

Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 – 7:00 PM
McCormick One Stop Conference Room, 109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC

Attendance:

Mayor: Roy Smith, Jr.

Council Members Present: Dolly Franklin
J. Calvin Chiles
Eric T. Butler
Nathan Jones
Alvin Jennings
Ann Seymour

Staff Present: Major Tracey Jordan, Police Department
(Chief Willis absent in Training Class)
Fire Chief Mike Barron
Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney

Town Attorney: John D. Compton, III

Guests: Chuck Cook, Corporate Secretary &
Liaison, Public Affairs Committee –
Savannah Lakes Village, Inc.
Kathy Stokes
Charlotte Tallent, Chamber of Commerce
Janice Grizzard, Executive Director, MACK
Shaaron Kohl
Dr. John Compton

News Media: Rodney Creswell, McCormick Messenger

Appearance of Citizens: **No Written Requests**

Public Notification:

February 9, 2018 - News Media notified of the meeting by e-mail
February 9, 2018 - Posting Public Notice to the Town's website, **townofmccormicksc.org**.
February 9, 2018 - All other parties requesting notification either by fax, e-mail or
correspondence
February 9, 2018 - Agenda Packages delivered to Town Council Members
February 9, 2018 - Public Notice posting - Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area

Mayor Smith welcomed all present and thanked them for their attendance.

1. Call to Order:

At approximately 7:01 pm, Mayor Smith called to order the McCormick Town Council's regularly scheduled meeting for February 13, 2018.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Smith asked all present to stand and offer the Pledge of Allegiance; all did so in a patriotic manner.

3. Invocation:

Mayor Smith called for Council Member Mr. Butler to offer the invocation; Council Member Mr. Butler did so, being thankful for the day and the opportunity to gather, asking for thoughts of bereavement for the Davenport family, and strength for Council Member Mrs. Seymour and her illness; and that all would embrace grace.

4. Approval of Agenda as Written:

Mayor Smith called for any discussion regarding the Approval of Agenda as Written, and receiving none, called for a motion; Council Member Mr. Butler offered the motion to approve the agenda as written, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

5. Appearance of Citizens:

Mayor Smith stated that no written requests had been received for appearance of citizens. He stated that Janice Grizzard, Executive Director of the Arts Council, was present, and called upon her to give the MACK Annual Update.

Mrs. Grizzard gave handout to the Mayor and Council, stating that the past year had been the best one since 2004. He stated that the Arts Council, through the Yoder-Rosenburg Foundation had been able to give grants to art students, with the funding from this Foundation. She stated that murals, like the one downtown, were being planned for Plum Branch and Willington. More recent news, she stated, had come from the State in that the State had been impacted by the arts from the \$9.7 billion in grant funding, with \$269 million in South Carolina, and 115 jobs created for artists.

Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. Grizzard for her comments and called for any questions. None were offered.

6. Regular Town Council Business Items:

Mayor Smith stated Council had received copies of the regular Town Council Business items, Minutes of the regular meeting of Council for January 9 meeting, a copy of the Bills for January, and the monthly Financial Statement for January, all for review prior to the meeting, and called for any discussion or action regarding the regular Town Council business items as presented.

No discussion being offered, Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion that the Minutes be approved as written, that the Bills be paid in the usual manner, and that the Financial Statement be received as information; said motion was duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

7. Legislation:

Mayor Smith stated under **Legislation**, Council had received for review, prior to the meeting, two Ordinances – **O-2018-01-09-01**, Comprehensive Plan – Implement Review Process & Agreement with Upper Savannah COG to facilitate – and the second Ordinance – **O-2018-01-09-02** – FY 17/18 Budget Amendment for Streetscape Project costs – both Ordinances needing second reading and adoption.

Calling for discussion, questions or comments, and receiving none, Mayor Smith called for motions regarding the two ordinances.

Council Member Mr. Butler made a motion to give first reading to Ordinance O-2018-01-09-01, Comprehensive Plan review, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

Council Member Mr. Butler made a motion to give first reading to Ordinance O-2018-01-09-02, Streetscape Projects costs, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jennings, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received two **Resolutions** for Council action, **R-2018-02-13-01** – Audit Contract Renewal, and **R-2018-02-13-02** – Grounds Maintenance Contract Renewal.

