

**Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2020 – 7:00 PM
McCormick One Stop Conference Room, 109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC
IN PERSON & VIA TELECONFERRING - FACEBOOK**

Attendance:

Mayor: Roy Smith, Jr.

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

(Quorum Present)

Council Members Absent: Alvin Jennings
Ann Seymour**

(Mrs. Seymour was absent due to medical; she fell and broke her femur, underwent surgery and was having other medical issues.)

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

Town Attorney: Absent

Guests: Charles Cook, Corporate Secretary
& Liaison – Public Affairs Committee –
Savannah Lakes Village, Inc.

Marge Elmore

For Appearance of Citizens: **None**

News Media: **None**

Public Notification:

June 5, 2020

News Media – McCormick Messenger and The Index Journal –
notified of the meeting by e-mail

Public 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

June 9, 2020

Agenda Posted to Rear Entrance of the One Stop Conference Room

FOIA Notifications: June 9, 2020 – in person:

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

June 10, 2020 – Delivered to Chamber:

Charlotte Tallent, McCormick County Chamber of Commerce

Social Distancing and sanitizing efforts were in place, with gloves, masks, and sanitizers, due to the Covid-19 – Coronavirus Pandemic – and CDC guidelines.

Welcome:

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

1. Call to Order:

At approximately 7:05 PM, the regular Town Council meeting for the month of June was called to order by Mayor Smith; he then called for the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

A) Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Smith called for the Pledge of Allegiance, which was offered in a patriotic manner.

B) Invocation

Mayor Smith called for Council Member Mr. Butler to give the invocation; Council Member Mr. Butler did so, being grateful for the day, life, and opportunities to come; seeking guidance in conducting Town business; for the health of Mrs. Seymour, all Council Members, those present, and those affected by the pandemic/virus; and praying for the Town to show love and care for all others.

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

3. Appearance of Citizens for Public Comments; No Written Requests received by deadline:

Mayor Smith called for any public comments and none were offered.

4. Regular Town Council Business Items:

Council had received copies of the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement for May 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.

Council Member Mr. Butler 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 was duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Franklin; with said motion being unanimously approved.

Public Hearing: FY 20/21 General Fund Operating Budget & Capital Projects Budget – consideration/comments from the May 12, 2020 Public Hearing & Action of Council

Mayor Smith opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7:10 pm. Comments were received from Council Member Mr. Chiles as to the request from the May 12, meeting to change the salary increase from 2% to 3%, he stating that the copy of the budget received for review still reflected the 2%. He stated again, that he would like to see a 3% salary increase given. He also addressed the \$20.00 per fire call/drill listed in the Salary Range Schedule, and asked that some notation be made to exclude the payment of \$20.00 for “lifting assistance calls” outside the Town. Discussion was had as to the Salary Range Schedule and eliminating the “maximum” amount as some employees may have already reached the maximum amounts allowed. Mayor Smith interjected and stated that he felt that a workshop, to be held at a later date, with regard to fire department issues, as well as the need for the salary range schedule, needed to be held to clarify some of the issues being brought forward. Discussion was further held as to offering of any motion, which motion would need to include any changes requested. Mayor Smith closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:12 pm.

5. Legislation for consideration:

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

A) Ordinances:

Prior to calling for any motions regarding Legislative Items, discussion was once again held as to the increase in salary from 2% to 3% which was upheld. The issue of the \$20.00 per fire call/drill, with no payment being made for lifting assistance calls outside the Town was removed. Discussion was further held as to providing of lifting services, with comment as to the lifting assistance calls being a part of the services offered and whether by offering, it became a liability issue to the Town; public comment offered was that in providing the service it seemed to be an issue of “reciprocity”, in that one agency was helping another agency.

Mayor Smith stated that these issues could be addressed in a workshop held at a later date, and called for a motion.

Regarding Ordinance No. 2020-06-09-01, (formerly coded as O-2020-05-12-01) - second reading/adoption - FY 20/21 General Fund Operating Budget & Capital Projects Budget.

Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion to give second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-06-09-01, FY 20/21 General Fund Operating Budget & Capital

Projects Budget, with the requested change in salary increase from 2% to 3%; said motion was duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Franklin and unanimously approved.

Regarding Ordinance No. 2020-04-14-01 (formerly coded as O-2020-05-12-02), second reading/adoption - Covid-19 Coronavirus Pandemic, recommended by FEMA, as a Continuity of Operation Plan for municipalities.

Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion to give second reading/adoption to Ordinance No. 2020-04-14-01, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated that No **Resolutions** were needed, and one **Proclamation** was issued which for May as Mental Health Month

(Signatures were obtained for Ordinances No. O-2020-06-09-01 & O-2020-04-14-01 before moving to Reports.)

While signatures were being obtained, Mayor Smith reported that the South Main Streetscape improvements had been completed, with the spacing/stripping being done. He also stated that the blue lights along the railroad were to recognize first responders and other essential workers. Mayor Smith stated that the Town had received a PARD grant for the Gold Mine, and that project was also completed.

6. Reports:

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

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

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

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 Mrs. Franklin, with said motion being unanimously approved.

7. Old Business:

Mayor Smith stated there was one item under Old Business noting the **A) Town General Election** would be held on July 14, and as this was the night for the Town's regular Council Meeting for July, he would let Council know of another date to for the July regular Council Meeting.

8. New Business:

Mayor Smith called for any New Business to come before Council; none was offered.

Mayor's Concluding Comments:

Mayor Smith stated he did not have any further comments to add.

9. Adjournment:

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

Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion to adjourn, Council Member Mr. Chiles duly gave second; said motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor's Initials

