

**Town of McCormick, SC**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 12, 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:**

Police Chief J.R. Jones  
Fire Chief Mike Barron  
Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Judy Foster  
Administrator David Krumwiede  
Attorney John D. Compton, III

**Media Present:**

**None**

**Visitors:**

Shaaron Kohl  
Norma Curtis  
Members of the US Marine Corps:  
Jerry Todd, Staff Sergeant  
Roy Archer, Gunnery Sergeant  
Adam Jones, Staff Sergeant  
Shawn Cason, Staff Sergeant  
Tom Mead, Master Sergeant/Instructor

The regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council for **June 12, 2012**, was held at the McCormick One Stop's 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 on June 6, 2012. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on June 6, 2012. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on June 8, 2012. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on June 8, 2012.

**1. Welcome/Call to Order**

Mayor Smith welcomed all present to the regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town

Council, at approximately 7:00 pm.

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Mayor Smith welcomed everyone to the June Town Council Meeting, stating he was glad to see such good attendance and hoped everyone present would attend again.

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 BP Outlet as business pick of the month for June.

**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 Butler did so giving thanks for a great day, for all assembled, and that business of the town be taken care of and governed accordingly.

**4. Approval of Agenda as Written**

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the Agenda as written. Council Members Mr. Chiles made the motion, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Johnson with the motion being unanimously approved.

**5. General Public Comments**

Mayor Smith opened the General Public Comments section of the meeting at approximately 7:03 pm and stated that the Town had special guests present, members of the US Marine Corps who were present to tell Council of a training exercise to be held by them.

Staff Sergeant Adam Jones spoke on behalf of the members of the **US Marines** present thanking Council for allowing them to come and brief Council on a training exercise to be held August 14-29 in the McCormick area. Staff Sergeant Jones stated the members were graduates of the Special Ops School and would be participating in Phase IV of their training which trained them before deployment in various operations and included the last portion of their training. He stated that the Marines wanted to make sure the community was aware of their presence and thanked the Town, and especially Chief Jones and the Police Department, for their support in these exercises. He stated that the group would be stationed at Eden Hall, north of McCormick, would be in different areas of the County, with headquarters at the training (wet) site.

Mayor Smith again welcomed the group to the Town stating that it was good to have the soldiers in the community, and offered support from the Town in this exercise event.

Administrator Krumwiede asked about contact information, and Staff Sergeant Jones stated that the group would be working with Chief Jones and meeting with him to give him all the details and other information as needed.

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

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of

Council for May 8, 2012 and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mrs. **Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2012 – Page #3**

Seymour made a motion to approve the Minutes as written, motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Bills** for April, along with a copy of the Receivables report 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 May and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mr. Chiles 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. Johnson, and unanimously approved.

## **7. Legislation**

Under Legislation, Mayor Smith stated that Council had received a copy of the **FY 2012/2013 Town General Fund Operating Budget** and with no further changes having been made would need to give second reading and approval to the Budget ordinance.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion to give second reading and adoption to the Town's FY 2012/2013 General Fund Operating Budget, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, with said motion being unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had also received a draft copy of a proposed ordinance and resolution regarding the **Model Policy** and called upon Attorney Compton for discussion with Council.

Attorney Compton stated that this ordinance would repeal Ordinance 88-05 regarding payment of wages and would adopt the Model Policy by reference. He stated that this would be a better approach and would eliminate a lot of the definitional elements in the ordinance but include them in the Model Policy which would be adopted by resolution. He stated further that an executive session could be held at some later date to discuss the definitional elements further if Council so desired.

Council Member Mr. Chiles made a motion to adopt the Model Policy, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

Attorney Compton stated that there needed to be some clarification as to the motion given. He asked Council Member Mr. Chiles if he wished also to repeal Ordinance 88-05 which needed to be part of the motion in adopting the Model Policy and asked Council Member Mr. Chiles if he would be willing to amend his motion.

Council Member Mr. Chiles amended his motion to repeal Ordinance 88-05 and to adopt by resolution the Model Policy, said motion was duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

Discussion continued as to the adoption of the Resolution. It was stated that the Resolution

would be ready for the next meeting of Council.

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Mayor Smith reported that two Proclamations had also been issued, copies being in the Council's agenda packages:

Proclamation for Child Care Provider Day

Proclamation for Essie Banks who would have a 100 year old birthday event that he would be attending and presenting a proclamation for.

**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 May as follows:

Traffic Collisions 4; Traffic Offenses 19; Arrests 20; Offenses Over-all (Incident Reports filed) 19, and Calls for Service 575.

Mayor Smith thanked Chief Jones and called on Fire Chief Mike Barron to give the Fire Report.

Chief Barron's report showed the following activity for the McCormick Fire Department for May:

City calls: Structure: 2; Miscellaneous: 1

County calls: Brush: 1; Automotive: 1; False Alarms: 3.

Total calls for service in May: 8

Under Notes, Chief Barron reported that the Fire Chiefs had requested a change in dispatch standards for all 911 calls. The change would be to send two stations for all calls for service during the 6 am to 6 pm time period, Monday through Friday. This would help with the shortage of volunteers and in some instances having no response at all.

