

**Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2020 – 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
Eric Butler

Council Members Absent:

Ann Seymour, Medical
Alvin Jennings, Work-related

Staff Present:

Police Chief W.D. Bo Willis
Fire Chief Mike Barron
Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney

Town Attorney:

Absent

Police Officer:

Patrolman Eric New

Police Candidate:

Gary Gable, Jr.

Guests:

Shaaron Kohl
Charlotte Tallent, Executive Director,
Chamber of Commerce
Chuck Cook, Corporate Secretary &
Liaison, Public Affairs Committee –
Savannah Lakes Village, Inc.
& Mrs. Cook
White Family Members, Mrs. June White,
Maurice C. White & Hsueh Ann White
Gable Family Members, Gary & Susie Gable
Angela Gable Watts
Mary White

For Appearance of Citizens:

None

News Media:

None

Public Notification:

January 10, 2020 - News Media – McCormick Messenger and The Index Journal - notified of the meeting by e-mail

Posting to the Town's website, **townofmccormicksc.org**.

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

Public Notice - Posting - Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area

Agenda Posted to Rear Entrance of the One Stop Conference Room – January 14, 2020

FOIA Notifications: January 14, 2020:

Chuck Cook, Corporate Secretary & Liaison, Public Affairs Committee – Savannah Lakes Village, Inc.

Charlotte Tallent, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce

Welcome:

Mayor Smith welcomed and thanked those in attendance for the Town's regular council meeting for January, stating Happy New Year. He announced the absences of Council Member Mrs. Seymour, due to illness, the absence of Council Member Mr. Jennings, due to being out of town, and the absence of the Town Attorney.

1. Call to Order:

At approximately 7:05 PM, the regular Town Council meeting for the month of January was called to order by Mayor Smith. Calling for the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stood and offered the Pledge of Allegiance in a patriotic manner. Mayor Smith called for Council Member Mr. Butler to give the invocation; Council Member Mr. Butler did so, being thankful for the day, seeking divine intervention, and healing mercies for Council Member Mrs. Seymour.

2. Approval of Agenda as Presented:

Mayor Smith, calling for any questions or discussion regarding the **Agenda as Presented**, and receiving none, called for the approval of the Agenda as presented.

Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, said motion being duly second by Council Member Mrs. Franklin, with said motion being unanimously approved.

Recognition of White's Hardware – 100 Years of being in business and serving the McCormick Community

Mayor Smith called forward Mr. Maurice White and presented the White Family, Mrs. June White, and Hsueh Ann White, being present as well, a plaque in observance of the 100 years of being in business. Mayor Smith stated that this accomplishment spoke volumes of the White Family, stating he hoped to look for another 100 years of business and service to the community.

**Oaths of Office
Police Officer Eric New
Police Candidate Gary Gable, Jr.**

Mayor Smith stated he would like to approve each officer individually and swear both in together.

**Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion to approve Police Office Eric New, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, with Council approving; Council Member Mr. Chiles abstaining due to family connections.
Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion to approve Police Candidate Gary Gable, Jr., said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, and unanimously approved.**

Mayor Smith then proceeded to give the oath of office to both officers, stating both were local men, from local families; Mayor Smith stated he appreciated the interest shown by these two men in serving with the Town's Police Department.

Police Chief Willis stated that Officer New would be attending a one-week certification class, and Officer Gable would be attending a four-week certification class.

3. Appearance of Citizens/Submitted Requests:

No written requests had been received by the deadline for notice, and no one signed up to speak to Council at the meeting.

4. Regular Town Council Business Items:

Council had received copies of the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement for December for review prior to the meeting.

- A) **Minutes** - Motion to Approve as Written
- B) **Bills** – Motion to Pay in Usual Manner
- C) **Financial Statement** - Motion to Accept as Information

Mayor Smith called for any discussion or comments from Council regarding the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement. Receiving none, Mayor Smith called for a motion regarding the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement.

Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion to approve the Minutes, the Bills, and the Financial Statement, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, with said motion being unanimously approved.

