasurer affirmed that a quorum was present, those being in attendance: Mayor Roy Smith, Jr., Council Members, Dolly Franklin, CM D#1, Calvin Chiles, CM D#3 & Mayor Pro Tem, Curt Dansby, CM D#4, Alvin Jennings, CM D#5, and Faye Hood, CM D#6; Nathan Jones, CM D#2 was absent.

Also in attendance were Staff: W.D. Bo Willis, Chief of Police, Fire Chief Mike Barron, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Sandra McKinney; absent was Town Attorney, James Graham Padgett, III.

Others in attendance were Mark Warner, Economic Development Director, McCormick County; Chuck Cook, County Council Member, District 3; Charlotte Tallent, Chamber of Commerce; Eddie Talbert, resident of Railroad and Brown Streets; Marge Elmore, resident of Washington Street; Kent Kelly, successful candidate for the Commissioner of Public Works, and Mr. Kelly's family members for his taking of the Oath of Office.

News Media: Deborah Stone, The Lincoln-McCormick Journal-Messenger.

Pledge of Allegiance – All present stood and offered the Pledge of Allegiance in a patriotic manner.

Invocation – Mayor Smith offered the invocation - being thankful for dawn of day; blessings for all in attendance, families and community and guidance in thought, tongue, and conduct of business of meeting.

2. **Approval of Agenda as Written** – Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the agenda as written.

Council Member Mr. Chiles questioned regarding an executive session for the meeting, stating that he thought that an executive session was to be held.

Mayor Smith responded that the executive session would be held in May.

Council Member Mr. Chiles inquired if there would be time to amend the budget if any changes were needed.

Mayor Smith stated yes; that the budget ordinance, after public hearing, would be introduced and proposed for first reading, with any changes being added.

There being no further comments, Mayor Smith called for a motion.

Council Member Mr. Chiles offered said motion, with said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Franklin, and unanimously approved.

Oath of Office for Newly Elected Council Members and the Commissioner of Public Works

Mayor Smith called successful candidates – Dolly Franklin, CM/D1, J. Calvin Chiles, CM/D3, Alvin Jennings, CM/D5, and Kent Kelly, Commissioner of Public Works, forward to take the oath of office.

3. Appearance of Citizens, Public Comments -

A) Eddie Talbert, Resident of Brown Street

Mayor Smith called for Mr. Talbert to address Council.

Mr. Talbert requested that work be done, particularly the placement of asphalt, in the area of Railroad Avenue and Brown Street. He stated he had appeared before Council in the past regarding the issue and asked if funds were available and if the Town was the right agency to do so, that asphalt be put down.

Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Talbert for his comments and relayed to him that the County Transportation Committee has approved for work to be done in that area.

4. Regular Town Council Business Items - for March –

A) **Minutes**

B) **Bills**

C) **Financial Statement**

Council had received copies of the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement for

March prior to the meeting for review, and Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments regarding same. No questions or comments being offered, Mayor Smith called for a motion from Council.

Council Member Mr. Jennings offered a motion to approve the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement for March, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Dansby and Mrs. Franklin, and unanimously approved.

5. **Legislation** – (Council had received copies of all Legislative Items for review prior to the meeting.)

A) **Ordinances – Two -**

Ordinance No. 2022-03-08-01 – Ordinance to Adopt the 2022 Model Business License Ordinance, recommended by the Municipal Association, repealing and replacing all previous versions – **Second Reading/Adoption**

Mayor Smith called for a motion regarding Ordinance No. 2022-03-08-01, with Council Member Mr. Jennings making the motion to give second reading/adoption; said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Dansby and Mrs. Franklin, and unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 2022-03-08-02 – Ordinance to Adopt the Election of the Standard Allowance for Lost Revenues under the American Rescue Plan, repealing and replacing all previous ordinances – **Second Reading/Adoption**

Mayor Smith called for a motion regarding Ordinance No. 2022-03-08-02, with Council Member Mr. Chiles making the motion to give second reading/adoption, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jennings, and unanimously approved.