Chief Barron also stated that on June 28, at 7 pm, the Fire Station would be opened to the public for a brief presentation on the current fire service in McCormick, and hopefully open discussion from the community in regard to the future of the fire department and what could be done to ensure the continuance of fire protection for the community, essentially keeping a viable fire department running.

Chief Barron also reported that he had begun the process of applying for a FEMA grant for equipment and tools such as bunker gear, air packs and other items.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney reporting as follows:

Purchase of property, goods and services: 4% local, 17% out of town, 31% for personal services and 45% for contracted services. She reported an in-house meeting with the Mayor, the MASC Registration being held on May 9 (for annual meeting attendees), and attendance at the Women's in Business Luncheon on May 16. She stated the Town's insurance

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assessment review was held, and working with Administrator Krumwiede in the submission of various documents from the Town, she believe that a favorable report would result with a possible reduction of the Town's insurance premiums. She stated that the auditors had also been in and performed preliminary work on the FY 11/12 Town Budget.

Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. McKinney for her report and called upon Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. Foster to give her report.

Mrs. Foster reported as follows:

Business Licenses: new: 4 (contractors) and renewals: 9

Building Permit Coordinations: 6 for repairs

Zoning Issues: various including demo of trailer on Mims Drive, and food trailer On an area wide business lot with owner's knowledge; others included use requirements such as car wash in residential area (which is not allowed).

Background Checks: employment: 4; apartment: 4; and other; 1

Visitor's Log: 136 total visitors; 80 for Town Hall; 55 for Police Department; and 1 for the Fire Department

Meetings Attended: Business Breakfast on May 1; Relay for Life, along with Sergeant Jordan from 6 pm till midnight on May 11; and the Women in Business Luncheon on May 16.

Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. Foster for her report. He also stated to Council that when a new business opens in Town he has asked that Mrs. Foster send Council a letter letting them know of the opening so that they would be informed.

Discussion followed with regard to the demo of a trailer on Mims Drive. Procedure was questioned as to issuance of permits and notification to owners of non compliance in obtaining the permit. It was stated that a letter had been sent to the owners but a response had not been given. It was stated that a second letter could be sent by certified mail, return receipt notifying the owners of failure to obtain permit. It was stated that the time between the initial notice and the second certified notice could be a period of 30 days.

Mayor Smith called upon Attorney Compton, asking if he had anything else he wished to report to Council. Attorney Compton stated that he had nothing further to report.

Mayor Smith then called upon Administrator Krumwiede, welcoming him back after his being absence due to surgery.

Administrator Krumwiede stated he would like to report on SCMIRF, which was the acronym for the South Carolina Municipal Insurance Risk Financing fund of the Municipal Association, the Town's insurance carrier. He reported that the Town had received a favorable report card for 2012, this report setting the ground work for 2013. In this report, he reported that the Town had had no claims for property, auto liability and collision, general and tort issues, indicating no liability at this time. He stated the Town had received a 100% "no loss" rating.

Mayor Smith thanked Administrator Krumwiede, stating that all departments had done a good job.

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

### **9. Old Business**

Under Old Business, Mayor Smith stated that the Council Members who would be attending the Municipal Association's annual meeting should have in their packages, copies of their registration and housing forms, along with a confirmation for housing. He stated he believed that he, Administrator Krumwiede and Council Members Mrs. Franklin and Mrs. Seymour would be attending.

### **10. New Business**

Under New Business, Council had received a copy of the resignation letter for Council Member Mr. Long, Mr. Long having been appointed as County Magistrate. Congratulations were offered by Mayor Smith, and various members of Council and others upon his appointment. Mayor Smith thanked Judge Long for his dedication to the community and for his service as District 2 council representative.

Judge Long stated that he had served on Council for some ten years and enjoyed serving along side, what he felt to be, an honorable, legal body. He stated that in serving he felt that he was leaving a place better than was found in the beginning. He stated that he was proud to have served with such upstanding members of the community and others as well. He stated that he hoped that council would continue to maintain its fiscal responsibility to the citizens of McCormick and applauded the council for their good stewardship of the town's resources. He stated he was excited about his new position and in being able to continue to serve not on the town but the McCormick community at large. A round of applause was given to Judge Long by those in attendance.

Mayor Smith asked Judge Long to be available at the next meeting of Council so that he could be recognized for his service as Council Member for District 2.

### **11. Information Items**

Mayor Smith stated no items were listed, but that he did want to remind Council of certain events: Thunder Over Thurmond in July, the Playground equipment now being opened at the Library; he having attended the opening on June 9, the Mims Parade on June 30 beginning at 10 am downtown and in the MACK Park, the de la Howe Dairy Festival on June 16.

Mayor Smith reported that the parking spaces had been re-stripped on Main Street.

Calling for other comments, Council Member Seymour reported that the area on Walnut Street was continuing to worsen in that a swimming pool was now located in the front yard.

Mayor Smith stated that he had met with Attorney Compton on the Walnut Street issue and work was continuing with regard to abatement of the issue.

### **12. Adjournment**

Calling for adjournment, a motion was given by Council Member Mr. Butler, duly seconded by

Council Member Mr. Long, and unanimously approved.

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Council adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra McKinney  
Clerk/Treasurer

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