5. Legislation for consideration:

Council had received copies of all Legislative items for review prior to the meeting. Mayor Smith stated one ordinance was listed for consideration:

Ordinance - O-2020-01-12401 – Consideration/First Reading – Fixed Assets Policy for FY 20/21 to comply with auditor recommendations regarding recording and depreciation

Mayor Smith asked the Clerk/Treasurer to address.

Mrs. McKinney stated in conducting the last audit, the auditor had recommended that a policy be put in place to address the recording and depreciation of town assets, the adoption of the Fixed Asset Policy would comply with that request.

Council Member Mr. Butler made a motion to give first reading to O-2020-01-14-01, FY 20/21 Fixed Asset Policy, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated that one Resolution was listed for consideration, R-2020-01-14-01, 2020 Safety Policy & Management Letter to comply with Town's insurance(s) requirements through MASC.

Mayor Smith asked the Clerk/Treasurer to address.

Mrs. McKinney stated that this Resolution was a part of the Town's safety program and insurances through the Municipal Association, and in having, the Town received a discount on premiums.

Council Member Mr. Butler made a motion to adoption Resolution – R-2020-01-14-01, Safety Policy, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated one Proclamation had been issued – School Choice Week, stating that this Proclamation was in support of the schools.

6. Reports:

Council had received copies of all reports prior to the meeting for review.

Regarding the **A) Police Report** - Mayor Smith called for any comments or questions.

Council Member Mr. Chiles stated he had a question regarding calls for service, and whether the number had increased or decreased. Chief Willis stated that the calls for service were up, with violent crime being the same.

Regarding the **B) Fire Report** – Mayor Smith called for any comments or questions. Council Member Mr. Chiles stated he had the same type question of the Fire Chief as to the percentage of calls in Town. Fire Chief Barron stated that approximately 43% were Town and 68% were County, with an overall increase in call volume of 12%.

C) Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Smith called for any comments or questions regarding the Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Reports; no comments or questions were offered.

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve all Reports as presented.

Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion to approve the Reports, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, with said motion being unanimously approved.

7. Old Business:

Mayor Smith stated under Old Business, Council had received a copy of the FY 20/21 Budget Schedule for information.

8. New Business:

Mayor Smith stated two items were listed under New Business **A) Filing of 2019 Statement of Economic Interests and B) Report on Contracts for 2019.**

Mayor Smith stated that it was important to get the 2019 Statement of Economic Interest filed on time, by March 30, because after that date, a \$100 a day penalty was imposed.

With regard to the Report on Contracts, the Mayor called for a motion to receive as information as the contract for Powell's Trash would expire on February 29, with a contract renewal and amount of increase to be issued as per the FY 19/20 Budget.

Council Member Mr. Chiles offered the motion to receive the Report on Contracts as information, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Franklin, and unanimously approved.

Mayor's Concluding Comments:

Mayor Smith stated with regard to the Streetscape Improvements for South Main at Depot Area he was working with JLA and AOS to develop a contract for the improvements to include landscaping, striping, and widening of the parking spaces and paving of the street, with additional work to include signage to East Augusta Street, and Town Clock upgrades.

For the Census 2020 – Be Counted – Mayor Smith called for Mrs. McKinney to address.

Mrs. McKinney stated that the Complete Count Committee was being spearheaded by the County, with several meetings having been held. She stated the Town had placed information on the Message Board and that a banner was being made to put at the Hardee's location.

Mayor Smith stated also that a KYI article would be in the Messenger regarding the importance of Census and everyone being counted.

For the MLK Holiday and Celebration, Mayor Smith stated the Town would be observing the holiday on Monday, January 20. He stated that the Program of Celebration would be held on January 19, at the McCormick Middle School beginning at 4 pm. He also stated that the Willington Center would also be holding a celebration in honor of Dr. King.

Mayor Smith stated that the Chamber Annual meeting would be held on January 22 at Liberty Hill, with speakers from CPW, West Carolina, and John de la Howe School. He stated tickets were on sale and would be required.

In closing, before adjournment, Mayor Smith thanked Chief Willis for the Police Calendars for 2020.

9. Adjournment:

Mayor Smith, calling for other items to come before council and receiving none, then called for adjournment.

Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion to adjourn, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, with said motion being unanimously approved.

Meeting concluded at approximately 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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