

**Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 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
Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney
Attorney John D. Compton, III

Media Present: **None**

Other Guests: None

Mayor's Welcome & Comments:

Mayor Smith welcomed everyone present to the McCormick Town Council Meeting for the month of September. 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 **Anointed Hands** as business pick for the month of September. 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 September 3 & 5, 2014. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on September 5, 2014. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on September 5, 2014. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on September 5, 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 September at approximately 7:01 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, asking for guidance and direction of the meeting and for the full recovery and turnaround of Council Member Mrs. Franklin.

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 August 12, 2014. Mayor Smith called for action regarding the Minutes as presented. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to approve the Minutes as written, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

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

7. Legislation

Mayor Smith stated there were no items under Ordinances, Resolutions or Proclamations to be considered.

8. Reports

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

Chief Jones reported activity as follows:

Collisions Investigated 6; Traffic Offenses 10; Arrests 15; Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) 28; and Calls for Service 408.

Chief Jones stated the position ad for the vacant position had been published, there had been four requests for applications, but no applications returned. Chief Jones reported the recent armed robbery of Gingerich Gas, stating the suspect was not from this area and did not get a large amount of money, but a weapon was used. Chief Jones also reported the recent rash of

burglaries of electric meters from residences and some businesses. No events had been published for the month.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour asked if Chief Jones had the summary she had requested at the last meeting of Council. Chief Jones stated he did and gave a copy of the summary to her.

Mayor Smith thanked Chief Jones for his report, and called for further questions. No further questions being offered for Chief Jones, Mayor Smith proceeded to the **Fire Report**. With Chief Barron being absent, Mayor Smith gave the Fire Report for August as follows:

City calls 3; 1-automotive; 1-structure; 1-miscellaneous
County calls 7; 2-automotive; 4-structure; 1-brush
Total calls for service in August being 10 calls.

Under Notes, Chief Barron listed:
EMS update of radio communication, signal issues – distance and location
Yearly service testing continues for all emergency equipment.

Mayor Smith then called for the **Clerk/Treasurer's and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's** report.

Mrs. McKinney reported as follow:
Purchases of goods and services: 4% local; 12% out of town, 6% for personal services, contracted services at 24% and an equipment purchase at 54%.

Continuing/Upcoming Events listed included Safety Meeting for Third Qtr., 2014, the Audit Process for FY 13/14 General Fund, and the Full Cost Disclosure Report to the State-per capita cost of garbage collection – due October 1.

Under Filings, Mrs. McKinney reported the insurance renewal to SCMIRF. She stated that the insurance assessment review had been held and the Town's report card assessment showed the lowest rate possible – 0.500% - which should provide for a reduction in premium cost to the Town. She also reported the filing of the LOST Tax Credit Computation to the County Auditor/Treasurer for 2015 with the tax credit factor rate being 0.003739.

Under Publications, Mrs. McKinney reported the publication of the police officer's position in the McCormick Messenger. She also stated that the position was being published through the Municipal Association which is state wide.

For meetings, Mrs. McKinney listed her attendance at the Benefits at Work Conference in Columbia on August 25 pertaining to the Town's health insurance coverage, and staff meetings attended being held on August 11 and August 18.

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

Mrs. McKinney reported as follows for the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's report:
Business licenses: new – 1 contractor; and 5 renewals
Building Permit Coordination: 1-Outbuilding; 7-for repairs
Zoning Issues: None

Background Checks: 2-Employment; 11-Apartment; and 2-Other
Visitor's Log: Town Hall - 73; Police Department - 55; Fire Department – 1; for a total of 129.
Meetings Attended: National Night Out – August 4 and August 18; Staff Meetings on August 11 and August 18.

No new Businesses in Town were listed for 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. Jones, 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

Mayor Smith stated there were no items listed as New Business and called for any to come before Council. No New Business was offered.

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.

Attorney Compton stated that he felt the Clerk/Treasurer and the Chief of Police should remain. Mayor Smith stated he was going to excuse them, but would bring them back in when needed.

Executive Session

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 stated from the discussions in executive session, he was requesting the Attorney and the Clerk/Treasurer to draft a contract with regard to the assistance of the Sheriff's Department, when needed, in the Police Department, in covering the Town when there was a shortage in Police Officers.

Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion for the Attorney and Clerk/Treasurer to draft the contract as outlined, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

11. Information Items

Mayor Smith stated there were no items Under Information. He stated there was a Low Country Boil to be held on September 19 at the Gin Mill and Gold Rush would be on Saturday, September 20.

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

Council Member Mrs. Seymour inquired as to who owned the caboose at the depot and whether or not the area around the caboose could be cleaned. She also stated her concern with the depot, with the business owners leaving due to the increased rent, and what would become of it. She stated she would like to see the Town do something in order to keep the depot.

Attorney Compton stated the Town did have rights, either under condemnation/imminent domain, or the Town's lot cleaning ordinance as remedies. He stated the owner would have to be given notice.

Mayor Smith stated he knew of an individual who was interested in the depot and he would ask that individual to attend the Town's next council meeting.

Calling for other business to come before Council and receiving none, Mayor Smith called for a motion to adjourn.

12. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Clerk/Treasurer

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