

Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 9, 2019 – 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
Alvin Jennings

Council Members Absent:

Ann Seymour – Illness

Staff Present:

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

Town Attorney:

Absent – Out of the Country

Guests:

Chuck Cook, Corporate Secretary &
Liaison, Public Affairs Committee –
Savannah Lakes Village, Inc.
& Mrs. Cook
Shaaron Kohl
Charlotte Tallent, Executive Director,
Chamber of Commerce
Kimberly Bland
Greg Thompson, Principal, John de la
Howe School

News Media:

None

Public Notification: July 5, 2019

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 - Towns Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area

Agenda Posted to Rear Entrance of the One Stop Conference Room – July 9

FOIA Notifications: July 9, 2019

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 July. He stated a special guest was present – Greg Thompson, Principal for John de la Howe School.

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Invocation:

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 guidance of the meeting and for peace.

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Mayor Smith announced that Council Member Mrs. Seymour was not present due to an illness, and Town Attorney Mr. Compton was absent, presently out of the country.

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

5. Appearance of Citizens, Public Comments:

Mayor Smith called upon Charlotte Tallent to speak to Council regarding the SC Humanities Award & Traveling Smithsonian Water Ways Exhibition for June 27 to August 28, 2020. Mrs. Tallent had made official, proper request to speak, a copy of which had been received by Council for review.

Mrs. Tallent handed out a brochure for Council to review regarding the event. She stated that this effort took several months of preparation and collaboration, including support letters from different entities, including the Town. She stated McCormick was one of six communities to have the opportunity to participate in this event, *exploring what water means culturally, socially and spiritually to communities across America*. She stated the exhibit would be on display at Hickory Knob June 27 to August 28, 2020. She also stated that it was hoped that

the event would draw people to the community and contribute to the economic growth of the community.

General discussion was had among the attendees as to the possibilities that could result from the exhibition as the community is supported by visitors to the lake area and the many ways that the lakes have contributed to the growth of the community.

Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. Tallent for the information and all that had gone into the process of getting the Exhibit to the McCormick Community.

Calling for other public comments, and no further comments offered, he closed the Public Comments.

Mayor Smith then called upon Mr. Greg Thompson, Principal of John de la Howe School, thanking for his attendance and welcoming him to the McCormick Community.

Mr. Thompson stated that he was glad to be in the community, stating he had officially retired June 28 and began work on July 2. He stated he had a lot of experience in working with children, he having been a principal at North Augusta and Strom Thurmond. He stated that he and members of his family were graduates of SC State. Being from the Greenville area, he stated that he had played football against McCormick when he attended Westside.

He stated John de la Howe would be an agricultural school, and hopefully a third Governor's School in the future. He stated renovations were taking place on campus, and invited Council to come and see what was taking place, stating a lot has been done, and a lot is to be done. He stated that it would probably be another year to get the school ready, and hopefully there would be 100 students for the first year.

Again, Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Thompson for his attendance and welcomed him to the McCormick Community.

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

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

- A) **Minutes**, June 11 – Regular Council Meeting - Motion to Approve as Written
- B) **Bills**, June – Motion to Pay in Usual Manner
- C) **Financial Statement** - June – Motion to Accept as Information

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. Jones, and unanimously approved.

7. Legislation for consideration:

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

A) **Ordinances** – Two –

O-2019-07-09-01 – Introduction/First Reading – Ordinance to Conduct a Municipal Election – April 7, 2020 & Activation of the McCormick Election Commission

O-2019-07-09-02 – Introduction/First Reading – Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11, Town Code, Business License Regulations to Change Business License Year – May 1 to April 30

Mayor Smith stated the Election Ordinance – **O-2019-07-09-01** - called for the election of Mayor, CPW Commissioner and Council Members for Districts 2, 4, and 6. Would establish filing dates and fees, and would activate the Election Commission.

Mayor Smith called for a motion to give first reading to O-2019-07-09-01.

Council Member Mr. Butler offered the motion, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, and unanimously approved.

Ordinance O-2019-07-09-02 – Amending Chapter 11 of the Town Code was to change the business license year May 1 to April 30, Mayor Smith stated, and he called upon Mrs. McKinney to address Council.

Mrs. McKinney stated that during the zoning ordinance update, Council had adopted the NAISC code which was being implemented in an effort to bring conformity across the state of all cities and towns in using the same code. She stated that changing the business license year was another part of this effort which would change the year from January to December to May to April. She stated that this was due in part to pending legislation which would allow conformity with regard to contractors and non-resident businesses applying for a business license in the different towns and cities.

Mayor Smith called for a motion to give first reading to O-2019-07-09-02.

Council Member Mr. Butler offered the motion, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jennings, and unanimously approved.

Discussion was had regarding a question of Council Member Mr. Chiles as to businesses who came into Town to do work and not obtaining a business license.

Mrs. McKinney stated that there were those who would come into Town on the weekends who would not get a license. She stated that she would get calls that a company was in Town doing business and when made aware of it, she would call the company and explain the business license requirements. She also stated that the Police Department would sometimes ask persons doing business if they had obtained a business license, and if not, would tell

them they needed to come to Town Hall and get a business license.

B) Resolutions – One –

R-2019-07-09-01 – Resolution to Adopt the recommended Standard Operating Procedures Manual of the Municipal Association...for Fire Departments

Mayor Smith stated this Policy was recommended by the Municipal Association's SCMIT (insurance) Program and was required to be reviewed by the Town's Attorney which had been done.

Mayor Smith asked Mrs. McKinney to speak to Council.

Mrs. McKinney stated that the Policy was recommended by the Municipal Association and would count for a reduction in the Town's insurance premiums.

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the Resolution.

Council Member Mr. Chiles offered the motion, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

C) Proclamations –.

Mayor Smith stated that there were no Proclamations issued.

8. Reports:

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

A) Police

B) Fire

C) Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Smith called for any comments or questions regarding the Reports:

Police – no questions or comments offered

Fire – no questions or comments offered

Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer – no questions or comments offered.

Mayor Smith called for Chief Willis to give information regarding an incident that had happened.

Chief Willis stated that on July 9, an individual who had been staying at Fannie Kate's had refused to leave and had barricaded himself in the Inn with two handguns and proceeded to do damage to the Inn. SLED was called to assist as this individual was perceived to be having a mental issue. Other agencies responded to help, and Augusta Street was closed for approximately three hours. The individual was finally detained and placed into the Detention Center.

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

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

9. Old Business:

Mayor Smith stated no Old Business was listed for discussion.

10. New Business:

Mayor Smith stated no New Business was listed for discussion.

Mayor's Concluding Comments:

Mayor Smith stated there had been several events lately –
Ribbon Cutting for Wardlaw Funeral Home on 378
Ground Breaking for the Lutheran Church by the Lake
Kids Fest on July 6
Boat Parade on July 6
Mims Foundation Parade and Picnic. He stated the construction of the Burger King on 28
was continued and would open hopefully late August.

Question was raised regarding the Streetscape.

Mayor Smith stated that additional paperwork had to be submitted due to the acceptance of the higher bid.

Mrs. McKinney stated with the last several emails between the Architect and Upper Savannah, and paperwork being submitted, it was hoped that the project would begin in August. Some discussions had been held regarding interference with the Gold Rush Festival the third Saturday in September, and possibly the project starting after that date. Mrs. McKinney stated that the deadline for completion was November, 2019, but Keith Smith, the CD Director stated that he had worked with Commerce on grant extensions in other towns and hopefully, if the project was not completed, an extension could be applied for.

11. 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, and unanimously approved.

Meeting concluded at approximately 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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