

Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 8, 2013
Attendance:

Mayor: Roy Smith, Jr.

Council Members: Dolly P. Franklin
Nathan Jones
James C. (Calvin) Chiles
Eric T. Butler
J.E. (Jesse Earl) Johnson

Council Members Absent: **Ann Seymour**

Staff Present: Police Chief J.R. Jones
Fire Chief Mike Barron
Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Judy Foster
Administrator David Krumwiede
Town Attorney John D. Compton, III

Media Present: None

Other Guests: Janice Grizzard, Executive Director
McCormick Arts Council (MACK)

Curtis Sibert and Robert Galloway,
Members, Planning Commission

Mayor Smith welcomed everyone present to the regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council for January 8, 2013, by wishing all a Happy New Year. The meeting was held at the McCormick One Stop's Conference Room, 109 W. Augusta Street, Town of McCormick, SC at 7:00 PM. News Media had been notified of the meeting by e-mail on January 2, 2013. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on January 2, 2013. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on January 4, 2013. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on January 4, 2013.

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Mayor Smith welcomed all in attendance to the regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council, at approximately 7:00 pm.

Mayor Smith stated it was customary, prior to the meeting, that a business be selected as

business of the month. He asked Council Member Mr. Jones to do the drawing, and “**NEW CHINA ONE**” was drawn as business pick of the month for January.

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2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Smith asked everyone present to stand and offer the **Pledge of Allegiance**. All in attendance did so in a humble, patriotic manner.

3. Invocation

Mayor Smith called upon Council Member Mr. Butler to give the **Invocation**. Council Member Mr. Butler did so giving thanks, and being grateful, for the New Year, for the protection of all present and the citizens of McCormick; and asking for guidance and direction in the governing of the meeting to follow, in that right decisions would be made.

4. Approval of Agenda as Written

Mayor Smith stated Council had a copy of the agenda as published and called for a motion. Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

5. General Public Comments

Mayor Smith stated Mrs. Janice Grizzard from the MACK was present and would speak under General Public Comments.

Mrs. Grizzard gave out Day Planners to Council, along with a copy of the annual report for the MACK.

Mrs. Grizzard's report focused on the number of visitors to the MACK and the number of people served by the programs presented through the programs offered. She stated the total number was 14,361 or a 37% increase. She stated in the past many visitors came from other parts of the US and foreign countries, but in the last year, the numbers seemed to reflect regional, local visitors, in the southeast area. Mrs. Grizzard summarized the grants received by the MACK in the amount of \$21,112.00, stating that the Watson Brown Foundation had been favorable to the many request in grant funds. A calendar of events was presented outlining monthly the many events, such as the Artist Receptions, the Dinner with the Masters, and the McCormick Mart, held at the MACK. Reporting on finances, Mrs. Grizzard gave an outline of the revenue and expenses received for the period through grants, memberships, contributions, local support, the Town and County, programming and other events. Expenses reflected were for advertising, utilities, operations, events/programming, and administrative costs.

Mayor Smith asked for present grants and if she wrote the grants.

Mrs. Grizzard stated she was, at the present, writing two small grants for the MACK. She stated there were two small grants written that were not successful. She stated grants were written in house.

Mrs. Grizzard addressed the present issue of repairs to the roof and columns, stating that a Watson Brown grant had been obtained for a portion of these repairs. She stated the County was assisting with these repairs. She stated the next repairs that needed to be done were the

windows, 56 wood units. She stated she was confident that she could obtain a Watson Brown grant for a portion of these repairs, approximately cost being \$105,000.

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Mayor Smith stated everyone was appreciative of all the things that MACK did for the community.

Mr. Krumwiede stated with regard to the windows, maybe the MACK could offer an “Adopt A Window” campaign to raise a part of the additional repair costs.

Mayor Smith stated the MACK was a valuable asset to the McCormick Community and thanked Mrs. Grizzard for her report.

6. Regular Town Council Business Items:

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of Council for December 11, 2012, and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mr. Chiles made a motion to approve the Minutes as written, motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Bills** for December, along with a copy of the Receivables report and called for any questions.

Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion that the bills be paid in the usual manner, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Financial Statement** for December and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mr. Butler made a motion that the Financial Statement be received as information, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Johnson, and unanimously approved.

7. Legislation

Mayor Smith stated under Legislation, Council had received a draft copy of the Outdoor Burning Ordinance for second reading and adoption. He called for any questions from Council.

Council Member Mr. Chiles questioned the burning in a 55 gallon drum, stating that he did not see this mentioned in the Ordinance.

Attorney Compton stated that ordinances could not be written that would address ever issue, and that the Ordinance as presented addressed the issue of open burning. Attorney Compton stated the Ordinance did not restrict burning for personal enjoyment, such as a fire pit, or fireplaces.

Council Member Mr. Chiles stated that burning in a 55 gallon drum would be considered retained burning.

Mayor Smith called for for any other questions and receiving none, called for second reading and adoption of the Ordinance as presented.

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Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion to give first reading to Ordinance 01-2013, Outdoor Burning. Council Member Mr. Chiles duly gave second, and the motion was given unanimous approval.

Moving to Ordinance 02-2013, Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of an Ordinance to authorize the Lease for the McCormick First Baptist Church. He stated that a letter had been sent to the Church and the Church had accepted the Lease.

Council Member Mr. Chiles stated he notice that the Lease called for the Church to perform daily, routine maintenance such as faucet repairs. Mayor Smith stated the Town would be responsible for any major repair issues and the Church would be responsible for daily, routine maintenance issues.

Calling for additional questions and receiving none, Mayor Smith called for a motion.

Council Member Mr. Chiles made a motion to give first reading to Ordinance 02-2013, Lease with McCormick First Baptist Church. Council Members Mr. Butler and Mr. Johnson duly gave second, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated the next ordinance was 03-2013, a Zoning Change Request for the Creswell Property on South Mine Street. Mayor Smith called upon Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Judy Foster to present from the Planning Commission's meeting held prior to the Council Meeting.

Mrs. Foster stated the Planning Commission had met as stated and had considered the request to rezone the Creswell property on South Mine Street from resident, R1, to areawide business, AB. She stated the owners and developer were both present at the Planning Commission meeting.

Council Member Mr. Chiles asked if this was the big house next to Subway.

She stated this was the house and property next to the City Cemetery, not the one next to the Subway.

Calling for other questions and receiving none, Mayor Smith called for a motion regarding Ordinance No. 03-2013.

Council Member Mr. Chiles made a motion to give first reading to Ordinance 03-2013, said motion duly second by Council Member Mr. Butler and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Foster reported the public hearing was scheduled for the February 12, meeting of Council, the property had been physically posted, and the notices would be in the Messenger on January 10, and 24.

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Mayor Smith stated he had issued a Proclamation for the High School BETA Club for their participation in the Toy Drive. He stated this would probably be an ongoing partnership. He stated the toys collected had been given to DSS and the Children's Home. He stated that no action was needed on this; it being for information.

8. Reports

Moving to Reports, Mayor Smith called upon Police Chief J.R. Jones to give the Police Department Report for December.

Chief Jones stated he would be reporting both for the December monthly activity and also for the year, and reported as follows:

Collisions Investigated monthly 3; yearly 31; Traffic Offenses 11; yearly 266; Arrests 4; yearly 211; Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) 15; yearly 281; and Calls for Service 405; yearly 6729.

Chief Jones stated activity was down in all categories from 2011, and stated he hoped for a further reduction in 2013.

Mayor Smith thanked Chief Jones and called upon Fire Chief Mike Barron for the Fire Report.

Chief Barron stated he would be reporting for the month of December and also for the year. For the City, Chief Barron reported for December a total of eighteen calls; city calls being eight, two structure and one brush; one automotive; two miscellaneous; and two false alarms; county calls being ten, two structure; two mutual aid; 4 brush; and two automotive. Total Run numbers for the Town of McCormick Fire Department for 2012, as reported by Chief Barron, were 111 calls for service, broken down as: City: 11 automotive; structure 10; brush four; false alarms 6; and miscellaneous 9, for a total of 40; and County: 26 automotive; 17 structure; 19 brush; 7 false alarms; and five miscellaneous, for a total of 71 for the County. Chief Barron reported that 71% of the 2012 calls were County related calls.

