

**Town of McCormick, SC**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 10, 2012**

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**Attendance:**

**Members Present:**

Mayor: Roy Smith, Jr.  
Council Members: Dolly P. Franklin  
John C. (Cliff) Long  
James C. (Calvin) Chiles  
Eric T. Butler  
Jesse E. (JE) Johnson

**Members Absent:**

Council Member: Ann Seymour

**Staff Present:**

Administrator David Krumwiede  
Police Chief J.R. Jones  
Fire Chief Mike Barron  
Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney

**Staff Absent:**

Attorney John D. Compton, III

**Media Present:**

Ann Stiles, McCormick Messenger  
Russell Cox, The Index Journal

**Visitors:**

Bob Berry, President, Janice Grizzard,  
Executive Director, and Heather McNally,  
Program Director for the MACK  
Columbus Stevens, County Administrator  
Charles Jennings, County Council Chair  
Shaaron Kohl, Out-going President, Chamber

The regular Town Council meeting for January 10, 2012, was held at the One Stop Conference Room, 109 W. Augusta St., Town of McCormick. News Media had been notified of the meeting by fax on January 4, 2012. All other parties who had requested notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail, or mail on January 4, and January 6, 2012. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on January 4, 2012.

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### **1. Welcome/Call to Order**

Mayor Smith welcomed all present to the regular Town Council Meeting of the Town of McCormick, stating he hoped everyone had a good Christmas.

Mayor Smith stated there were several distinguished guests present at the meeting: Bob Berry, President, MACK, Columbus Stevens, County Administrator, and Charles Jennings, County Council Chair.

Mayor Smith stated it was custom prior to council meetings to recognize a local business as business pick of the month. He asked Council Member Long to select a business, and OM Food Mart was chosen as business pick of the month for January. Mayor Smith asked the Clerk/Treasurer to send a Certificate of Appreciation to OM Food Mart.

Mayor Smith then called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Smith asked that all present stand and give the Pledge of Allegiance; everyone proceeded to do so in a humble, patriotic manner.

### **3. Invocation**

Mayor Smith called for Council Member Butler to give the invocation. Council Member Butler did so, asking that the meeting be governed accordingly.

### **4. Approval of Agenda as Written**

Mayor Smith stated Council had the published agenda for review prior to the meeting and called for action regarding the published agenda. Council Member Chiles made a motion that the Agenda be approved as written, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Butler and unanimously approved.

### **5. General Public Comments**

Mayor Smith stated under General Public Comments, comments were to be given by Bob Berry, President, MACK, and Columbus Stevens, County Administrator.

Mayor Smith called for Mr. Berry's comments.

Mr. Berry spoke to Council giving an update of the events and happenings of the MACK for the past year. A handout was given to show the many programs and fund raisers sponsored by the MACK. Mr. Berry stated once again MACK was not present to seek funding, but to give an update on the various programs and events sponsored by the MACK. He stated the mission of the MACK was to promote education in art, tourism, and cultural activities in the McCormick Community. From tourism, adult and children's programs, other activities, miscellaneous fund raisers, grants, applied for and received, and other support/funding, Mr. Berry stated "Council's Help" was being sought to help

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promote membership, networking capabilities, participation in the various programs and fund raisers, as well as being an advocate for the arts in the McCormick Community. In doing so, Mr. Berry stated Town Council could help enrich the lives of the community's youth, which would establish their pride in the community's culture and heritage. He stated there was a lot that could be done, other than by writing a check, he stated Council, and the community, could "invest in The MACK". He stated he had heard the Mayor state, "most of the visitors know about the MACK before they even know of McCormick", and citing the increase in membership, the increase in the number of "hits" to the MACK's web site, and the increase in programs/activities, it was apparent that this was true. He stated the membership consisted mainly of Savannah Lakes residents, and he would like to see the membership increase from the community as a whole. Heather McNally, Program Director assisted Mr. Berry in his presentation and gave information as the new program, the Farmers Market, stating that this would begin in April and would be held twice a month.

Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Berry and Ms. McNally for their comments, asking how much of grant proceeds supported the MACK. Mr. Berry stated about 7% of the support for MACK came from grants. He stated grants were being written just about every day, the problem being that the MACK did not meet certain qualifications. Mayor Smith stated the MACK was appreciated for all that it offered and was a valuable asset to the McCormick Community.

Mayor Smith then called upon Columbus Stevens, County Administrator, McCormick County.

Mr. Stevens stated he appreciated the invitation to be present and to meet the Council Members and the Town's Staff. He stated he hoped the Town and the County would continue to work on collaborative efforts to increase job creation, reduce unemployment, and to bring a quality of life to the McCormick Community. He stated he was no stranger to McCormick. He stated he had been well received and thanked everyone for the nice reception that had been given to him. He stated there were resources that could be utilized, and he was hoping to work with the Council's, the community, and the business community to extend and develop economic development in the McCormick Community.

