

Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 10, 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

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

Town Attorney: John D. Compton, III

Police Candidate: Patrolman Eric New

Fire Candidates: Ty Rushton
Aaron Couey

Guests: Shaaron Kohl
Charlotte Tallent, Executive Director,
Chamber of Commerce
Chuck Cook, Corporate Secretary &
Liaison, Public Affairs Committee –
Savannah Lakes Village, Inc.
& Mrs. Cook
Marge Elmore, Resident – Washington
Street

Special Guests: Winners of 1 & 2 Place in the Holiday
On Main Parade

For Appearance of Citizens: None

News Media: None

Public Notification:

December 6, 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 - Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area

Agenda Posted to Rear Entrance of the One Stop Conference Room – December 10

FOIA Notifications: December 10, 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 December. He stated there would be a change in the agenda as presented with regard to Item 3 – Appearance of Citizens – for the winners of the parade, with presentation to them for first and second place.

1. Call to Order:

At approximately 7:05 PM, the regular Town Council meeting for the month of December 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, being in this place, and seeking divine intervention with prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda as Presented:

Mayor Smith, calling for any questions or discussion regarding the **Agenda as Presented, with noted change**, 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 Members Mr. Jones and Mrs. Franklin, with said motion being 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 called upon Charlotte Tallent, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce to announce and present awards to the winners of the Holiday on Main Parade.

Mrs. Tallent stated that this year's Parade seemed to be the most spirited, having between 30-35 entries with all of them showing up, adding more floats than before, closed the Appearance of Citizens section of the meeting.

Mrs. Tallent called forward the second-place winner – Willington African American Cultural Center, represented by Donald Moss, Eleanor Gilchrist and Laverne Moss. Asked regarding

their theme, Mr. Moss stated that the theme chosen was “An Old-Fashioned Christmas” with their float having a tree, bows, a fireplace with flame appearance.

Calling forward the first-place winner, for a second year in a row, the Plum Branch Baptist Church, being represented by Cathy Bertzfield and Mary White. Asked regarding their entry, Ms. White stated their float had the big, clear ball, with a manager theme, animals and angels, and three riders.

Mayor Smith thanked everyone who had participated in the Parade and stated that he had heard nothing but positive comments.

4. Regular Town Council Business Items:

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

A) **Minutes**, November 12 – Regular Council Meeting - Motion to Approve as Written

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

C) **Financial Statement** - November – 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. 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 consideration:

Ordinance - O-2019-11-12-01 – Second Reading/Adoption of Budget Amendment – FY 19/20 - Additional Funds to Augment Streetscape Project for south Main Street Area

Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments regarding the Ordinance and none being offered, he called for a motion.

Council Member Mr. Butler offered the motion to give second reading and approval to the budget amendment – Ordinance 2019-11-12-01, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jennings, with said motion being unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated that no Resolutions or Proclamations were listed.

6. Reports:

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

Regarding the **A) Police Report** - Mayor Smith called for Chief Willis to speak. Chief Willis stated he wished to introduce the newest officer – Patrolman Eric New – stating most everyone knew him, he being from McCormick, and having previously worked in law enforcement. Chief Willis stated he would be attending a four-week training course. Mayor Smith stated that Officer New would be sworn in in January. Patrolman New, being asked for

comment, stated he was glad to be back home.

Regarding the **B) Fire Report** – Mayor Smith called Fire Chief Barron to speak regarding. Chief Barron stated he would like to introduce two fire candidates – Ty Rushton and Aaron Couey. Chief Barron stated that the number of firemen had fallen recently with retirements and other incidents, and bringing these two young men on would build back up the numbers. He stated that they would go through training, but in the mean time they would gain experience in answering calls.

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the fire candidates.

Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion to approve the fire candidates, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jennings, with said motion being unanimously approved.

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

7. Old Business:

Mayor Smith stated no Old Business was listed for discussion.

8. New Business:

Mayor Smith stated one item was listed under New Business **A) Draft Copy of Resolution R-2020-01-14-01, Safety Policy & Management Letter** for review; will move to Legislation for Council Action in January. Mayor Smith stated that this item was information at this time.

Mayor's Concluding Comments:

Mayor Smith thanked those who had helped in decorating the Town for the holiday season, stating that the tree lighting was well attended. He stated that the Town would observe the holidays, being closed on December 24, 25, 26, and December 31, as listed.

Concluding, Mayor Smith stated he wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

9. 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, with said motion being unanimously approved.

Meeting concluded at approximately 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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