

**Town of McCormick, SC**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 12, 2013**  
**Attendance:**

**Mayor:** Roy Smith, Jr.

**Council Members:**

Nathan Jones  
James C. (Calvin) Chiles  
Eric T. Butler  
J.E. (Jesse Earl) Johnson  
Ann Seymour

**Council Members Absent:**

**Dolly Franklin**

**Staff Present:**

Major W.D. Willis  
Jesse Suddeth, Police Candidate  
Police Officer Jacob Deason  
Fire Chief Mike Barron  
Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney  
Administrator David Krumwiede  
Town Attorney John D. Compton, III

**Media Present:**

Christine Lee, McCormick Messenger

**Other Guests:**

Reid & Donna Creswell  
Waldon Jones, McCutchen Engineering  
Jonelle Dean  
Pastor Gary DeBerry  
Youth Pastor, Grant Heckel

Mayor Smith welcomed everyone present to the regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council for February 12, 2013. 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 February 7, 2013. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on February 6, 2013. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on February 8, 2013. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on February 6, 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.

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Mayor Smith stated that the Governor was in Town on Wednesday (February 6) for about two and a half hours and that he had gotten to meet with her. He stated that others from town and out of town also had the opportunity to meet with her. He stated the primary topic of conversation was jobs for the area as well as industry.

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 “**WHITE HARDWRE**” was drawn as business pick of the month for February.

### **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 for protection and provision, and asking for guidance and direction in the governance 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 Mrs. Seymour made the motion, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

### **Recognition of Savannah Lakes Village Road Warriors**

Mayor Smith announced that Mr. Philcox, the representative for the group could not be present as he was held up in traffic in Atlanta. Mayor Smith stated that this would be presented at the next meeting of Council.

### **Public Hearing – Zoning Change Request – South Mine Street – Creswell Property**

Mayor Smith opened the Public Hearing for comment at approximately 7:02 pm.

Ms. Jonelle Dean, resident of Dean's Alley stated that she was not in favor of the zoning change. She stated she had lived in the area all of her life and that she was afraid that the water problems already existing would be even greater. She stated that the water drain from the Food Lion area directly into the area of Dean's Alley, that drainage was inadequate, and the terra cotta pipes were stopped up with trash and other debris. She asked that the area and the existing conditions be looked at.

Discussion continued with the Engineer stating that a retention pond was going to be put into place to take care of the drainage issues along with buffers and other remedies. He stated that landscaping would be placed along the back portion of the property and with the retention pond in place, this would help in the drainage problem. He stated that drainage should be

greatly slowed with all of the improvements that were planned for the area.  
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Mayor Smith asked Administrator Krumwiede to look into the problems with the terra cotta pipes contacting DOT on this issue.

Calling for and receiving no further comments, Mayor Smith closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:09 pm.

### **5. General Public Comments**

Mayor Smith called for any comments to come before Council. None were presented and he closed the General Public Comments section of the meeting.

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

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of Council for January 8, 2013 and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mrs. Seymour 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 January, along with a copy of the Receivables report and called for any questions.

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

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

### **7. Legislation**

Mayor Smith stated under Legislation several ordinances were listed.

#### **Ordinance #02-2013 – Ordinance – Lease – Baptist Church**

Mayor Smith called for any questions and action regarding Ordinance #02-2013. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to give **second reading and adoption**; said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

#### **Ordinance #03-2013 – Ordinance – Zoning Change – South Mine Property**

Mayor Smith called for any questions and action regarding Ordinance #03-2013. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to give **second reading and adoption**; said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

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**Ordinance #04-2013 – Ordinance – Amend Budget/Transfer Funds**

Mayor Smith asked Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney to speak to Council. Mrs. McKinney stated that the FY 12/13 budget included a Capital Projects section. She stated that in order to transfer funds from the Capital Projects Budget in to the General Operating Fund, a duly approved Ordinance by Council was needed. She stated the transfer of funds would be used to purchase a new patrol unit to replace the oldest one in the Police Department. She stated that Major Willis could speak to the details of the unit.

Major Willis stated the unit would be purchased from Bobby Jones Ford, and would be in around February 18. He stated the purchase price was \$34,000; fully equipped, with some change in graphics. He stated that the color was retained. He stated this unit would replace a spare unit.

Mayor Smith called for action regarding Ordinance #04-2013-Transfer of Funds. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion to approve **first reading**; motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

**8. Reports**

Moving to Reports, Mayor Smith called upon Major W.D. Willis to give the Police Department Report for January; Chief Jones being away at school.

Major Willis, reporting for January, reported the following activity: Collisions Investigated 5; Traffic Offenses 7; Arrests 18; Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) 31; and Calls for Service 375.

Major Willis stated that the vehicle to be purchased was a 2013 Ford Taurus, being purchased at the 2012 price, fully equipped police pursuit vehicle. He stated that Greenwood was using this vehicle. He stated it was an all wheel drive, was good for law enforcement use, with some slight changes to the decals. He stated he had given Mayor Smith a copy of what the car would look like.

