

Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 8, 2014

McCormick One Stop Conference Room, 109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC

Attendance:

Mayor: Roy Smith, Jr.

Council Members: Nathan Jones
J. Calvin Chiles
Eric T. Butler
Alvin Jennings
Ann D. Seymour

Council Members Absent: Dolly Franklin

Staff Present: Police Chief J.R. Jones
Major W.D. Willis
Police Officer Candidate Richard Young
Fire Chief Mike Barron
Fireman Robert Gable
Fireman Candidate Samantha Coker
Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney
Attorney John D. Compton, III

Staff Absent:

Media Present: **Frank Bumb, The Index-Journal**
Bradley Fuller, The McCormick Messenger

Other Guests: None

Mayor's Welcome & Comments:

Mayor Smith welcomed everyone present to the McCormick Town Council Meeting for the month of July. He thanked the news media, Frank Bumb, The Index-Journal and Bradley Fuller, The McCormick Messenger for their attendance. He stated it was customary, prior to the meeting, to pick a business of the month. Mayor Smith asked Council Member Jones to make the selection. Council Member Jones selected **The McCormick Messenger** as business pick for the month of July. Mayor Smith asked the Clerk/Treasurer to send a Certificate of Appreciation to the Messenger.

Public Notification:

News Media had been notified of the meeting by e-mail on July 3, 2014. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on July 3, 2014. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on July 3, 2014. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on July 3, 2014. No requests for general public comments had been received.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Smith called to order the monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council for July at approximately 7:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Smith asked everyone present to stand and offer the **Pledge of Allegiance**. All in attendance did so in a humble, patriotic manner.

3. Invocation

Mayor Smith called upon Council Member Mr. Butler to give the Invocation. Council Member Mr. Butler did so, giving thanks for a great day, the opportunity to meet, and asking for intervention in the guidance and governance of the meeting.

4. Approval of Agenda as Written

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the agenda as published, and called for any questions regarding same. No discussion or questions having been given, Mayor Smith called for a motion regarding the approval of the agenda as written. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to approve the published agenda, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Recognition of Mrs. Dorothy J. Baggett & Presentation of Proclamation for her service on the Town's Municipal Election Commission from 2003 to 2014 – Mayor Smith stated Mrs. Baggett **was not in attendance**, and continued with the agenda as published.

5. General Public Comments

No requests having been received for public comments and Mayor Smith calling for same and receiving no comments, continued the agenda as published. Mayor Smith closed the public comments section of the meeting at approximately 7:02 pm.

6. Regular Town Council Business Items:

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of Council for June 10, 2014, and Minutes of the joint meeting with the McCormick County School Board. Mayor Smith called for action regarding the Minutes as presented. Council Member Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the Minutes as written, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Bills** for June, along with a copy of the Receivables Report and called for any questions. No questions were offered, and Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to pay the Bills in the usual manner, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Chiles and Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Financial Statement** for June and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion that the Financial Statement be received as information, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones and unanimously approved.

7. Legislation

Under Legislation, Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of **Ordinance No. 2014-06-01**, to modify McCormick's Zoning Ordinance to allow Internet Sales Business Use under the Customary Home Occupation, Section 205, a public hearing being previously held, the Ordinance being amended to include a nuisance and abatement provision to address complaints, and correct verbiage in Item F, using the word may instead of shall. By adding the nuisance provision, the Ordinance would allow due process for both sides in the event that there were complaints and a request for the business license to be forfeited.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour offered a motion to allow second reading and adoption to Ordinance 2014-06-01, with the amendments previously called for by the Town Attorney. Council Member Mr. Butler duly seconded the motion, with all Council Members voting affirmatively for second reading and adoption.

Moving to Resolutions, Mayor Smith stated there were no Resolutions to be presented.

As to Proclamations, Mayor Smith stated he had issued one Proclamation for Reverend Melvin Gordon, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, upon the Church's Anniversary Gala on June 21.

8. Reports

Moving to Reports, Mayor Smith called upon Police Chief J.R. Jones to give the **Police** Department Report for June.

Chief Jones stated he first wanted to introduce Officer Richard Young to Council. Chief Jones stated Officer Young had served as an auxiliary for almost a year, was capable, knowledgeable, and would be attending the Academy in Columbia for additional training.

Officer Young stated that he was glad to be with the Town and this was something he had always wanted to do. He stated this was his second opportunity of being a police officer. He stated that he was from the McCormick area and lived in Troy.

Mayor Smith called Officer Young forward and presented the oath of office to him as a Police Officer for the Town of McCormick.

