

**Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 12, 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
Fire Chief Mike Barron
Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney

Staff Absent: Attorney John D. Compton, III

Media Present: **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 August. 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 **Los Jinetes Mexican Grill** as business pick for the month of August. Mayor Smith asked the Clerk/Treasurer to send a Certificate of Appreciation to them.

Public Notification:

News Media had been notified of the meeting by e-mail on August 6 & 8, 2014. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on August 8, 2014. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on August 8, 2014. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on August 8, 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 7:02 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, guidance and governance of the meeting and that all will be well pleasing.

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.

5. General Public Comments

No requests having been received for general public comments, Mayor Smith calling for same and receiving no comments, he continued with 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 July 8, 2014, and Minutes of the joint meeting with the McCormick Commission of Public Works. Mayor Smith called for action regarding the Minutes as presented. Council Member Mr. Chiles made a motion to approve the Minutes as written, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

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

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Financial Statement** for July 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. Butler and unanimously approved.

7. Legislation

Mayor Smith stated there were no items under Ordinances or Resolutions to be considered, and that one Proclamation for Dorothy J. Baggett needed Council's signatures. He called upon the Clerk/Treasurer to obtain the needed signatures.

8. Reports

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

Chief Jones reported activity as follows:

Collisions Investigated 3; Traffic Offenses 8; Arrests 6; Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) 19; and Calls for Service 362.

Chief Jones reported the resignation of Police Officer Jacob Deason. Chief Jones stated that

Officer Deason had been a good officer for the Town. Chief Jones stated that another officer, Young, would be attending the Academy and the Department would be tight, but would maintain services as good as possible. He asked that the posting of the position be allowed.

Mayor Smith stated that the position could be posted.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour asked what the reason was for the officer's leaving.

Chief Jones stated that it was more money and a take home car.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour asked if the Chief would do a summary as to the benefits to the Town of providing a take home car to the officers.

Discussion then followed as to the Town being a training ground for officers, getting the officers groomed and in shape, and then them leaving for other departments; training taking time and effort, and the Town being able to compete with other departments on an equal playing field.

Mayor Smith stated that he had talked to the agency Deason was transferring to and he was told that the agency had the same issue, their officers leaving to go to another agency. Mayor Smith stated that he felt that the benefit of a take home was attractive, he felt that the Town could not compete in any other areas such salary. Mayor Smith stated that he had some further thoughts on the matter and would be discussing those with Council.

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

Chief Barron stated that July was a good month for the Department, with low numbers and reported the following activity:

City calls 1; 1-automotive; County calls 6; 2-automotive; 1-miscellaneous; 3-brush. Total calls for service in July being 7 calls.

Under Notes, Chief Barron reported:

July being the lowest call volume for the Department; several community service events for back to school; and the yearly fit and SCBA testing which was scheduled for August.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour offered condolences to Chief Barron's wife, Anne, upon the death of her mother.

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: 12% local; 17% out of town, 17% for personal services, contracted services at 40% and an equipment purchase at 14%.

Upcoming Events listed included Safety Meeting for Third Qtr., 2014, the Insurance Assessment Review, scheduled for August 19, renewal of the Town's insurances through the SCMIT and SCMIRF programs, audit process for FY 13/14 General Fund, the LOST Tax

Credit Computation to McCormick County, and the Full Cost Disclosure Report to the State- per capita cost of garbage collection.

Mrs. McKinney reported the publication of the Full Cost Disclosure Ad in the Messenger.

For meetings attended, she reported several staff meetings, the 2nd Quarter Safety Meeting, County Strategic Plan Review on Findings on July 1, and joint meeting with the CPW.

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

Business licenses: new – 6 and 64 renewals, 3 contractors – 2- being local, and 1 being Home Occupation

Building Permit Coordination Requests: 6-for repairs

Zoning Issues: 1 received for zoning classification information as to a home occupation being located in a residential area

Background Checks: 7 for apartment

Visitor's Log: Town Hall - 78; Police Department - 65; Fire Department – 2; for a total of 145.

Meetings Attended: Staff Meetings on 7/1; 7/14; 7/22; & 7/28; Clerk's Meeting/Luncheon – Upper Savannah COG on July 24.

New Businesses in Town: Frames Unlimited, 208 S. Main Street – Hsueh-an White; and Mc's Downtown Bistro, 116-118 N. Main Street, Pauline Dain (scheduled to open at the end of August).

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

9. Old Business

Mayor Smith stated there were no items listed as Old Business and called for any to come before Council. No further old business being offered, Mayor Smith moved to New Business.

10. New Business

Under New Business, Mayor Smith stated Council had a request from the Clerk/Treasurer to pay Inter Agency funding in one check for FY 14/15, except for the McCormick County Recreation Commission.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to pay over the FY 14/15 Inter Agency funding allocations except for the Recreation Commission, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith called for any other New Business to come before Council and receiving none, he called for an Executive Session to be held regarding discussion of contractual matters.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion for an **Executive Session**, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith dismissed all present, except for Council.

Upon return to regular session, Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to return to

regular session, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith reported no action was taken in executive session, discussion of contractual matters being held. He stated that no action needed to be taken in regular session as a result of the discussion in executive session.

11. Information Items

Mayor Smith stated there were no items Under Information. He stated the National Night Out event would be held on October 18, which included the Don't Fall for Drugs event held by Cornerstone. He also stated that MACK was having the Endless Summer event on August 16 from 5 to 9 pm in the Park. He also stated that the Clemson Extension annual dinner would be at De la Howe on Monday, August 18.

Mayor Smith stated the mammogram unit had been in Town and was a success, the number of recipients being unknown. It was also stated that the blood bank had been in Town at Michelle's Pizza.

Mayor Smith called for any other items to come before council and receiving none, he called for a motion to adjourn.

12. Adjournment

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion to adjourn, with Council Member Mr. Butler giving second. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn at approximately 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Clerk/Treasurer

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