Major Willis introduced Jesse Suddeth, candidate for the Police Department. He stated that Mr. Suddeth would be attending the Academy during April, April 1 or April 22.

Mr. Suddeth stated that he was from the Ninety Six/Saluda area, mainly Chappells.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour asked if he had any law enforcement experience. Mr. Suddeth stated no, he previously working as a welder at SRS.

Major Willis stated the other candidate would be completing Academy training around March 8 and would be a new face in the Department.

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Council Member Mr. Johnson asked if the candidate would be local.

Major Willis stated that she would possibly be living with her parents when she was on duty.

Major Willis also reported that a good visit was held with the Governor.

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

Chief Barron, reporting for the month of January, reported activity of the Fire Department as follows: for the City, Chief Barron reported a total of five calls; structure fires two; brush one; and automotive two; for county calls: structure fires one; mutual aid – structure two; and brush four. Total Calls for January being 12.

Under notes, Chief Barron reported that he attended the South Carolina Fire Academy Leadership Class held at Hickory Knob, the class being in town to study all the different issues that volunteer departments face. He also reported attending another meeting with the County Administrator and County Chair on ways to fund the volunteer departments within the county.

Council Member Mr. Chiles stated that he and the Chief had set the date of February 28, at 6:30, at Liberty Springs Church, for the Fire Chief to speak and address the issues and concerns of volunteering.

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

Mrs. McKinney reported as follows:

Purchase of property, goods and services: 6% local; 14% out of town, 28% for personal services and 52% for contracted services; meetings/events attended: staff meetings and the Prayer Breakfast; reports filed: payroll reports for the 12/31/12 quarter, OSHA Report for 2012, State Accident Fund Report for 2012, and Report on Contracts for 2013 to Mayor Smith; for upcoming events, she reported that it was time to review the Comprehensive Plan. She stated that this could be done in July, 2013 and stated that it would start with a review by the Planning & Zoning Commission. She stated that Upper Savannah Council of Governments could be contacted to assist with this review. She also reported that annual inspections were being conducted, inspections of fire extinguishers being done, and inspections of buildings by the Fire Chief to follow. She stated as part of the Town's insurance, the Town had in place a Safety Committee which consisted of Mayor Smith, Administrator Krumwiede and Department Heads and yearly inspections were a part of this Safety Committee.

Reporting from the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's report, Mrs. McKinney reported as follows: business licenses: two new and 61 renewals; Building Permit Coordinations five for repairs; Zoning Issues listed two for classification and one for subdivision regulations; Background Checks two for employment and four for apartment; the Visitor's Log showed a total of 115

visitors, 56 for the Police Department; 57 for Town Hall and two for fire department issues.  
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For meetings attend, the report listed the Chamber Breakfast – January 8; Nationwide' Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting – January 11; Mine Street Mart (formerly Fast Point) Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting – January 15, and the Prayer Breakfast – January 26. Under New Businesses in Town, the listing included Mine Street Mart; Nationwide Insurance; Fannie Kate's (to open in the Spring), and The Mattress Store (on North Main – formerly 7 Daffodils).

Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. McKinney for the reports. And called for Administrator Krumwiede to give his report.

Administrator Krumwiede reported on his attendance at the SC National Heritage Corridor & SCDOT Conference on January 9, 2013. He stated that the Heritage Corridor's federal grant had expired and they were now on their own in seeking funds, private, community, federal and state. He stated that it was good that the Town supported the Heritage Corridor, it being Region II, from the Piedmont area down through Georgetown. He stated that the Corridor was working with DOT to develop National Scenic Byway Routes throughout South Carolina and that the town would be involved as this develops. He recommended that the Town continue to support the Heritage Corridor.

Administrator Krumwiede also reported that he and Mayor Smith attended the annual Chamber meeting held at Hickory Knob. He stated that meeting was a chance for the Town to network with the Chamber, the Visitor's Council, and the MACK. He stated it was well attending, Council Member Mrs. Seymour also attending.

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve all reports as given. Council Member Mr. Chiles 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**

Mayor Smith stated under Old Business was the reminder to file the annual ethics forms. He stated these were due by April 15, and if not filed would incur a \$100 a day late filing penalty.

### **11. Information Items**

Mayor Smith stated no items were listed.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour stated that she did want to mention that Covenant Way, assisting living facility in Due West, was closing. She stated that several people from the McCormick Community would be affected by this closing. She stated that the McAllister's stayed there, and that the facility was ARP Church affiliated. She stated that the residents could stay there, but there would be no services for them. She stated that the closing was another part of the economic downtown in our area.

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Mayor Smith reported that the Prayer Breakfast was well attended, 60+ pastors, elected officials and others being in attendance.

Mayor Smith stated he also wanted to recognize Pastor Gary DeBerry and Grant Heckel from the First Baptist Church, being in attendance. He also recognized Mr. Jones of McCutchen Engineering. Mayor Smith thanked them for their attendance.

**12. Adjournment**

Mayor Smith, making a motion for adjournment, called for second, with second to the motion being duly given by Council Member Mr. Chiles, and unanimous approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra McKinney  
Clerk/Treasurer

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