

Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Attendance:

Mayor: Roy Smith, Jr.

Council Members: Dolly Franklin
Nathan Jones
James C. (Calvin) Chiles
Eric T. Butler
Alvin L. Jennings
Ann D. Seymour

Staff Present: Police Chief J.R. Jones
Fire Chief Mike Barron
Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney

Staff Absent: Attorney John D. Compton, III

Media Present: None

Other Guests: None

The regular Town Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2014 had to be rescheduled due to the Ice/Snow Storm of 2014 which occurred February 11, 2014 to February 13, 2014. The rescheduled meeting was set for Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

Mayor Smith welcomed everyone present to the regular, rescheduled monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council for February 18, 2014, the meeting being 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 5 and 14, 2014. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on February 5 and 14, 2014. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on February 6, 2014 and the rescheduled meeting of February 18, 2014 – agenda only, was delivered to Council Members on Friday, February 14, 2014. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on February 6, 2014 and notice of the rescheduled meeting was posted on February 14, 2014.

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Mayor Smith welcomed all in attendance to the regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council, at 7:05. He stated that the joint meeting with McCormick County had to be postponed due to the ice storm, and the County would be giving additional days for the joint meeting. Mayor Smith also stated that Jeff Shacker, who was to be present, would be meeting with Council at its March 11 meeting.

Invocation: Mayor Smith called upon Council Member Mr. Butler to give the Invocation. Council Member Mr. Butler did so, expressing thanks for a great day, sparing the lives of all

during the recent storm, and seeking guidance for doing the right thing in governing the Town's meeting.

Mayor Smith stated it was customary, prior to the meeting, to have a business pick of the month to show appreciation to local businesses, and called upon Council Member Mr. Jones to make the selection. Council Member Mr. Jones selected "**Walker Funeral Home**". Mayor Smith asked the Clerk/Treasurer to send a Certificate of Appreciation to this business.

Mayor Smith then **called the meeting to order** at approximately 7:05 pm.

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. Approval of Agenda as Written

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

4. General Public Comments

Mayor Smith then opened, and called for any, General Public Comments at approximately 7:05 pm.

Mayor Smith stated again that Jeff Shacker who was to speak to Council would be in attendance at the March meeting of Council. No other comments were offered.

Mayor Smith closed the General Public Comments section of the meeting at approximately 7:05 PM.

5. Regular Town Council Business Items:

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of Council for January 14, and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the Minutes as written, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, 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. No questions were offered, and Council Member Mr. Chiles made a motion to pay the Bills 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 January and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion that the Financial Statement be received as information and recorded as part of the Minutes, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Butler and Mrs. Franklin, and unanimously approved.

6. Legislation

Under Legislation, Mayor Smith stated **no Ordinances** or **no Resolutions** were listed. He stated **two Proclamations** had been issued, one to Reverend Robert Haskell, upon the

occasion of his retirement, and one to Reverend James Price, upon the occasion of an appreciation service. He stated he had attended Reverend Haskell's retirement service, but had been unable to attend Reverend Price's appreciation service.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour asked if the Town had any ordinances regarding on premise alcohol. The Clerk/Treasurer stated that the Town's ordinances dealing with alcohol consumption could be found in Section 111.01-04 of the Town Ordinance Code.

7. Reports

Moving to Reports, Mayor Smith called upon Chief Jones to give the **Police** Department Report for January.

In reporting activity for January, Chief Jones reported monthly activity as follows: Collisions Investigated 4; Traffic Offenses 17; Arrests 14; Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) 28; and Calls for Service 428.

No events had been listed for January.

Chief Jones reported that he had one officer to resign – Jesse Sudduth and the process would begin to find a replacement.

Mayor Smith called for any questions from Council for Chief Jones and receiving none, he thanked Chief Jones for his report and called upon Fire Chief Mike Barron to give the **Fire** Report for January.

Chief Barron stated that activity had been a little busier during the month of January, and reported activity as follows:

City calls 4; automotive 2, miscellaneous 1, and brush 1; County calls 7; automotive 3, structure 1, and miscellaneous 2, for a total of 11 calls. Under events, Chief Barron reported calls for service in 2013 totaled 117 runs. He also stated that he had requested funds from County Council for calendar year 2014, and Chief Barron stated that he was requesting support from the Town for the Bethia Fire Department, in Bethia's request for funding from the County. He stated that there was a misunderstanding as to the amount of financial support the Bethia station would receive from the County, the Fire Department believing that they would receive \$5,000.00 each year, and the County stating that the \$5,000.00 was a one time support, and thereafter the amount would be different each year. Chief Barron stated that Bethia would possibly be pulling their fire support for the north end of the community and the surrounding stations would have to cover in that event.

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

Mrs. McKinney reported as follows for the **Clerk/Treasurer's** additional report:

Purchases of goods and services: 9% local; 31% out of town, 14% for personal services and for contracted services 46%.

Upcoming Events listed included the 2014 General Election for the election of Council Members 1,3 and 5, and a CPW Commissioner and work on the FY 14/15 Budget for the Town's General Fund. Mrs. McKinney also reporting filing of certain reports, publication of certain required election ads, and meetings, Staff & Safety Meeting on January 13, and the

Mayor's annual Prayer Breakfast on January 25.

Reporting from the **Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's** report, Mrs. McKinney reported as follows:

Business licenses: new – 5 and 42 renewals

Building Permit Coordinations: 1-new for the Family Dollar project and 5 for repairs

Zoning Issues: E. Augusta Street residence and whether a Home Occupation would be allowed

Background Checks: 2 for employment and 3 for apartment

Visitor's Log: Town Hall - 89; Police Department - 23; for a total of 112.

Meetings Attended: Gold Rush Planning Meeting on January 22, and the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on January 25.

Mayor Smith thanked everyone for their reports, and called for a motion to approve all reports as given. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion to approve all reports as given, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

8. Old Business

Mayor Smith stated no items had been listed under Old Business, called for any to come from Council, and receiving none, moved to the New Business section of the Agenda.

9. New Business

Under New Business, Mayor Smith stated Council had received the information regarding the filing of the annual Statement of Economic Interests form, the date for filing being March 31 instead of April 15. Mayor Smith stated that it would be good for Council go go ahead and file the report so they would avoid the penalty of \$100 a day for non or late filing.

10. Information Items

Under information items, Mayor Smith stated no items were listed and he did not have any items to report.

In closing, Mayor Smith stated he wanted to remind Council of the Black History Program to be held at the Mims Center with Floyd Nicholson being the speaker. He also reminded Council that no election would be held in that only incumbents had re-filed for their positions.

11. Adjournment

Calling for any other business to come before Council and receiving none, Mayor Smith called for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion, with Council Member Mr. Butler giving second. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn at approximately 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Clerk/Treasurer

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