

Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 – 7:00 PM
McCormick One Stop Conference Room, 109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC

Attendance:

Mayor:

Roy Smith, Jr.

Council Members Present:

Nathan Jones
J. Calvin Chiles
Eric Butler
Alvin Jennings
Ann Seymour

Council Members Absent:

Dolly Franklin

Staff Present:

Major/Assistant Chief Tracey Jordan
Fire Chief Mike Barron
Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney

Town Attorney:

John D. Compton, III

Guests:

Chuck Cook, Corporate Secretary &
Liaison, Public Affairs Committee –
Savannah Lakes Village, Inc.
& Mrs. Cook
Shaaron Kohl
Charlotte Tallent, Chamber of Commerce
Mrs. Compton
Heather McNally, MACK
Eddie Talbert, Resident, Brown Street
Donn & Christine Lee

News Media:

None

Public Notification: March 8, 2019

News Media 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

FOIA Notifications: March 12, 2019

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

Charlotte Tallent, Chamber of Commerce

Welcome:

Mayor Smith welcomed and thanked those in attendance for being present for the Town's regular meeting stating Mrs. Franklin was absent due to illness.

1. Call to Order:

At approximately 7:01 PM, the regular Town Council meeting for March was called to order by Mayor Smith.

Mayor Smith stated there was a Resolution which was not listed on the agenda that he would like to announce – it being a Resolution recognizing March 10-16 as “Sunshine Week”. He stated that this Resolution was in support of open government and the Freedom of Information Act. Mayor Smith stated that Heather McNally was present in place of Mrs. (Janice) Grizzard, who was ill.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Calling for the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stood and offered the Pledge of Allegiance in a patriotic manner.

3. Invocation:

Mayor Smith called for Council Member Mr. Butler to give the invocation; Council Member Mr. Butler did so, being grateful for the day, seeking governance, guidance and direction, and good decision making in conducting business of council, and for comfort and good health for Mrs. Franklin.

4. Approval of Agenda as Written:

Mayor Smith called for 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. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

5. Appearance of Citizens, Public Comments:

Mayor Smith called forward Heather McNally of the MACK to give an update on MACK programs.

Ms. McNally handed out packets of information to the Mayor and Council and stated that the MACK in the next year would celebrate its 35th Anniversary. She gave a brief overview of the programs offered through the MACK, especially implementing the new branding, partnerships with the community, donors, and state agencies – S.C. Arts Commission, the completion of the Main Street mural, working with Willington, and the rehab of the Keturah Hotel. She stated at some point there would be a capital campaign program started for the cost of the repairs with hopes to have the rehab completed in time for the 35th anniversary.

Mayor Smith then called forward Eddie Talbert, resident of Brown Street.

Mr. Talbert handed out photos of the areas on Brown Street needing attention. He stated the roadway along side his residence needed asphalt placed down and talked to Council regarding Railroad Avenue and tractor trailer trucks trying to access Highway 28 and having no place to turn.

Mayor Smith stated the Town had been working with DOT and that Mr. Talbert needed to talk to DOT regarding his (Mr. Talbert's) concerns.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour stated to Mr. Talbert that the Town did not maintain any roads or streets in the Town and DOT needed to be contacted regarding his concerns.

Major Jordan stated that DOT was to put up No Thru Trucks signs in the area which would direct the trucks in the right direction since their GPS systems were directing them to the Railroad Avenue/Brown Street area.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour also mentioned that the roads were in bad shape due to mail carriers and the recent heavy rains; she stated that gravel had been placed in some areas due to this problem.

6. Regular Town Council Business Items for consideration/motions to approve:

- A) **Minutes**, February 8, 2019 - Motion to Approve as Written
- B) **Bills**, February, 2019 – Motion to Pay in Usual Manner
- C) **Financial Statement**, February, 2019 – Motion to Accept as Information

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

Mayor Smith called for any comments or questions from Council regarding the Minutes; none were offered.

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No comments or questions being offered regarding the Minutes, Bills and Financial Statement, Mayor Smith called for a motion regarding those items.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion to approve the Minutes as written, to pay the Bills in the usual manner, and to accept the Financial Statement as information, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Butler and Mr. Jennings, and unanimously approved.