Chief Barron reported that the Fire Chiefs had once again met with Administrator Stevens and Mr. Jennings of the County, regarding the ongoing issues of the fire departments and the lack of daytime response to calls, and the need for a solution to the issues.

Chief Barron stated that the County was addressing the issue and further meetings would be held to come up with a mechanism for funding to put on two full time firemen for the Town, two for the north end of the county, and two for the south end of the county.

Mayor Smith asked if a time frame had been given, and Chief Barron stated that no time frame for implementing full time firemen was given. He stated that further meetings would be held with the County and the Fire Chiefs.

Chief Barron stated the County, presently, was in the processing of training two firemen on Engine 122 and after training those firemen would be available for the county on Engine 122.

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Chief Barron reported that during the last major structure fire, 23 volunteers had responded, and it had taken three and a half hours to contain the fire. He stated that volunteer departments cannot survive without plans and adjustments for the future and in implementing long term goals, and educating the public as to the present issues.

Council Member Mr. Chiles stating that in educating the public, he had requested that Chief Barron speak at one of his meetings, and asked Chief Barron to mark a date in February to address the issues and concerns at his Church over next to Edgefield.

Chief Barron stated in relation to the number of calls for service presented, these numbers exceed that of a small volunteer fire department, and with future meetings held, and mechanisms put into place for funding, hopefully full time firemen could be hired to address the issue of daytime response to calls.

Mayor Smith thanked Chief Barron and called for the Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

Mrs. McKinney reported as follows:

Purchase of property, goods and services: 7% local; 18% out of town, 20% for personal services and 55% for contracted services; meetings/events attended: Chamber Breakfast at the Senior Center; reports filed: Annual Municipal Financial Report to the Budget & Control Board, Office of Research & Statistics; upcoming events: Comprehensive Plan Review, February, 2013.

Mrs. Foster reporting from the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's report, reported as follows: business licenses: three new; one in town; and two contractors; Building Permit Coordinations three for repairs; Zoning Issues listed one for a rezoning from R1 to AB; Background Checks one for employment and three for apartment; and the Visitor's Log showed a total of 86 visitors, 53 for the Police Department; and 31 for Town Hall and two for fire department issues. She stated a tour of Town Hall, the Police Department and Fire Station, was given to 85 Kindergarten students and 12 teachers from the Elementary School. No meetings were listed as being attended, and she reported that the new business in town was set up at the corner of 378/28 for the month of December only.

Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. McKinney and Mrs. Foster for their reports. He stated that Administrator Krumwiede did not have a report to give at this time.

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve all reports as given. Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion, motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Johnson, and unanimously approved.

9. Old Business

Mayor Smith stated there were not items listed under Old Business, and none were offered from Council.

10. New Business

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11. Information Items

Mayor Smith stated he had several items:

Annual Meeting of the Chamber – January 24 - Hickory Knob at the Barn
MLK Event at the Mims Center in Willington - January 21 – Walk at 10 am;
Program at 11 am, and
Prayer Breakfast – January 26 – 8 am – at the Senior Center.

Lastly, Mayor Smith stated that the agenda listed that the video, Public Officials Liability, was scheduled for viewing stating that this was not mandatory and anyone could leave if they wished. The video viewing was postponed. The Clerk/Treasurer stated that anyone wanted to take the video tape and view it, they were welcomed to do so.

Mrs. McKinney stated that a copy of the filing requirements for the Statement of Economic Interests for 2013 had been given, stating that the filing date was not later than three days after April 15. She stated that a penalty for not or late filing would be assessed at \$100 a day. She stated that government computers could not be used in filing these reports. She stated that the staff could assist in filing with data and other information.

12. Adjournment

Mayor Smith, called for the motion for adjournment, duly given by Council Member Mr. Chiles, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimous approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Clerk/Treasurer

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