

**Town of McCormick, SC**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 13, 2012**

**Attendance:**

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:**

Administrator David Krumwiede  
Town Attorney John D. Compton, III  
Police Chief J.R. Jones and  
Sergeant Tracy Jordan and  
Major W.D. Willis  
Fire Chief Mike Barron

**Media Present:**

Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney  
Russell Cox, The Index-Journal

**Visitors:**

Girl Scouts, Leaders and Parents  
McCormick High School's Boys & Girls  
Basketball Teams and Parents  
Coach Wideman and Burns  
Shaaron Kohl  
Norma Curtis

The regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council for March 13, 2012, was held at the McCormick County Library's Meeting Room, 201 Railroad Avenue, Town of McCormick, SC. News Media had been notified of the meeting by e-mail and fax on March 2, 2012. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on February 27 and March 1, 2012. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on March 9, 2012.

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

Mayor Smith welcomed all present to the regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council, at approximately 7:05 pm. He called for a silent prayer for the Callaham family who had experienced a fire tragedy with three family members being lost in the fire.

Mayor Smith stated that the Girl Scouts would be leading in the Pledge of Allegiance and call all of them who were present to come forward.

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

The Girl Scouts, celebrating their 100 Anniversary led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. They, then, recited the Girl Scout's Pledge and Promise.

Mayor Smith stated that it was customary, prior to the meeting, to recognize a business of the month. He called upon Council Member Mr. Butler to select a business. Council Member Mr. Butler selected "Keepsake Friends" as business pick of the month. Mayor Smith asked the Clerk/Treasurer to forward Keepsake's a Certificate of Appreciation.

Attorney Compton asked to speak to the Mayor and Council and requested that the Executive Session that was to be held at the end of the meeting be moved and held right after the General Public Comments section of the meeting. Mayor Smith granted this change.

Mayor Smith called upon Council Member Mr. Butler to give the Invocation.

### **3. Invocation**

Council Member Mr. Butler gave the invocation giving thanks for a great day and many blessings; the gathering/meeting, and it be governed with wise decisions being made. He also prayed for comfort for the family in bereavement.

Mayor Smith called Sergeant Tracey Jordan and Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney forwarded. Mayor Smith recognized them for their 25 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Town. Each were given a plaque for their service which the Mayor read aloud to all present.

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

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the Agenda as amended by moving the Executive Session from the end of the meeting to after General Public Comments. Council Members Mr. Butler and Mrs. Seymour duly gave second, and the motion was unanimously approved.

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

Mayor Smith opened the General Public Comments section of the meeting at approximately 7:14 pm.

Mayor Smith recognized the Girl Scouts with a Proclamation, reading it in its entirety, in celebration of Girl Scouts and their 100 Anniversary in scouting.

Mayor Smith then recognized the McCormick High School's Boys and Girls Basketball teams. Team members, parents and Coaches Wideman (Girls Team) and Burns (Boys Team) were

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recognized by Mayor Smith, asking the coaches to give team results. Coach Wideman stated that the Girls' achievements were 13-1 and 19-4 and Coach Burns stated that the Boys' stats were 14-0 and 19-4. Coach Wideman was also recognized for her achievement as Coach of the Year for the Region.

Mayor Smith then presented each coach with a Proclamation for their achievements, reading the Proclamation aloud to all present.

The **General Public Comments section was closed by Mayor Smith at 7:25 pm.** He then called, by motion, for the Executive Session requested by Attorney Compton to be held. Mayor Smith's motion was duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour and unanimously approved. Mayor Smith stated the Executive Session was for the purpose of receiving a legal update regarding MOU for Recreation Services with McCormick County; and other Town contracts.

The **Executive Session began at 7:25 pm and ended at approximately 8:15 pm.** Upon close of the Executive Session, Mayor Smith stated that no action had been taken in Executive Session. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to return to the regular meeting of Council, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, and unanimously approved.

