

Minutes
Special Called Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2022 - 6:30 PM
McCormick One Stop Conference Room
109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC
Welcome & Comments

Mayor Smith welcomed all in attendance to the called meeting of Council.

Notifications:

News Media and others requesting notice of meeting was done by email on June 17 2022.

FOIA Notifications were done on June 17, 2022, for those requesting notice of meeting and agenda packages, and copies of the agenda were available at the meeting.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Smith called to order the called meeting of the McCormick Town Council at approximately 6:35 pm, stating the purpose of the called meeting was to consider second reading/adoption of the FY 22/23 Budget which Council had voted to table at the last meeting.

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, Nathan Jones, CM/D#2, Calvin Chiles, CM & Mayor Pro Tern, Curt Dansby, CM D#4, Alvin Jennings, CM D#5 and Faye Hood, CM D#6.

Also in attendance were Staff: Town Clerk/Treasurer, Sandra McKinney; and Town Attorney, James Graham Padgett, III.

News Media: John 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 a beautiful day; asking for mercy, grace, blessings for community and that the Spirit be among (us) in the conduct of the meeting.

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

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

3. Legislation —

A) Ordinances — One -

Ordinance No. 2022-06-14-01 -- Second Reading/Adoption - FY 22/23 General Fund

Operating Budget, Appendix A, Schedules of Revenue & Expenditures, and the Capital Projects Budget

Mayor Smith called for discussion regarding Budget Ordinance, and called for Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney to address Council as to the need to adopt the budget.

Mrs. McKinney stated that State law, Title 5, Chapter 7 required cities and towns to adopt a balanced budget, and without a budget, essentially the Town's operations would not go forward. She stated if the Council could not adopt a budget, that only certain items, under a budget proviso, could be handled, paying of certain bills, payroll, etc. and that no large items or capital could be purchased. She stated that the public hearing had been held and first reading had been given, and asked that Council consider second reading and adoption so that the Town could move forward. She also stated that with regard to the question of the personal services, salaries and wages, that Council could amend the budget in later meetings after coming to some sort of agreement of the issues regarding that portion of the budget.

Discussion then continued with Council Member Mr. Chiles stating his objections to the 3% increase in salaries. He questioned the method used to determine how the 3% was arrived at, and whether the 3% should be based on the total wages or the set amount of wage.

The Clerk/Treasurer stated that any specifics as to salaries and wages would need to be discussed in an executive session.

Council Member Mr. Chiles stated that he thought that an executive session was to be held, but when he received the agenda noticed that it was in open session.

Discussions continued with regard to the increases in health insurance benefits, the percentage of increase being 18.1% for employers effective January 1, 2023. It was also stated that retirement increase for standard and police retirement was set to increase by 1% effective July 1. It was stated that the 3% increase was calculated on the base pay of the employee, and not on fringe benefits, as these were employer costs.

Mayor Smith called for a motion to give second reading/adoption to the FY 22/23 General Fund Operating Budget, the Capital Projects Budget, and the ARP funding budget.

Council Member Mr. Jennings offered a motion to second reading/adoption, said motion was duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby.

Council Member Mr. Chiles called for a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call vote followed; Franklin-yes; Jennings-yes; Chiles-No; Mayor Smith-Yes; Jones-yes; Dansby-Yes; and Hood-yes.

Motion to give second reading/adoption passed with a 6 to 1 roll call vote.

4. Adjournment –

Mayor Smith called for the motion to adjourn.

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

Council adjourned at approximately 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Clerk/Treasurer

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