

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

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
Ann Seymour

Staff Present:

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

Media Present:

Russell Cox, The Index-Journal

Visitors:

Michael Brown and Cherry Brown
Pastor Jim Kinsler, Lutheran Church by the
Lake
Honorable Gwen Chiles, Clerk of Court for
McCormick County and Ricky Chiles
Shirley Wardlaw
Twyler Johnson

Yasmine B. Adams (Continued on Last Page)

The regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council for April 10, 2012 was held at the McCormick One Stop Conference Room, 109 W. Augusta Street, Town of McCormick, SC at 7:00 PM. News Media had been notified of the meeting by e-mail and fax on April 5, 2012. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on April 5, 2012. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on April 5, 2012.

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Mayor Smith welcomed all present to the regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council, at approximately 7:03 pm, stating good evening to all and apologizing for the lack of seating space.

Mayor Smith stated that it was customary, prior to the meeting, that a business be picked as business of the month. He asked Council Member Long to do the drawing, and Council Member Long drew Strom's Funeral as business pick of the month for April.

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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 gave the invocation. Council Member Butler did so giving thanks for a great day, grand occasion, and that the meeting be governed accordingly.

Swearing-in of Elected Officials from the Town of McCormick's General Election held April 3, 2012

Honorable Gwen Chiles, Clerk of court for McCormick County, South Carolina called forward the Honorable Mayor Roy Smith, Jr. to be sworn in for his second full term as Mayor, he having first been elected to the office in September, 2006 serving a two year term upon the resignation of former Mayor Miriam Patterson Azevedo. He was successful in his first full term having been elected in April, 2008. Mayor Smith took his Oath of Office with dignity and humility.

Mayor Smith then called forward Council Members John C. (Cliff) Long, Eric T. Butler, and Ann D. Seymour who were also sworn in to their respective Council District seats, 2, 4, and 6.

Mayor Smith thanked everyone for being present, family and friends, stating that representing McCormick is one of his life's rewards and thanked everyone who had a part in sharing it with him.

4. Approval of Agenda as Written

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Council Member Mr. Long made the motion, duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour with the motion being unanimously approved.

5. General Public Comments

Mayor Smith opened the General Public Comments section of the meeting at approximately 7:07 pm.

Byron Thompson read a letter of appreciation, congratulations, and thanks to a man of great personal characteristics, integrity, truthfulness, a desire to better the youth of the community, and for all that he had done and was going to for the community of McCormick; a letter from George and Georgia Yeldell.

Mr. Thompson stated that he and Chairman Jim Lambeth of the McCormick School District wished to extend the same sentiments.

Honorable Charles Jennings, Chairman of the McCormick County Council, sent greetings from the County Council, stating that Vice Chair John Philcox and Council Member Earl Coleman were also in attendance. He stated that he looked forward to a continuing working relationship with the Town under Mayor Smith's leadership to increase quality of life for all

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residents of the McCormick community, job support and education, all to bring the people of McCormick together. He offered congratulations to Mayor Smith.

Mayor Smith stated he looked forward to working with the County and the School Board stating that he believed that when everyone worked together great things could happen.

Pastor Jim Kinsler, Lutheran Church by the Lake, stated that he and the Mayor had become good friends, and that he had attended the Prayer Breakfast held by Mayor Smith and had watched him as he sought to bring the community together, both in his elected position and spiritually. Pastor Kinsler stated he felt that the community, under Mayor Smith's leadership was moving in the right direction in making McCormick a great place to live and to raise children.

Mayor Smith stated that Pastor Kinsler was a good friend of his, they having shared thoughts and worked on projects; just a good friend.

The General Public Comments section was closed by Mayor Smith at 7:13 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 March 13, 2012 and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mr. Long made a motion to approve the Minutes as written, motion duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Bills** for March and called for any questions. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion for the bills to be paid in the usual manner, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Financial Statement** for March, along with the Receivables Report, and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mr. Long 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 Members Mr. Chiles and Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

7. Legislation

Under Legislation, Mayor Smith stated that Council had received a revised copy of the False Alarm Fire Ordinance. Mayor Smith stated that the revision from the March Council meeting had been made and asked Chief Barron to explain the change to Council.

Chief Barron stated that the change was to the offenses; the first and second offense being verbal and written warnings, the third offense having a \$50.00 charge, and the fourth through sixth offense having a \$150.00 charge, and for all others a \$300.00 charge.

Mayor Smith, after calling for questions and discussion, and receiving no further requests, called for a second reading and adoption of the Ordinance.

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Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated that Council had received a draft copy of the FY 2012/2013 General Fund Operating Budget. He stated that no action was needed, the draft being for review. He stated that Council would receive a final copy for the May meeting.

Mayor Smith stated that Council had in their agenda packages a copy of the Fair Housing Resolution for 2012. He stated that this was a resolution of fairness to all regardless of race, sex, gender regarding housing.