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

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of Council for February 14 and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to approve the Minutes as written, motion duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Butler and Mr. Johnson, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Bills** for February and called for any questions. Council Member Mrs. Seymour asked about the bill for Home Cooking. Town Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney stated that this was for the Prayer Breakfast expense. Mayor Smith stated that these funds were in the current budget and then called for action regarding the Bills. Council Member Mr. Chiles made a motion for the bills to be paid in the usual manner, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Johnson, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Financial Statement** for February, along with the Receivables Report, and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion that the Financial Statement be received as information and recorded as part of the Minutes, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler and unanimously approved.

### **7. Legislation**

Under Legislation, Mayor Smith stated that he has presented several proclamations, the Girl Scouts and Boys and Girls Basketball teams having been recognized earlier in the meeting. He also stated that he had issued a Proclamation for Father Marreddy in recognition of Father Marreddy's service at the Catholic Church; Father Marreddy could not be in attendance as he had to leave for his next assignment in North Charleston.

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Mayor Smith stated he had attended a drop-in celebration for Father Marreddy and had presented the proclamation at that time.

### **False Fire Alarm Ordinance**

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of this draft for review. He called for discussion. Discussion was held as to fees and offenses. Council Member Mr. Chiles questioned the “second offense and fee” section. Council Member Mrs. Seymour asked if this shouldn't be “third offense and fee” as the ordinance called for two initial warnings. The Clerk/Treasurer was directed to make this change to the Ordinance prior to second reading and adoption. It was asked if Council could give first reading, subject to the proposed change, and the Clerk/Treasurer replied that they could. Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion to give first reading to the proposed, to be corrected, False Fire Alarm Ordinance. Council Member Mrs. Seymour duly gave second, and all Council Members unanimously approved the same.

### **8. Reports**

Moving to Reports, Mayor Smith called upon Police Chief Jones to give the Police Department Report.

Chief Jones reported activity for the month of February as follows:

Traffic Collisions 3; Traffic Offenses 35; Arrests 20; Offenses Over-all (Incident Reports filled out) 30; and Calls for Service 725.

Council Member Mr. Chiles, stated that Town Council was to hold a budget workshop, and asked the Chief regarding vehicles and equipment. Chief Jones stated that the oldest unit probably had between 60,000 and 65,000 miles, but stated that there were no problems at the present time. He stated that with police cars, you need to consider the motor use, since the cars tend to be left idling for periods of time. He was asked about life span of cars. It was stated that for patrol units, this would depend on the motor use. It was also stated that auditor's generally gave a life span of a period of 3 to 5 years for cars.

Mayor Smith thanked Chief Jones for his report and called for Chief Barron to give the Fire Report.

Chief Barron reported:

For the City: 2 Structure Fires; 1 False Alarm, and 1 Automotive

For the County Response Area: 2 Automotive (Extractions), 1 Structure Fire, and 1 Brush fire  
Total calls for service in February being 8 with average firefighter response of 4.

Under Notes, Chief Barron report two community service events – fire extinguisher training for a local manufacturer's employees; yearly fire extinguisher inspections for all town offices, and CPW, and yearly fire inspections for all town owned properties.

Chief Barron was then asked to relay information regarding the fire tragedy. Chief Barron gave response times, units responding, and stated that the structure was already fully involved upon arrival and the scene became one of recovery. He stated the structure involved was well away from fire hydrants, but that approximately 20,000 gallons of water were used in trying to control the fire. He stated that the three family members lost in the fire

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were overcome by smoke; the sons trying to get the father out of the burning structure. Chief Barron stated that “it was a great effort on everyone's part”. He stated that as he had 23 men on call at that time, he had asked that Hardee's help with coffee and biscuits and Hardee's had been gracious in this request. He stated that as with all fires with lost, SLED had taken over and the report from SLED would be in about 3 to 6 months. He stated that all fire departments and firefighters responding should receive thanks for their service and all that they do.

Council Member Mr. Chiles asked about response time. Chief Barron stated that Engine 31 got the call around 333 am and was on scene at 341 am; approximately 10 minutes. Chief Barron stated as this was early morning, there was little traffic on the roadways.

