

**Town of McCormick, SC**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 11, 2012**

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**Attendance:**

**Members Present:**

**Mayor:** Roy Smith, Jr.

**Council Members:**

Dolly P. Franklin  
James C. (Calvin) Chiles  
Eric T. Butler  
Jesse E. (JE) Johnson  
Ann Seymour

**Elected Official – August 28, 2012**

**Special Election:** Nathan Jones

**Staff Present:**

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

**Staff Absent:**

Attorney John D. Compton, III

**Media Present:**

**None Present**

**Visitors:**

Thomas Cannady, Robert Galloway Nellie Jones, Carolyn Sibert, Donn & Christine Lee, Pastor Gary Deberry and Youth Minister Grant Heckel, McCormick First Baptist Church

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The regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council for **September 11, 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 and fax on September 7, 2012. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on September 7, 2012. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on September 8, 2012. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on September 7, 2012.

**1. Welcome/Call to Order**

Mayor Smith welcomed all present to the regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council, at approximately 7:01 pm, noting the attendance of two ministers, Reverend DeBerry and Reverend Lee.

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 Mr. Butler to do the drawing, and "Pack Rats" was drawn as business pick of the month for September. Mayor Smith asked

that they be sent a Certificate of Appreciation for having their business in Town.

## **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 good day, gathering, a good meeting with right decisions being made in taking care of government business.

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### ***SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER – NATHAN JONES – COUNCIL MEMBER – DISTRICT 2 – BY MAYOR ROY SMITH, JR.***

***The Swearing In Ceremony was done by Mayor Smith and newly elected Council Member for District 2, Nathan Jones, took his seat at Council Table after being duly sworn in.***

***Mayor Smith asked Council Member Mr. Jones if he had any comments he wished to make.***

***Council Member Mr. Jones thanked the Mayor, congratulated his wife for her standing by his side, and stated that he would serve the Town as best he could.***

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## **4. Approval of Agenda as Written**

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the Agenda as written. Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion, duly seconded by Council Members 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 7:05 pm and called for any public comments.

Pastor Gary DeBerry of McCormick First Baptist Church spoke to Council regarding the Church's interest in using the building which was formerly used by Piedmont Tech. He introduced Grant Heckel, the Church Youth Minister stating that he also worked with young families. Pastor DeBerry thanked Mayor Smith and Council for letting them attend and considering the use of the building. He stated the reason for their interest was that the building was close to the Church, and would help the Church in its community ministries for children, youth, and the community overall. He stated that some of the ministries of the Church were the Awana Clubs and Youth Programs. He stated that these miniserries were attended not only by church members but unchurched members. He stated that the Church did not have enough space to accommodate all of the programs and the increased numbers in attendance. Pastor DeBerry stated he was excited to be working with the Town in **Regular**

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possibly using the property, as God was opening different areas of ministry for the Church. He stated the Church did a fall festival as well as a fish fry in trying to reach out to the community.

Grant Heckel, also spoke to Council, again stating he worked with the youth and children in the church and community and was beginning programs for 18-25 year olds and in helping them to try and find direction and leadership. He stated being able to use the property adjacent to the Church would give more room and allow the Church to continue to grow. He stated it was a convenient location for the Church's purposes. He stated to change a community, you start in a community. He stated the Church offered faith based ministries, and it would be a good thing for both the Town and Church.

Mayor Smith stated that he appreciated all that the Church was doing in the community. He stated that he had seen Mr. Parnell, on many occasions, picking up kids in the community.

Pastor DeBerry and Youth Minister Mr. Heckel then asked to be excused from the meeting.

Mayor Smith then called for any additional general public comments.

Mr. Thomas Cannady, in attendance, spoke mostly to the issue of education of children, stating that recently in the papers, McCormick was given a low score. Mr. Cannady also thanked the Church for the work being done in the through the disaster relief program. He stated that he knew there were many carpenters in the Church.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour related that in her youth, as a young person, she attended activities at the Log Cabin on Friday nights by way of the Panther's Club – McCormick High School's ball teams being named "Panthers". She stated that Dr. Simpkins of First Baptist, ran them out, calling it a "den of iniquity" for their dancing. She stated that it seemed that the use of the Log Cabin was coming full circle.

Mayor Smith stated that work was being done to come up with a written document for Council's review.

Thomas Cannady continued his comments asking if anyone knew how much it was costing for a child's education. He stated that it cost some \$23,000.00 to take care of inmates. He stated that he would like to see better results from his payment of taxes.

Mayor Smith thanked everyone for their comments and closed the General Public Comments section of the meeting at approximately 7:10 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 14, 2012, and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to approve the Minutes as written, motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler and unanimously approved.

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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.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour stated she had several questions.

Digital Alley – what was it?

The Clerk/Treasurer stated that this was for the incar video and camera in the Police Department, Digital Alley being a technology provider.

McCormick County – what was the County being paid for?

Mayor Smith stated that this was for joint services for improvements to the impound lot used by the Sheriff's Office, the EMS, and the Police Department.

All Terrain – additional amount – what was it for?

The Clerk/Treasurer stated that this was for the Log Cabin.

Mayor Smith stated that the Log Cabin was not included in the original contract and when Piedmont Tech moved, the landscaping had to be done by the Town.

Mayor Smith then called for any additional questions or comments and receiving none, he called for a motion regarding the Bills.

Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion that the bills be paid in the usual manner, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles 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 and recorded as part of the Minutes, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

### **7. Legislation**

Mayor Smith stated no items were to be presented under Legislation.

### **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 for the month of August as follows:  
Collisions Investigated 2; Traffic Offenses 16; Arrests 22; Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) 25, and Calls for Service 660.

He stated that National Night Out was held on August 30, was well attended, and was a good community outreach for kids.

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Asked about the Gold Rush Festival, Chief Jones stated that this would be on Saturday (September 15) and that he had asked for extra units to be on hand. He stated that the Highway Patrol and the County would also have officers in the area. One concern seemed to be kids along the parade route darting in front of cars to get candy, Chief Jones stated that this would be monitored more closely and that he would ask the participants to keep their kids behind the barriers.

Mayor Smith thanked Chief Jones and called upon Fire Chief Mike Barron for the Fire Report.

Chief Barron reported that August was busier than usual, light in the City; heavier in the County, and gave the following data: City limits 1-Structure; 2-Automotive, for a total of three calls; County Response Area: 4-Automotive; 2-Structure; 4-Brush Fires; and 2-False Alarms, for a total of 12 for the County. Total Calls were 15 for August, with four missed calls, mostly daytime, with one on an early Sunday morning.

Under Notes, Chief Barron asked that Council entertain two motions, one to bring on two volunteers, and one to approve budget expenditures of approximately \$4,000.00 to replace safety gear, gloves and other miscellaneous items.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion to bring on the two volunteers, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion to approve the expenditure of approximately \$4,000.00 to replace the safety gear, gloves and other miscellaneous items in the Fire Department, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated that the Workshop concerning Fire Department issues had been held and that they would get with Chief Barron on this at a later time. Mayor Smith stated that he had also met with Fire Chief Mike Sharpe of Sandy Branch, and it seemed that Sandy Branch was having similar problems as McCormick. Mayor Smith stated that he understood that Fire Chief Sharpe and Fire Chief Barron were to meet with the County, and Mayor Smith asked to be kept informed of that meeting. He asked that Chief Barron report back to Council at the October meeting.

Council Member Mr. Chiles asked about the false alarms and if they were eligible to be charged out and funds collected. Chief Barron reported that these were for the School which was in the Plum Branch district, but had been answered by Sandy Branch, there being no charges due the Town.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour stated that her son worked with Martinroads Fire Department and had stated that he would be glad to come before Council and explain how their system worked, how it was connected with ISO, she asking was connected to ISO.

Chief Barron stated that the Town had an ISO rating of 5 which affected property owners insurance premiums, the lower the rating, the greater discount on insurance premiums.

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

Mrs. McKinney reported data as follows:

Purchase of property, goods and services: 8% local, 17% out of town, 13% for personal services and 22% for contracted services and 40% for InterAgency Funding. She reported attendance at two functions, the Chamber Breakfast, which the Town hosted, and the Special Election held on August 28. Reporting data from the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's report, Mrs.

McKinney gave the following information:

Business Licenses: new: 5 renewals 5 with 1 new business in town and 4 contractors; the new businesses being DA Cellular, at 116 South Main Street.

Building Permit Coordinations: 4 for repairs

Zoning Issues: three

Background Checks: employment: 7; apartment: 5

Visitor's Log: 1128 total visitors; 71 for Town Hall; 53 for Police Department; and 4 for the Fire Department

Meetings Attended: National Night Out, Chamber Breakfast, Business License Training in Ninety Six, and the Special Election on August 28.

Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. McKinney, and called for Administrator Krumwiede to give his report.

Administrator Krumwiede reported to had attended the Municipal Association's Advocacy meeting in Clinton at Presbyterian College, advocacy meaning promoting legislation. He stated there were some 50 attendees, and four topics were presented: Enclave Annexation, the Municipal Capital Projects Sales Tax, Rehabilitation of Abandoned and Dilapidated Buildings Act, and the Local Government Fund. He had given the Mayor and Council Members an information sheet outlining the proposed legislation of each. He reported on each item, noting that the Local Government Fund was important as it related to funding to the Town from the State. He stated presently funding was at 82% and it was being proposed that funding go back to the 100% level. He stated that he would be attending the Municipal Legislative Action Day in February where towns and cities met with their legislators on various issues.

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

### **9. Old Business**

Mayor Smith stated under Old Business, Council had received a copy of the notes that were taken from the Workshop on Fire Department issues for information and review and this matter could be discussed at a later time, after the meeting with the Fire Chiefs and the County.

### **10. New Business**

Mayor Smith stated that there no items for discussion under New Business and called for any from Council.

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Council Member Mrs. Seymour stated that there was a new sign in the middle of Town at the railroad tracks. She asked if permission had been received from CSX.

Mayor Smith stated that the improvements had been in the works for some time, and that permission had been received not only from CSX but from DOT as well.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour stated that she felt things of this nature should come before council beforehand, and Mayor Smith stated that he had informed Council in several reports.

**11. Information Items**

Mayor Smith stated no items were listed. He asked Council to be aware of the following happenings in Town:

Gold Rush – September 15  
Fall Festival (Cornerstone) on October 20 (MACK Park)

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

**12. Adjournment**

Mayor Smith, called for the motion for adjournment, duly given by Council Member Mr. Butler, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, and unanimous approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra McKinney  
Clerk/Treasurer

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