

**Town of McCormick, SC**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 12, 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  
J. Calvin Chiles  
Eric Butler  
Alvin Jennings  
Ann Seymour

**Council Member Absent:**

Nathan Jones

**Staff Present:**

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

**Town Attorney:**

John D. Compton, III

**Guests:**

Shaaron Kohl  
Charlotte Tallent, Executive Director,  
Chamber of Commerce  
Chuck Cook, Corporate Secretary &  
Liaison, Public Affairs Committee –  
Savannah Lakes Village, Inc.  
& Mrs. Cook

**For Special Presentation:**

Retiring Fireman – Mickey Goff, and family  
Wife, Nan Goff, Daughter, Amy  
Romines, and Grandson

**For Streetscape Update:**

Rett Harbison, JLA

**For Citizens Input:**

**None**

**News Media:**

**None**

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**Public Notification:**

November 8, 2019

News Media – McCormick Messenger and The Index Journal - 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

Agenda Posted to Rear Entrance of the One Stop Conference Room – November 12

**FOIA Notifications:** November 12, 2019

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

Charlotte Tallent, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce

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**Welcome:**

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

**1. Call to Order:**

At approximately 7:05 PM, the regular Town Council meeting for the month of November 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 blessings, bringing hope, and seeking guidance and intervention of the meeting which would be pleasing.

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

**3. Appearance of Citizens/Submitted Requests:**

No written requests having been received by the deadline for notice, and no one signing up to speak to Council, Mayor Smith closed the Appearance of Citizens section of the meeting.

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**Recognition of Retiring Fireman – Mickey Goff**

**Mickey was called forward by Mayor Smith. Fire Chief Mike Barren presented Mickey with a plaque and thanked him for his approximately 45 years of service on the Fire Department. Chief Barren stated it was going to be hard to replace Mickey. Mickey having been a teacher and recruiter of not only new recruits but to the older members of the Fire Department as well. Chief Barren spoke of Mickey's dedication not only to the Department, but to the community of McCormick as a whole. Chief Barren stated that Mickey's number 307 would be retired and his name would be engraved on the fire truck along with many others who had served faithfully.**

**Mayor Smith also, thanking Mickey for his years of service stated that it takes a special individual, as Mickey, to selflessly serve with distinction, the number of years he had served and presented him with a token of appreciation from the Town.**

**Mickey related that when he first joined the Department, he and then Fire Chief Ed Brown, was responding to a fire, and Chief Brown stated that the fire truck had no brakes; Mickey, in his quick thinking, reached over and pulled up the hand brakes,**

stating yes we do; nothing was going to keep him from responding back then, and the records of the Town's Fire Department can attest to the dedication and loyalty Mickey had by the number of attendance at fire drills/meetings, and his responses to fire calls.

Mickey will be forever remembered as a dedicated servant of the people of the community of McCormick.

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#### **Presentation by Rett Harbison, JLA – Streetscape Update**

Mayor Smith called forward Mr. Harbison to give the update. Mr. Harbison stated the brick pavers, ADA requirements, planters, and landscaping for the downtown project had been completed. He stated AOS would soon begin on the paving, restriping and fencing, this being done on the Railroad side of the downtown.

Council Member Seymour interjected at this time, that she had received many calls regarding the deletion of parking spaces. It was stated that one of the concerns prior to the project was the size of the spaces. Mayor Smith stated that in the next phase a proposed parking lot behind Town Hall was being considered as well as spaces on the side streets. Mr. Harbison stated that his would actually give more spaces for parking. He reminded Council that due to the funding level, the Project had to be rebid and only the two upper blocks of downtown could be improved. He stated that the Mayor had asked him to look at the South Main area to consider placing the brick pavers, the planter box, landscaping, ADA improvements, paving and restriping of the spaces in that area. He stated that he had contacted AOS, and AOS felt that an additional amount of approximately \$137,000 would be needed to make those improvements. He presented Council with a sketch to include those improvements to South Main, as well as a sketch of the completed improvements to the North Main area.

Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Harbison and said that Council had received a draft ordinance which would be discussed under Legislation concerning this matter.

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#### **4. Regular Town Council Business Items:**

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

- A) **Minutes**, October 8 – Regular Council Meeting - Motion to Approve as Written
- B) **Bills**, October – Motion to Pay in Usual Manner
- C) **Financial Statement** - October – 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. Chiles, and 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-2019-11-12-01** – Introduction/First Reading Amendment to FY 19/20 Budget Ordinance to Augment Additional Streetscape Project Items

Mayor Smith stated Council had heard Mr. Harbison's presentation and thanked Mr. Harbison for the information. He then called upon Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney to speak as to the funding.

