

**Town of McCormick, SC  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 14, 2019 – 7:00 PM  
McCormick One Stop Conference Room, 109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC**

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**Attendance:**

**Mayor:** Roy Smith, Jr.

**Council Members Present:** Dolly Franklin  
Nathan Jones  
J. Calvin Chiles  
Eric Butler  
Ann Seymour

**Council Members Absent:** Alvin Jennings

**Staff Present:** Police Chief W.D. Bo Willis  
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

Mrs. Compton

**News Media:** None

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**Public Notification:** May 10, 2019

News Media notified of the meeting by e-mail

Posting to the Town's website, [townofmccormicksc.org](http://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:** May 14, 2019

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

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**Welcome:**

Mayor Smith welcomed and thanked those in attendance for being present for the Town's regular meeting.

### **1. Call to Order:**

At approximately 7:05 PM, the regular Town Council meeting for the month of May was called to order by Mayor Smith.

### **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 thankful for the day and the opportunity to assemble, seeking intervention and guidance, and for the presence of Mrs. Franklin for whom he asked for the continual touch of healing, as well as for all department heads, the clerk, and all other employees of the Town.

### **4. Approval of Agenda as Presented:**

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

**Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion, to approve the agenda as presented, said motion being duly second by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.**

### **5. Appearance of Citizens, Public Comments:**

Mayor Smith stated no written requests had been received by the deadline.

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

A) **Minutes**, April 9 – Regular Council Meeting - Motion to Approve as Written

B) **Bills**, April – Motion to Pay in Usual Manner

C) **Financial Statement** - April – 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 discussion or comments from Council regarding the Minutes; none were offered.

Mayor Smith called for any discussion or comments regarding the Bills; none were offered.

Mayor Smith called for any comments or questions regarding the Financial Statement; none were offered.

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

**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. Chiles, and unanimously approved.**

**Public Hearing: FY 19/20 General Fund Operating Budget as Published in the McCormick Messenger**

Mayor Smith opened the public hearing at approximately 7:15 pm and called for any public comments.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour questioned why no budget workshop had been held.

Mayor Smith stated that he had omitted the budget workshop since he had been absent during that time, as well as the fact that there was not enough participation in past budget workshops.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour continued stating then Council had no input in the budget at all. She stated she was unhappy with the salary increases, relating that in order to keep good employees, the town needed to take care of them; she stated she would like to see a 3% increase in salaries for all employees. She also questioned why a vehicle was not in the budget when she felt that one should be as a precautionary measure in case a vehicle needed replacing.

Discussion was had as to the number of vehicles in the Police Department, the Department having more vehicles than the number of officers.

Chief Willis stated that the Department had one vehicle that would be stripped of decals and sold, which would leave one vehicle as a spare, and all other officers having an assigned vehicle.

Discussion continued with Council Member Mrs. Seymour stating she was not concerned with what other towns and the state did by way of salaries, but was concerned for the town.

Council Member Mr. Chiles stated at the last meeting he understood that there would be a re-visit of the budget, but saw that the same budget had been presented to council.

**Council Member Mr. Chiles then made a motion to give a 3% salary increase across the board, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour.**

Town Attorney Mr. Compton called for point of order, stating he wasn't sure of procedure and who was to act as parliamentarian in the matter.

After discussion as to procedure and the fact that the Town Attorney acts in the capacity as parliamentarian, Attorney Compton stated that Council Member Mr. Chiles would need to withdraw his motion, with the concurrence of Council Member Mrs. Seymour, then the public hearing would need to be finished and closed, and then proceed with any motions for consideration.

**Council Member Mr. Chiles made a motion of withdrawal, duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved.**

Calling for any other discussion in the Public Hearing, and none being offered, Mayor Smith closed the public hearing at approximately 7:25 pm.

## **7. Legislation for consideration:**

A) **Ordinances** – One – **O-2019-06-11-01** – Introduction/First Reading – FY 19/20 General Fund Operating Budget & Capital Projects Budget

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

**Council Member Chiles made a motion to give first reading to Ordinance O-2019-06-11-01, as amended by the public hearing to reflect a 3% across the board salary increase, said motion was duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour.**

Mayor Smith called for a roll call vote:

Jones – yes

Butler – yes

Seymour – yes

Franklin – yes

Chiles – yes.

B) **Resolutions** – None

C) **Proclamations** – One – Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month.

## **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 Reports, and no comments or questions being presented, Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the Reports as presented.

**Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion to approve the Reports, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Franklin, and unanimously approved.**

## **9. Old Business:**

Mayor Smith stated no Old Business was listed for discussion.

## **10. New Business:**

A) **2019 MASC Annual Meeting Information** – Registration & Housing Form; members attending need to complete forms and return to Town Clerk/Treasurer by May 24 – Clerk/Treasurer will register those attending – May 28

Mayor Smith stated that this meeting would give council members valuable information, the meeting to be held in Greenville, and he hoped council members could attend.

**Mayor's Concluding Comments:**

Mayor Smith stated three events were coming up:  
Memorial Day – Sunday - May 26 – 3 pm – American Legion  
Farmers Market's Opening Day – May 28  
Blueway Festival – June 1 – Baker Creek.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour asked if there was to be a Wall to Prevent Bullying, and Chief Willis stated that the Light of Life Church would be having this and would be walking from the Church to the B-Mart and back to the Church

Inquiry was made as to the Spider Lily Viewing at Stevens Creek, by Attorney Compton, with Chief Barron giving information regarding that event in the town of Plum Branch, with a shuttle service being provided, hours of 2 to 7 pm in the afternoon.

Council Member Mr. Chiles wanted to thank those who where responsible for the Shred/Drug Take Back event; he stated that he felt this was a vital service to the community, and appreciated the fact that it was held.

**11. 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, and unanimously approved.**

Meeting concluded at approximately 7:40 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra McKinney  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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