Chief Jones then reported activity for the Police Department for the month of June as follows: Collisions Investigated 3; Traffic Offenses 10; Arrests 5; Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) 26; and Calls for Service 458.

Mayor Smith asked Chief Jones to give an update as to the recent burglaries in Town.

Chief Jones stated that a suspect had been arrested on three of the burglaries, the suspect being a local individual. Chief Jones stated the Department was working on other cases in getting them solved, but no further incidences had occurred since the arrest.

Mayor Smith commended the Department for their efforts and the hours put in in working together to solve the matter and for having a good relationship with the people in the community.

Mayor Smith called upon Fire Chief Mike Barron to give the **Fire** Report for June.

Chief Barron reported the following activity:

City calls 7; 2-automotive; 1 structure; 3 miscellaneous; and 1 brush; County calls 6; 2-automotive; 2-structure; 1-miscellaneous; 1-brush. Total calls for service in June being 13 calls.

Under Notes, Chief Barron reported:

Multi-county training conducted – pump operations and on scene protocol procedures

A request of Council for approval and membership of Samantha Coker to the Town Fire Department; Chief Barron stated Samantha was a volunteer with Plum Branch, had been serving in a probationary status with the Town, a good student and candidate.

Chief Barron stated Samantha was the step-daughter of Robert Gable, a volunteer with McCormick for the past 27 years.

Mayor Smith stated that Miss Coker would be a part of the Town's history, in that she would be the first female firefighter for the Town.

Miss Coker stated that her interest was to be able to help people and the community.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to approve Samantha Coker as a volunteer firefighter for the Town of McCormick, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Butler and Mr. Chiles, and unanimously approved.

Continuing with Notes, Chief Barron stated that a SCSFFA grant had been received, which was a dual grant for 11 counties, and was for an in-school explorer program and adult volunteer recruitment and training. He stated an article was in the Index-Journal with regard to the grant. He stated that the grant would be done in phases with the first phase being the school program to attract young members and the second phase being recruitment and retention of adult members.

Chief Barron also reported that the County, in their budget, had given a small increase to the Town and had also given an amount to maintain the Bethia Fire Department, so that Department could keep offering services to the north end of the county.

Mayor Smith thanked Chief Barron and called for the Clerk/Treasurer's and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's report.

Mrs. McKinney reported as follow:

Purchases of goods and services: 10% local; 18% out of town, 19% for personal services, contracted services at 39% and an equipment purchase at 14%.

Upcoming Events listed included Safety Meeting for Second Qtr., 2014, the Insurance Assessment Review (June/July), the Municipal Association's Annual Meeting being held in Charleston on July 10-13, which Mayor Smith would be attending, and the renewal of the Town's insurances through the SCMIT and SCMIRF programs.

Mrs. McKinney reported no required filings or publications.

For meetings attended, she reported several staff meetings, the County Strategic Plan Downtown Assessment Review on June 13, and Planning Commission training on June 23.

Mrs. McKinney reported as follows for the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's report:

Business licenses: new – 5 and 4 renewals, 4 contractors – 1- being local

Building Permit Coordination Requests: 1-new (mobile home moved into Gold Hill Trailer Park); 8-for repairs

Zoning Issues: 2 received for zoning classification information at 378 West (the Strom property) and S. Main Street (the old Keepsakes Building)

Background Checks: 5 for employment, 5 for apartment

Visitor's Log: Town Hall - 69; Police Department - 52; Fire Department – 6; for a total of 127.

Meetings Attended: Staff Meetings on 6/9 and 6/16; Planning & Zoning Training on 6/23 and Visitor's Council on 6/24.

New Businesses in Town: B&B Upholstery Repair, 615 West Gold Street – James Moss.

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

9. Old Business

Mayor Smith stated Council needed to sign the Budget Ordinance for FY 14/15 and called for the Clerk/Treasurer to obtain the needed signatures. Council Signatures were also obtained for the previously approved Ordinance No. 2014-06-01.

10. New Business

Under New Business, expiration of the Grounds Maintenance and Trash Collection contracts was listed for information and no action was required.

11. Information Items

Mayor Smith stated there were no items Under Information. He stated that the mammogram unit that was to be in Town had broken down and was not able to be in Town.

Mayor Smith called for any other items to come before council.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour stated that Aubrey Prince, a resident of the Parksville Community, and Fire Chief at Parksville, was having a hard time he being diagnosed with Stage 4 Colon cancer. Mrs. Seymour asked that everyone keep Mr. Prince in their thoughts and prayers.

12. Adjournment

Calling for any other business to come before Council and receiving none, Mayor Smith called for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion, with Council Member Mr. Butler giving second. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn at approximately 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Clerk/Treasurer

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