Calling for any discussion, questions or comments, and receiving none, Mayor Smith called for a motion.

Council Member Mr. Chiles asked if the Attorney had reviewed the contracts and if thought had been given to bidding out the audit contract, since a slight increase was being sought.

Discussion was held that the audit contract was a standing contract, with no changes in language, but with a slight increase. It was stated that in the past, the bid process had been done, and the matter could be tabled, if council wanted to go to bids.

Council Member Mr. Chiles stated he would go ahead made the motion to approve the Resolution for the Audit, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

With regard to the Grounds Maintenance Contract, and Resolution for approval, Council Member Mrs. Seymour asked about the log cabin, it not being a part of the contract.

Discussion was held, and it was stated that the log cabin was separate from the grounds maintenance contract.

Council Member Mr. Butler offered the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Resolution, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jennings, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated no **Proclamations** had been issued.

8. Reports:

Mayor Smith stated Council had received copies of the Departmental Reports – Police, Fire, Town Clerk/Treasurer, and Deputy Town Clerk/Treasurer for January - prior to the meeting for review.

Mayor Smith called for questions regarding the Police Department report and no questions were offered.

Mayor Smith called for questions regarding the Fire Department report.

Mayor Smith stated with the Fire Report, Fire Chief Barron had two items that needed Council action – one for an equipment purchase using the recent Georgia Pacific donation, with the balance of the costs to come from a Municipal Association grant, and the current FY 17/18 budget, and the second – to consider adding Josh Beardon as a firefighter to replace a fireman who had recently moved.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion to approve the equipment purchase as stated, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler and unanimously approved.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to add Josh Beardon as a fireman, said motion duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Butler and Mr. Jennings, and unanimously approved.

Chief Barron stated he would have Mr. Beardon at the next council meeting, and would work to complete all paperwork.

Continuing with Reports, Mayor Smith asked if Council had questions regarding the Town Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Town Clerk/Treasurers reports as presented.

No further questions, comments, or discussion being offered, Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to approve all reports, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved

9. Old Business:

Mayor Smith stated under Old Business was a reminder to Council Members regarding the filing of their Ethics Statements which are due March 30, at 12 noon and must be done online via the Internet. Failure to file, he stated, would result in a fine of \$100 per day until filed.

10. New Business:

Mayor Smith stated no items were listed under New Business and called for any New Business to come before Council.

Mayor Smith stated he wanted to give an update on the Streetscape Project, reading a recent letter the Town had received stating that all conditions had been completed, with the Town being given start up notification. He stated that he and the Town Clerk had met with Martha Whitaker from the Department of Commerce, Mrs. Davenport, Keith Smith, and Rett Harbison to complete the required special conditions. He then read portions of the summary of that meeting in that the grant would be for \$500,000, with the Town's match being \$56,600, the grant period would be for two years from November, 2017 to November, 2019, final design plans would be completed by the architect who would work with DOT and others, a Small Business Study plan would need to be submitted before and after the project, and that the ADA and Fair Housing regulations would need to be completed.

Mayor Smith stated that a Fair Housing article would be in the newspaper in March, and that a Fair Housing Resolution would be for considered at the March council meeting, for publication in the newspaper in April.

Before calling for adjournment, Mayor Smith called for other business or items to come before council.

Fire Chief Barron spoke to two important meetings – February 17, at the Fire Station, would begin a program – Smoke Alarm Blitz – which would target certain sections of the community. He urged council to reach out to the community and get residents to call the number or send an email as directed in the article in the newspaper. He stated this would generate a list of citizens who were in need either of a smoke alarm or just a safety review of their residence. He stated the other meeting would be held on February 21, and invited council to come out and support the Fire Safe Program offered by the State. He stated the Fire Department would be hosting both of these events and asked for the support of the Mayor and Council. He stated the event on the 21st would be from 6 to 8:30 pm.

Mayor Smith thanked the Fire Chief for his comments. Mayor Smith also stated that the Bells & Whistles event would be held on April 7, beginning at 10:30 a.m. He also stated that an event was to be held by the McCormick County Relations Council, on February 17, at 5 p.m., at the McCormick Middle School, with the form coach of SC State, Willie Jeffries, as speaker.

11. Adjournment

Calling for any other business to come before Council and receiving none, Mayor Smith called for adjournment.

Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion to adjourn, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones and unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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