B) **Resolutions** – There were no Resolutions requiring action.

C) **Proclamations** – No Proclamations had been issued.

6. **Reports** for presentation and approval as presented -

A) **Police**

B) **Fire**

C) **Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer**

Council had received copies of all reports for review prior to the meeting, and Mayor Smith called for questions or comments regarding.

Police – No questions or comments offered.

Fire – Council Member Mr. Chiles inquired if the Fire Report was for March as the report stated April. Chief Barron replied that the report was for March using March data.

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

Mayor Snith called for a motion regarding the Reports; Council Member Mr. Jennings offered said motion, it being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, and unanimously approved.

7. Old Business –

**A) Draft Copies of the FY 22/23 –
General Fund Operating Budget;
Capital Projects Budget**

Mayor Smith stated the Budget Draft would move to Legislation in May for a Public Hearing, Introduction and First Reading.

8. New Business:

**A) Recommendation of the McCormick Planning Commission
Regarding the County's Request for Use of the County Office
Office Building, 201 East Augusta Street**

Mayor Smith called for the Clerk/Treasurer to address Council.

Mrs. McKinney stated that the Planning Commission had met after receipt of the request and reviewed the zoning ordinance with regard to zoning classification. The County had requested that a zoning change of Mixed Use be made for the property. Mrs. McKinney stated that the Planning Commission recommended a zoning text change to Section 1203.10 to allow for residential uses to be available on the lower and upper levels of business in the area. She stated with the zoning text change, there could be possibly other dilapidated buildings to be renovated and put back on for taxes. She stated that a zoning classification change was not conducive as the Town's zoning ordinance did not have a mixed-use class. She also stated that physical posting was not necessary as the recommendation was for a zoning text change. She stated that Town Council had the authority to amend the zoning ordinance and the matter would be under Legislation at the May meeting for a public hearing, introduction and possibly first reading of an ordinance. She stated that the public hearing would allow citizens to comment regarding the matter.

Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments.

Council Member Chiles asked if this was the same matter Council heard about two years ago, and Mayor Smith stated yes. Council Member Mrs. Hood asked if this was going to be for housing only. Mrs. McKinney stated that the request was that the use be for both offices and apartments. Mrs. Hood further asked about the amount of rent to be paid or if it was for low income. Mrs. McKinney stated that could not be determined, but the intent was for medium to high rent. Mayor Smith stated that one group cited before was for teachers to have housing.

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Mayor's Comments:

Congressman Duncan's Visit – April 11 – Mayor Smith stated that the event – lunch at the Dorn Mill, and meeting at the EMS building – seem to go well.

Family Fun Day – April 9 – Mayor Smith stated he was not able to attend, but heard that things went well.

Events Summit – April 20 – Mayor Smith stated Mrs. McKinney and Mrs. Chambers were to attend the meeting at the Chamber.

Regional Transportation Meeting - Upper Savannah – April 20 – Mayor Smith stated he would be attending.

Bacot & Padgett – One Year Anniversary BBQ – April 28 – to be held at the Gin Mill – beginning at 5:30 pm.

MACK Ribbon Cutting Event – April 7 – went well with a lot of attendance.

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9. Adjournment -

Before adjourning, Mayor Smith called for other items to come to Council.

Council Member Mr. Dansby stated that he had concerns regarding two buildings downtown, the old Dorn Bank Building, and the old Shoe Palace building, as these two buildings were an eyesore and in need of attention.

Mayor Smith stated that the Town over the years had contacted the owner of the bank building; and it was stated that the Shoe Palace was being renovated to become a CBD and ice cream business.

Council Member Mr. Chiles requested that an executive session be a part of the May agenda.

Mayor Smith called for a motion to adjourn.

Council Member Mr. Jennings offered the motion, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Clerk/Treasurer