Council Member Mr. Chiles, stating with the budget workshop to be held, that maybe it was time for Council to consider full-time firemen in the day time. He stated that volunteers had other jobs.

Chief Barron stated that EMS was on scene in less than five minutes, receiving the call at 333 am and arriving on scene at 336 am.

Administrator Krumwiede was asked about his knowledge with full time firemen, and the Administrator stated that with fulltime firemen they would be able to get on scene earlier and go directly to the fire.

Chief Barron stated that the volunteer's role was to suppress, not enter and recover; fulltime firefighter's role being suppress, enter and recover; different training methods being used.

Chief Barron stated that the apparent cause would probably be a kerosene heater placed next to a window. He stated that windows in a trailer were made out of plastic, plexiglass, and once melted, the flames got to the open window.

Question arose as to fire detectors. Chief Barron stated the trailer was probably equipped, but whether working or not, could not be ascertained.

Mayor Smith thanked Chief Barron for his report and the information. Mayor Smith then called upon the Clerk/Treasurer for her Report.

Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney reported the breakdown as to purchase of property, goods and services and meetings attended. She also reported the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's activity as: business licenses 1 new 19 renewals and 57 reminders; building permit coordinations at 1 (move trailer); zoning issues 2 (fencing questions); background checks 5; 3 employment, 1 apartment, and 1 miscellaneous; visitor's log for a total of 104 (65 for Town Hall; 38 for Police Department; 1 for Fire Department); and election packets 2 given out and 4 completed.

Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. McKinney and called upon Administrator Krumwiede.

Administrator Krumwiede stated that he had attended the Junior ROTC ball at the Barn, the military prom, not in the capacity as speaker, but to present the top cadet with his military

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coin. He stated that pictures of the presentation were in the McCormick Messenger. Administrator Krumwiede reported attending the SC Rural Summit held in Greenwood, March 4-5 at the Sundance Gallery. He stated that the major topic was on industry and the need to have the workforce in place for jobs such as robotics with computer and math skills. He stated that training needed to be in place for high school students going into these positions, and that working Technical Schools could provide this training to get students ready early to enter into these job positions. Another topic, he reported, had to do with agriculture and commerce. He stated that farming crops was a big industry in South Carolina using the green initiative, plants and fibers, to grow crops which was a major source of income for the State. He stated, of course, that Greenwood was showcased for all the improvements made there. He stated in making these type improvements that it was important to stay in contact with the Town's delegation, letting them know of needs. He stated one way to stay in touch was to have quarterly delegation meetings. He stated the Town's new website was up and running which was very well done.

Mayor Smith thanked the Administrator and called for a motion to approve all reports as given. Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion, duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour and unanimously approved.

### **9. Old Business**

Under Old Business, Mayor Smith stated that Council had several reminders: Election Schedule for the April 3, 2012 General Election, filing of the 2012 Statements of Economic Interest Forms due April 15, and the Budget Schedule for FY 2012/2013. He stated that a motion to approve the contracts for auditing and grounds maintenance services was needed. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to approve the audit contract, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles and unanimously approved. Council Member Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the grounds maintenance contract, said motion duly seconded by Council Members Mrs. Seymour and Mr. Johnson, and unanimously approved. Mayor Smith stated that both of these contractors had done good jobs for the Town.

### **10. New Business**

Under New Business, Mayor Smith stated that Council had received a draft copy of the FY 2012/2013 Budget for review and asked that this be brought to the Workshop to be held on March 29, 6:00 pm, at the One Stop Conference Room.

### **11. Information Items**

Mayor Smith stated that one last thing, not a part of Information items, was a request of Prime Media to view a DVD with regard to marketing. Council then watched certain advertising segments of the DVD on shopping locally and marketing downtown. Mayor Smith gave information as to the number of spots and costs that the Town could receive, and the airing on certain media stations such as CNN and others.

### **12. Adjournment**

Calling for adjournment, a motion was given by Council Member Mrs. Seymour, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, and unanimously approved by all.

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Council adjourned at approximately 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra McKinney  
Clerk/Treasurer

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