

**Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2020 – 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
Ann Seymour

Council Members Absent:

Alvin Jennings

Staff Present:

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

Town Attorney:

Absent

Guests:

Shaaron Kohl
Emanuel Blair & Robert Wideman,
Coaches of the McCormick Chiefs
McCormick Chief Players & Family
Members
Chuck Cook, Corporate Secretary &
Liaison, Public Affairs Committee –
Savannah Lakes Village, Inc.
& Mrs. Cook
MEC Members: Marilyn New, Eddie Talbert
and Donn Lee
Christine Lee
Marge Elmore
Faye Hood

For Appearance of Citizens:

None

News Media:

None

Public Notification:

March 6, 2020 - 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 – **March 10, 2020**

FOIA Notifications: March 10, 2020:

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

Welcome:

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

1. Call to Order:

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

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

Report from the Municipal Election Commission

Deputy Town Clerk/Treasurer and Clerk to the MEC Mrs. Foster, on behalf of the Commission, reported that everything was on target with regard to the 2020 General Election; absentee ballots having been sent to the County. Members of the MEC were present, Marilyn New, Eddie Talbert and Donn Lee.

5. Appearance of Citizens/Submitted Requests:

No written requests had been received by the deadline for notice, and no one signed up to speak to Council at the meeting.

Recognition of Basketball Team – Ages 11-2
Undefeated Season

Mayor Smith recognized the McCormick Chiefs for their undefeated season. Coaches Emanuel Blair and Robert Wideman, along with Players Morgan, Cartledge, Callaham and Stevens were present to receive a plaque for their achievements.

Mayor Smith commented that he had attended some of their games and was impressed not only with their skills on the court, but with their mannerisms, respect, and talents.

6. Regular Town Council Business Items:

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

A) **Minutes** - Motion to Approve as Written

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

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

7. Legislation for consideration:

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

Mayor Smith stated there were no ordinances listed, with one Resolution – R-2020-03-10-01, Fair Housing to be considered for adoption.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to adopt Resolution – R-2020-03-10-01 – Fair Housing Resolution, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated that two Proclamations had been issued – one for American Red Cross noting March as Red Cross month, and one for Mrs. Naomi Dye Cannady on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Resolution was listed for consideration, R-2020-02-11-01, 2020 Census Partnership.

8. Reports:

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

Regarding the **A) Police Report** - Mayor Smith called for any comments or questions; none were offered.

Regarding the **B) Fire Report** – Mayor Smith called for any comments or questions; none were offered

Regarding the **C) Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Reports** - 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. Chiles made the motion to approve all Reports, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, with said motion being unanimously approved.

9. Old Business:

Mayor Smith stated under Old Business, Council had received a reminder for

A) Filing of the 2019 Statement of Economic Interests, and

B) Copy of the FY 20/21 Budget Schedule,

the two items being for information only. He stressed the importance of filing the Ethics form as there was a \$100 dollar a day fine if not filed.

10. New Business:

Mayor Smith stated under New Business, Council had received – **A) a draft copy of the FY 20/21 General Fund Operating Budget** – with a budget workshop to be held on March 17, at 7 pm, at the One Stop Conference Room.

Mayor's Concluding Comments:

Mayor Smith, concluding, stated the fencing work had been completed through the Streetscape project, and the lettering – ***"Town of McCormick"*** – had been added to the building on East Augusta Street.

Discussion was held regarding the parking spaces as part of the Streetscape project and the need for the spaces to be adjusted for newer vehicles. It was stated that the parking spaces would be "widened" to accommodate the newer, larger vehicles, but that the Town could not encroach into the DOT and CSX right-of-way's in lengthening the spaces; it was also stated that the Streetscape Project included re-stripping the spaces and paving the two blocks.

As to the lettering on the side of the building on East Augusta, it was stated that the owner had given permission for the work to be done, and several comments were received as to the enhancement of the area by adding the lettering.

Presentations to Out-going Council Members

Mayor Smith called forward Council Members Mr. Butler and Mrs. Seymour and presented them plaques for their years of service to the community – Mr. Butler having served for 12 years on Council and Mrs. Seymour having served 14 years on Council.

Mayor Smith stated he was thankful for their service and that the community was grateful as well, with many accomplishments being made during their years of service.

9. Adjournment:

Mayor Smith, calling for other items to come before council and receiving none, then called for adjournment.

Council Member – District 6 - Mrs. Seymour made her final motion to adjourn, with Council Member – District 4 - Mr. Butler giving his final second, and said motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting concluded at approximately 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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