Mrs. McKinney stated that the Town's recent audit report had reflected an increase to the Town's Reserve Funds of approximately \$103,000, and in the past several years, the Town's had increased the Reserve Funds having positive audit results each year; stating that the Town had a healthy reserve. She also stated that during the budget process, funds were pulled from the Reserve Fund to balance the Town's general operating budget, and even in doing this, for example for fiscal year 2019/2020, the Town pulled approximately \$108,000 to balance the FY 19/20 Town General Operating Budget. She stated that Mayor Smith had asked that this be looked at to see if funds could be used for additional streetscape improvements, putting funds back into the downtown and community. Mrs. McKinney pointed out the breakdown of the additional funding request, as repairs to the Town Clock, lettering to the side of East Augusta Street, and the additional improvements in the South Main Street area.

Mayor Smith, stating that Council had heard Mr. Harbison and Mrs. McKinney's comments, and having before them the budget amendment, asked the pleasure of Council.

**Council Member Mrs. Seymour offered the motion to give first reading to the budget amended, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.**

Mayor Smith stated that no Resolutions had been recorded, and that he had issued one Proclamation – Breast Cancer Awareness for the month of October.

Mayor Smith stated that pink flags had been flown at the downtown traffic light and that purple bows had been placed on several of the antique street lights in observance of this event.

## **6. 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** – Mayor Smith stated he had noted in the Fire Report that Chief Barron had listed the consideration of four new applicants; Chief Barron stated yes; Mayor Smith asked the Fire Chief to have those applicants to attend the December meeting of Council. Mayor Smith stated that he had noticed also the request for purchase of equipment; Chief Barren stated

yes; Mayor Smith stated a meeting would be scheduled to discuss, and asked that Council Member Mr. Chiles, and also Council Member Mr. Jones, to attend that meeting. Mayor Smith stated he had also talked with County Administrator Mr. Stephens and Mr. Stephens stated the County was close to breaking ground and moving forward with the one penny tax projects.

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

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. Jennings, and unanimously approved.**

### **7. Old Business:**

Mayor Smith stated no Old Business was listed for discussion.

### **8. New Business:**

**Mayor Smith stated under New Business several items were listed:**

**(A) Approval of 2020 Town Council Meeting Dates/Holidays to be Observed**

**(B) Approve FY 20/21 Budget Schedule for General Fund Operating Budget**

**(C) April 7, 2020 General Election Schedule for information, and**

**(D) Consider Information for Flu Shots.**

Mayor Smith stated Council had received copies of this information and that he would need a motion as to Items A and B.

**As to Item A, Schedule of Meeting Dates/Holidays, Council Member Mr. Butler offered a motion to approve the 2020 Schedule, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Jennings, and unanimously approved.**

**As to Item B, FY 20/21 Budget Schedule for General Operating Fund, Council Member Mr. Chiles offered a motion, after clarification that a Budget Workshop was listed on the Schedule and would be held, approving the FY 20/21 Budget Schedule, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jennings, and unanimously approved.**

Mayor Smith stated items C and D did not require council action, but regarding the flu shots he asked Mrs. McKinney to address.

Mrs. McKinney stated that this was a part of the Town's safety program and anyone wishing to receive a flu shot would need to let her know, and then she would talk to the local clinic, giving those names and asking that the individual make an appointment with the clinic to get the shot.

Mrs. McKinney also stated as to the Election Schedule, new voting machines would be used and asked that everyone to be aware of this and visit the Voter Registration Office to get an idea of how the new machines worked.

**Mayor's Concluding Comments:**

Concluding, Mayor Smith stated he had attended the Veterans Day Program at the High School, which was held at an earlier time, which may have affected attendance. He stated that the Town would observe Thanksgiving Holidays on November 28 and 29. Mayor Smith stated that the ReMax Office would be opening on November 15 with a ribbon cutting that morning at 11 am.

Charlotte Tallent, Chamber Executive, interjected that the ReMax balloon was also going to be in Town on Saturday, November 16, 3:30 to 5:00 pm at the Tennis Court area.

Council was reminded of the School Board election on November 19, this being a time of using the new voting machines.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour in addressing prior concerns of dilapidated buildings, speaking to Shaaron Kohl and Mrs. Tallent, stated that an article was in the Index Journal regarding this issue and that they may want to review it as it addressed some of their issues of concern.

**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 and unanimously approved.**

Meeting concluded at approximately 7:30 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra McKinney  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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