7. Legislation for consideration:

- A) **Ordinances** – One – O-2019-04-09-01 – Recovery Response Cost – Fire Department – Introduction/First Reading
- B) **Resolutions** – One – R-2019-02 – Fair Housing Resolution
- C) **Proclamations** – One – Willie A. Tompkins, Jr.

Mayor Smith stated with regard to Ordinance O-2019-04-09-01, a representative from the Municipal Association had met with the Fire Chief and recommended that Council adopt the ordinance to recoup costs using the cost recovery method. He called for Fire Chief Barron to address.

The Town Attorney had been sent a copy of the Ordinance for review prior to the meeting.

Fire Chief Barron stated that the ordinance would allow the Fire Department to bill for costs for certain calls, including repeated false alarm call; he stated that this would allow for a way to reduce expenses in the Fire Department.

Mayor Smith stated that a motion was needed for first reading.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion to give first reading to Ordinance 2019-04-09-01, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

With regard to Resolution No. 2019-02, Fair Housing, Mayor Smith stated that this was an annual resolution in regard to the CDBG program, which promoted fair housing for all with no discrimination.

Council Member Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the Fair Housing Resolution, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mrs. Seymour and Mr. Jennings, and unanimously approved.

The Proclamation for Willie A. Tompkins, Jr. was on occasion of Black History Month and an event held at Bethany Baptist Church, Mayor Smith stated. Mayor Smith stated that people were more familiar with Mr. Tompkins as “Suga Babe” grew up in McCormick and was successful in the funeral business. Mayor Smith stated he attended the event and presented the Proclamation on behalf of the Town.

8. Reports:

- A) **Police**
- B) **Fire**
- C) **Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer**

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

Mayor Smith called for any comments or questions regarding the Police, Clerk/Treasurer, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Reports. Mayor Smith noted for the Fire Report that Chief Barron had requested that conversation be started with regard to personnel issues; Mayor Smith stated that personnel issues were to be discussed in executive session. Mayor Smith also stated

with regard to the wiring for the washer, a contractor had been contacted and would be working to upgrade the wiring to get the washer installed.

Chief Barron stated he hoped to have the wiring completed and washer installed in the next week.

Council Member Mr. Butler made a motion to approve all reports, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mrs. Seymour and Mr. Jennings, and unanimously approved.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour asked about the two new businesses listed in the report, one being a Food Truck which was located on the old Shell Station lot, with BBQ being the main food item, and the funeral business which was to be located in the old Gurley's building at 610 West Gold Street.

9. Old Business:

A) Filing of 2019 Statements of Economic Interests – to be done by elected officials online (via INTERNET) and due by noon, March 30, 2019

B) Copy of FY 19/20 General Funding Operating Budget Schedule

Mayor Smith stated these items were for information, and no Council action was required.

10. New Business:

A) Draft FY 19/20 General Fund Operating Budget – Information (will be transferred to Legislative for April 9 Council Meeting for Introduction/First Reading if no changes are made)

Mayor Smith stated that the draft budget was for information.

Mayor's Concluding Comments:

Mayor Smith stated one event was listed: April 27, Drug Take Back and Shredding Day.

He called for Mrs. Tallent to address Council with other events.

Mrs. Tallent stated on April 2, the Chamber Breakfast would be held from 8:30 am to 10:30 am with First Steps hosting, and then from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, Boeing would be doing a presentation at the Talmadge Center, again with lunch being provided. She handed out information to Council and asked that they respond if they wish to attend. She stated that Boeing had made this presentation in the past regarding the Aerospace Industry, its impact in the State, and the opportunities for students who might be interested in that field.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour announced the passing of Mrs. Annie Laurie Sturkey in the past week; Mrs. Annie Laurie being present for the County's 100 centennial celebration, her father MLB Sturkey being one of the founders of the Town.

11. Adjournment:

Mayor Smith, calling for adjournment, Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion, motion duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

Meeting concluded at approximately 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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