

Mayor Smith
J. Calvin Chiles
 9/12/2018

Town of McCormick, SC
 Regular Town Council Meeting
 Tuesday, August 14, 2018 – 7:00 PM

McCormick One Stop Conference Room, 109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC

Attendance:

- Mayor:** Roy Smith, Jr.
- Council Members Present:** Dolly Franklin
 Nathan Jones
 J. Calvin Chiles
 Ann Seymour
- Council Members Absent:** Eric Butler - medical
 Alvin Jennings – medical
- Staff Present:** Police Chief W.D. Bo Willis
 Fire Chief Mike Barron
 Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney
- Town Attorney:** John D. Compton, III
- Guests:** Kathy Stokes, Resident, East Gold Street
 Chuck Cook, Corporate Secretary &
 Liaison, Public Affairs Committee –
 Savannah Lakes Village, Inc.
 & Mrs. Cook
 Marianella Araya R, Attorney Compton's
 Guest
 Charlotte Tallent, Chamber of Commerce
 Betty Sue Wilkie
 Rosemary
 Teresa Kemp, SC Wilds Plantation
 Quilts
- News Media:** Kathy Stokes, McCormick Messenger
- Appearance of Citizens:** Charlotte Tallent, Chamber of Commerce

Public Notification:

August 9, 2018 - News Media notified of the meeting by e-mail

August 9, 2018 - Posting Public Notice to the Town's website, townofmccormicksc.org.

August 9, 2018 - All other parties requesting notification either by fax, e-mail or correspondence

August 9, 2018 - Agenda Packages delivered to Town Council Members

August 9, 2018 - Public Notice posting - Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area

Welcome:

Mayor Smith welcomed all present and thanked them for their attendance. He stated two Council Members would not be in attendance, Eric Butler and Alvin Jennings, due to medical issues.

1. Call to Order:

At approximately 7:00 PM, Mayor Smith called to order the regular, scheduled meeting for August 14, 2018.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Smith asked all present to stand and offer the Pledge of Allegiance; all did so in a patriotic manner.

3. Invocation:

In the absence of Council Member Mr. Butler, Mayor Smith offered the invocation, he doing so, seeking mercy and grace, guidance of physician's hands for those Council Members with illness, intervention and guidance in conduct of meeting, and blessings for all other and the community of McCormick.

4. Approval of Agenda as Written:

Mayor Smith called for any discussion regarding the Approval of Agenda as Written, and receiving none, called for a motion; Council Member Mrs. Seymour offered the motion to approve the agenda as written, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones and unanimously approved.

5. Appearance of Citizens:

Mayor Smith called upon Charlotte Tallent, with the Chamber of Commerce, to speak to Council.

Mrs. Tallent brought hers, and other community residents' and merchant's, concerns to Council regarding unkept properties in the downtown and other areas of the Town. She spoke particularly regarding the area in front of the Chamber and the Memorial Garden area behind the Chamber. She stated there was a group, the DAR, and another person who stated they would see to these areas if the Town gave permission and the irrigation system was turned back on for watering the planters. She stated that some concerns had to do with the overall look and the potential for business opportunities being looked at negatively because of the unkept areas. She also stated there were concerns with the many dilapidated buildings downtown. She showed photos of several areas of concern, and stated her concern with regard to these properties and the possibility of them becoming crime and drug problem

areas.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour addressed Mrs. Tallent's remarks stating the Town's hands are tied when it comes to private properties and trying to enforce ordinances to clean up or condemn.

Council Member Mr. Chiles addressed Mrs. Tallent's remarks stating that he was concerned as well and stated that some issues could be solved where others could not.

Mayor Smith addressed Mrs. Tallent's remarks stating he and Council Member Mr. Chiles had attended the Municipal Association's annual meeting and this issue was one of the main topics of concern for a lot of cities and towns and the Town of McCormick was not the only one with these issues.

Mrs. Tallent stated a meeting of the downtown merchants was being considered to address these and other issues.

Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. Tallent for her comments.

6. Regular Town Council Business Items:

Mayor Smith stated Council had received copies of the regular Town Council Business items, Minutes of the regular meeting of Council for July 10, a copy of the Bills for July, and the monthly Financial Statement for July, all for review, prior to the meeting. He called for any questions on, or action regarding, the regular Town Council business items as presented, noting that the FY 17/18 audit was now in progress regarding the Financial Statement.

No questions or discussion being offered, Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion that the Minutes be approved as written, the Bills be paid in the usual manner, and the Financial Statement be received as information, said motion was duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, and unanimously approved.

7. Legislation:

Mayor Smith stated Council had received copies of the legislative items for review prior to the meeting.

Ordinance No. 2018-07-10-01 – Revised Business License Handbook (MASC, 2018; adopting NAIS Codes) – second reading/adoption; Mayor Smith called for second reading/adoption. Council Member Mrs. Seymour offered the motion, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 2018-07-10-02 – 2018 Fire Code Update – second reading/adoption; Mayor Smith called for second reading/adoption. Council Member Mr. Chiles offered the motion, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 2018-07-10-01 – Mayor Smith stated that signatures for this Resolution was needed; and Council Members proceeded to sign signature pages for the Ordinances and the

Resolution.

Mayor Smith stated there were **no Proclamations issued.**

8. Reports:

Mayor Smith stated Council had received copies of the July Departmental Reports – Police, Fire, Town Clerk/Treasurer, and Deputy Town Clerk/Treasurer for review prior to the meeting.

Mayor Smith called for questions regarding each of the Reports, Police, Fire, Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney asked that her report be amended to correct the dates for the Zoning Ordinance Update from January to June to July to December.

No further questions or discussion being offered, Mayor Smith called for action by Council.

Council Member Mr. Chiles made a motion to approve all reports, with the corrected noted by Mrs. McKinney, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Franklin and unanimously approved

9. Old Business:

Mayor Smith stated no items had been listed under Old Business and called for any to come from Council. No Old Business items were offered.

10. New Business:

Mayor Smith stated one items was listed under New Business, request of Clerk/Treasurer to pay over the Inter Agency funding amounts as approved in the Budget – September 1. Mayor Smith named the agencies and stated this was a part of the budget every year.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to pay the funding amounts as requested, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, and unanimously approved.

Before leaving New Business, Council Member Mrs. Seymour stated she wanted to congratulate Mrs. Wilkie (in attendance) on receiving the Garden Club of the Month designation for her improvements to the East Augusta side street.

Before adjournment, Mayor Smith stated there were two events to mention:

Back to School – August 20, with the Message Board reflecting this date, and
Gold Rush – September 15.

11. Adjournment:

Mayor Smith stated the final item was adjournment and called for a motion.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion to adjourn, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones and unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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