

**Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 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
J. Calvin Chiles
Eric Butler
Ann Seymour
Alvin Jennings

Council Members Absent: Nathan Jones

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

Town Attorney: Absent

Guests: Shaaron Kohl
Charlotte Tallent, Executive Director,
Chamber of Commerce
Chuck Cook, Corporate Secretary &
Liaison, Public Affairs Committee –
Savannah Lakes Village, Inc.
& Mrs. Cook
Maurice C. White
Marge Elmore
Faye Hood

For Appearance of Citizens: **None**

News Media: **None**

Public Notification:

February 7, 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 – February 11, 2020

FOIA Notifications: February 11, 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 February. He stated two changes would be made to the posted agenda, the presentation of an award for Maurice C. White by Charlotte Tallent, Chamber of Commerce, and the deletion of the Executive Session if the Town Attorney did not arrive for the meeting.

1. Call to Order:

At approximately 7:04 PM, the regular Town Council meeting for the month of February 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 guidance and governance of the meeting, strength for Council Member Mrs. Seymour and others.

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 Mr. Jennings, with said motion being unanimously approved.

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.

Mayor Smith called for Mrs. Tallent to make the presentation to Mr. White. Mrs. Tallent presented the Award of Excellence from the Chamber's Annual Meeting to Mr. White for his business – White Hardware – and the 100th anniversary.

4. Regular Town Council Business Items:

Council had received copies of the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement for January 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 Mrs. Seymour made the motion to approve the Minutes as written, pay the Bills in the usual manner, and accept the Financial Statement as information, said

motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jennings, 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 second and final reading:

Ordinance - O-2020-01-14-01 – Fixed Assets Policy for FY 20/21 to comply with auditor recommendations regarding recording and depreciation.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to give second and final reading to O-2020-01-14-01, FY 20/21 Fixed Asset Policy, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Chiles and Mr. Jennings, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated that one Resolution was listed for consideration, R-2020-02-11-01, 2020 Census Partnership.

Mayor Smith asked the Clerk/Treasurer to address.

Mrs. McKinney spoke to the need for an accurate count of the Census be made, the groups that were primarily missed in 2010, and the reasons why the count was so important – dollars back to the community and representation. Council had been given additional Census information to take back to their districts.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to adopt Resolution – R-2020-02-11-01, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jennings, and unanimously approved.

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. Police Chief Willis asked to address Council, stating that he had given each Council Member an activity report geared to their district; he stated he hoped to have these in their agenda packages next month, along with the regular monthly report.

Regarding the **B) Fire Report** – Mayor Smith called for any comments or questions. Council Member Mr. Chiles stated he had a question with regard to the fourth point – regarding reduction in dispatch of calls, lack of personnel to handle, and increased time required to control.

Fire Chief Barron stated this was regarding dispatch calls to brush fires and alarms. He stated that the primary fire station, for instance – Station 30 – the Town would be dispatched first, and if determined, then other fire stations would be dispatched. With prior calls, all stations were being dispatched, and once on scene, determination was made as to which fire station was primary. Essentially, this would serve as to eliminate un-necessary responses to these type calls – brush and alarm.

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. Jennings made the motion to approve the Reports, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Franklin, with said motion being unanimously approved.

7. Old Business:

Mayor Smith stated under Old Business, Council had received a reminder for **A) Filing of 2019 Statement of Economic Interests and B) Report on Contracts for 2019, B) Copy of FY 20/21 Budget Schedule, and C) Copy of April 7 2020 Election Schedule**, the last two items being for information only. He stressed the importance of filing the Ethics form as there was a \$100 dollar a day fine if not filed.

8. New Business:

Mayor Smith stated two items were listed under New Business, and called for any to come from Council. None was offered. He reminded Council to return the annual yearly employments forms to the Clerk/Treasurer.

Mayor Smith stated the **Executive Session** would be postponed, as the Town Attorney was not in attendance.

Mayor's Concluding Comments:

Mayor Smith, concluding, stated February is Black History Month. He also stated that the turnout for the HGTV event had good participation, and thanked all those who had worked to get the event together, Mrs. Tallent, the Chamber of Commerce, and others.

9. Adjournment:

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

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

Meeting concluded at approximately 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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