Mayor Smith thanked for Mr. Stevens for his attendance and stated he believed that "working together worked", and he was looking forward to working with Mr. Stevens and the county. Mayor Smith then called for further general public comments. None being offered, he closed the General Public Comments section of the meeting at approximately 7:35 PM.

## **6. Regular Town Council Business Items**

Council Members had received in their agenda packages for review prior to the meeting copies of the Minutes of the December 13 Regular Meeting of Council, December's Bills (with Receivables Report), and December's Financial Statement.

Mayor Smith called for action of Council regarding the Minutes. Council Member Chiles made a motion that the Minutes stand approved as written, motion duly seconded by Council Member Johnson and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith called for action of Council regarding the Bills. Council Member Chiles made a motion that the Bills be paid in the usual manner, motion duly seconded by Council Member Butler and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith called for action of Council regarding the Financial Statement. Council Member Chiles made a motion for the Financial Statement to be received as information, motion duly seconded by Council Member Butler and unanimously approved.

## **7. Legislation**

Under legislation, Council had received a copies of two Proclamations, one for Mrs. Edith Childs, and one for Cherry H. Brown.

Mayor Smith stated he was to attend a function for Mrs. Edith Childs and would be presenting that Proclamation to her. He stated he had attended a function for Cherry Brown upon her retirement from De la Howe and had presented a Proclamation to her for her 28 years of service.

## **8. Reports**

Moving to Reports, Mayor Smith recognized Chief Jones of the Police Department.

Chief Jones stated he would report for the month of December and would also be giving yearly data:

Collisions Investigated: five; yearly: 37; Traffic Offenses: 43; yearly: 679; Arrests: 44; yearly 243; Offenses Overall: 34; yearly: 373; and Calls for Service: 974 for the month, and yearly 11,522. He stated he wanted to commend his officers in that most of the cases investigated during the year had been cleared, and this gave a favorable ratio for the Department.

Recognizing Fire Chief Mike Barron, Chief Barron reported for the Fire Department as follows:

Town Response Area: structure fire 1; false alarm 1; community/service events 1;  
County Response Area: brush fire 1; car fire/extrication 2; and structure fire 3;  
Total runs for December being 9, with average fire fighter response being 6. He stated the fire fighter physicals were to be held in February/March, and work was continuing on a draft resolution regarding false alarms. He stated he was working with the Town

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Attorney to ensure proper language was used and hopefully first reading could be given in February.

Chief Barron stated he would like to seek a motion from Council to purchase some \$1,400 worth of miscellaneous fire equipment to cover items that had been expended, such as gloves and other small tools, nuts and bolts.

Council Member Chiles, stating that if it was in the budget, he would make a motion for the expenditure. It was affirmed that funds were available in the current budget. Council Member Chiles' motion was duly seconded by Council Members Johnson and Butler and unanimously approved.

Mayor asked how many fire fighters were in the department. Chief Barron stated presently there were fifteen.

Recognizing the Town Clerk/Treasurer, Mrs. McKinney stated that Council should have received in their packages, the requirement notice to file their annual Statement of Economic Interests forms. She stated this had to be done over the Internet; no exceptions, and if not done by the due date, a penalty of \$100 per day would be incurred until the report was filed. She stated that if anyone needed to use the Town's computer to retrieve their information that could be done. She then reported the following activity for December: business licenses: two renewals; she stated that renewal was in process and a good success was being had there; building permit co-ordinations to county: one for repairs; one request for zoning class information; purchases of goods/services at various percentages; and attendance at staff/other meetings.

Mayor Smith called upon Mr. Krumwiede for his report to Council. Mr. Krumwiede stated he did not have a report at this time.

Mayor Smith stated that he would like to have a motion to approve the reports as given. Council Member Butler made the motion, with motion being duly seconded by Council Member Chiles, and unanimously approved.

## **9. Old Business**

Mayor Smith stated there was only one item under Old Business, that being a copy of the Election Schedule for the April 3, 2012 General Election for Mayor, Council seats, 2,4, and 6, and one CPW Commissioner. Council had received a copy of the Schedule for review. No action was needed regarding the Schedule.

Mayor Smith called for other Old Business to come before Council. None was offered.

## **10. New Business**

Under New Business, Council had received, for review, a copy of the Budget Schedule for FY 2012/2013. No items to be presented under New Business.

## **11. Information Items**

Mayor Smith stated under Information Items, the Town had received a thank you note from the Hardy Foundation.

Mayor Smith stated he had several events to mention: the Chamber Annual Dinner on Thursday, at 6:15 PM at the Senior Center; the MLK Programs, one on January 16 at 3 PM School Complex, and one on the 15<sup>th</sup> at the Willington Center, at 11 AM, the Taste of McCormick, the MACK event, on January 20, seatings at 5:30 PM and 7 PM.

With no further business to be conducted, Mayor Smith called for adjournment.

## **12. Adjournment**

Mayor Smith's motion to adjourn was duly seconded by all present and unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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