Mayor Smith stated that a motion to adopt the Resolution was needed. Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Johnson, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated that Council had received a copy of a Proclamation for Command Cadet Tyree Cunningham stating that he would be presenting this Proclamation during the ROTC's recognition service in May. Mayor Smith stated that Administrator Krumwiede would also be attending the recognition service.

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 March as follows:

Traffic Collisions 2; Traffic Offenses 38; Arrests 36; Offenses Over-all , and Calls for Service 655.

Chief Jones stated that one of the upcoming activities of the Department would be the "Drug Take Back" program which would be held in May. He stated that this would be held at the Food Lion from 10 AM to 2 PM. He stated that this was a nationwide initiative offered by DEA and the Police Department had participated in the event for the past two years. He stated that no liquid medications or needles were accepted.

As a sidebar, Administrator Krumwiede stated that he had written an article regarding the initiative and the concerns of EPA with medicines being flushed down toilets. He stated when this is done, it gets into creeks and surface water because drugs do not dissolve very quickly when flushed.

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

Chief Barron reported for the McCormick Fire Department:

For the City: 3 Structure Fires due to cooking; 4 Brush and 2 Automotive

For the County Response Area: 1 Mutual Aid-Brush; 2 Brush, and 2 Miscellaneous.

Total calls for service in March being 14, 8 more than the previous month.

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Under Notes, Chief Barron reported the upcoming firefighters physicals were scheduled for May, and on May 3, a Thursday, five different fire departments would be conducting a high water flow test around 6:30 PM behind White's Hardware on Pine Street. He stated that residents might notice a slight discoloration to the water and low pressure.

Administrator Krumwiede asked the Chief if a Red Flag Alert was in place at the moment, and Chief Barron stated not statewide. Administrator Krumwiede stated that this had to do with burning and that persons should call and get permission to burn when there were concerns.

Mayor Smith thanked Chief Barron for his report and then called upon the Clerk/Treasurer for her Report and the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's 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 7 new 33 renewals; building permit coordinations at 1 new; and 12 for repair; zoning issues 1 (mobile home in AG district); background checks 3 employment, 1 apartment; visitor's log for a total of 121 (77 for Town Hall; 44 for Police Department; Political Sign Permits issued 3; and meetings attended: Breakfast at West Carolina Telephone; Municipal Clerk/Treasurer training in Columbia, March 21-23; and Poll Managers/Municipal Election Commission meeting on March 29.

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

Administrator Krumwiede stated that he had attended the Historic Preservation Conference, SCHPO, in Columbia on Thursday, April 5. He stated that at the Library there one could search for historical documentation as well as family heritages. He stated that the Town being designated as a "certified local government" under SCHPO (pronounced Ship Po) had to have a commission, to which he stated that the Town's commission currently needed people to serve, if anyone was interested to see the Clerk, the commission having as its main function to oversee any changes to historic properties in Town. He stated that he attended the technology portion of the conference with emphasis on using the Internet such as Twitter, Facebook, to attract people to the community. He stated that one emphasis was being placed on establishing "Black Heritage Trails", and he stated that he would be discussing this more with the Mayor at a later date. He stated that being a CLG government, the Town could seek grants for historic preservation purposes. He stated that the conference was very interesting.

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

9. Old Business

Mayor Smith, called for any Old Business to come before Council. None was offered, and Mayor Smith closed the Old Business section of the meeting.

10. New Business

Under New Business, Mayor Smith stated that Council had information regarding the Annual Meeting of the Municipal Association and stated that if anyone wished to attend that they get

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their information in to the Clerk. He stated that he and Administrator Krumwiede would be attending.

Calling for other New Business, Council Member Mrs. Seymour asked that the striping on Main Street be looked at in that the striping was becoming so faded out that people could not see how to park.

Mayor Smith asked Administrator Krumwiede to check on this; Administrator Krumwiede that he would contact the former contractor to come and look into re-striping the area.

11. Information Items

Mayor Smith stated that no items were listed, but that he did want to remind Council of Spring Bonanza which would be held on April 21. He asked if there would be any set ups from the Town, and none were given.

Under closing comments, Mayor Smith again, stated he wanted to thank everyone for coming, and to come back, with Town Council meetings being held the second Tuesday of each month and were open to the public.

12. Adjournment

Calling for adjournment, a motion was given by Mayor Smith, duly seconded, and unanimously approved by all.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Clerk/Treasurer

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Jamille Adams
Maggie Banks
Rolinda Banks
Honorable Earl Coleman, McCormick County Council
Linda T. Jones
Byron and Mary Thompson
Honorable Charles Jennings, Chairman, McCormick County Council
Jacquelyn E. Mursier
Shelia Perrin
Honorable John Philcox, McCormick County Council
Columbus Stevens, McCormick County Administrator
Gloria Bell
Jim Lambeth, Chair, McCormick School Board
Kenny Puckett
Roberta Smith, Mother of Mayor Smith
Cpl. Jesse Wideman, McCormick Police Department
Honorable George Reid, Sheriff, McCormick County
Deputy Nick Moore, McCormick County Sheriff's Office
Pastor Al Bell, Light of Life Church