

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

Mayor: Roy Smith, Jr.

Council Members:

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

Council Members Absent:

Nathan Jones

Staff Present:

Police Chief J.R. Jones
Genethia Yeldell, Police Candidate
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:

Donn M. Lee
Norma Curtis
American Government Students
Administrator Krumwiede, Advisor:
Maurie Hullings
Courtney Maddox
Ashley Hill

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

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 "**LITTLE ITALY PIZZERIA**" was drawn as business pick of the month for March.

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1. Welcome/Call to Order

Mayor Smith welcomed all in attendance to the regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council and **called the meeting to order** at approximately 7:05 pm.

Mayor Smith announced that there would be a **change to the agenda format** as posted. He stated the oath of office for Police Candidate Yeldell would not take place and Chief Jones would be reporting on that matter later in the meeting.

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 a great, beautiful day, asking for governance of the meeting at hand, and that the meeting be to the liking of those attending, Amen.

4. Approval of Agenda as Written

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

Executive Session: Legal Update – Town Attorney

- (1) Pending Incident in the Police Department
- (2) Meeting Procedures

Mayor Smith called for a motion for the Executive Session, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved. 7:06 pm

Upon return to regular session, at approximately 7:20 pm, Mayor Smith announced that no action had been taken in executive session, Council receiving the legal update from the Town Attorney as published.

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 February 12, 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.

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Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Bills** for February, 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 February 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 #04-2013 – Transfer of Funds from Town's Capital Projects Budget to General Operating Fund – Second Reading/Adoption

Mayor Smith called for any questions and action regarding Ordinance #04-2013. Council Member Mr. Chiles made a motion to give **second reading and adoption**; said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Ordinance #05-2013 – Amend FY 12/13 Town Budget for purchase of an Administrative Vehicle – Introduction/First Reading

Mayor Smith stated that the car used in the Administrative Department for the past six years needed to be replaced and that a 2013 Ford Focus was being considered at a cost of approximately \$16,000; he stated that this was an older police vehicle that was beginning to have repair and maintenance costs. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to give **first reading**; said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Ordinance #06-2013 – Banning Texting While Operating a Motor Vehicle - Introduction/First Reading

Mayor Smith stated that this was presently being considered in the House. He stated that he felt it would be good for the Town to consider adopting this ordinance and called upon Chief Jones to address Council. Chief Jones stated that 39 states had ordinances prohibiting texting while driving, 32 states had ordinances regarding cell phone use while driving, and he felt that the Town in passing the ordinance would have an ordinance which would save lives; he stated that other towns/cities had passed similar ordinances.

Mayor Smith stated that the Chief would be going into the schools and talking to the students about texting while driving and the loss of life associated with this type of activity. Mayor Smith stated that this would be first reading.

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Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion to give **first reading** to Ordinance No. 06-2013; Council Member Mr. Butler duly gave second, with unanimously approval from Council for first reading to **Ordinance No. 06-2013**.

8. Reports

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

Activity for February included:

Collisions Investigated 3; Traffic Offenses 10; Arrests 13; Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) 35; and Calls for Service 402.

Chief Jones introduced Police Candidate Genethia Yeldell. He stated that Officer Yeldell had graduated from the Academy on Friday (March 8). He stated that she had some additional requirements that would need to be met before she could be sworn in as a certified officer, and that she would be going back to the Academy on Friday (March 15) to take care of those additional requirements. He stated that Officer Yeldell was a lifelong resident of McCormick.

Chief Jones also thanked Council for its support in purchasing a new patrol unit for the Department. He stated the unit was a 2013 Interceptor, fully equipped and stated that the unit was available if Council wished to look it over.

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

Chief Barron, reporting for the month of February, reported activity of the **Fire** Department as follows:

City limits: Structure fires one; false alarms one; automotive one; total city – three calls.

County Response Area: automotive two; structure fire one; brush fire three; total county six calls.

Under notes, Chief Barron reported that he given a volunteer speech for a local men's group; and as a part of public awareness would be giving other safety speeches and having meetings as requested from other groups and the public. He stated as a part of community service, he had held fire extinguisher training for a local manufacturer which aided the manufacturer with their insurance rating.

Chief Barron reported that presently the Department had 16 volunteers. He stated that the budget currently called for 17 positions, and that he would like for Council to consider a motion to increase the number of volunteer positions to 21. He stated that this would give him additional volunteer positions. He stated that he had one candidate who was presently meeting with the Department , and would possibly be added to the roster at a later date.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to increase the number of volunteer positions in the Fire Department from 17 to 21, said motion was duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

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Chief Barron finished his report, stating that preparations were continuing with regard to the 2013 budget, that monthly meetings would be scheduled in the month, and that he hoped to have the Station opened on some Saturdays, with the fire trucks available, some activities being held, all in an effort to make the community more aware of the Department and the services provided.

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:

Purchase: goods and services: 5% local; 4% out of town, 13% for personal services; 19% for contracted services; and BB&T Fire Truck Note at 59%.

Meetings/events attended: February 6 – Governor's Constituent's Meeting; February 7, Safety Fire Extinguishers Inspections; February 12 – BB&T Officials – review of Town accounts; February 19 – Magistrate's Court; Zoning Violation cases.

Reports filed: none for February.

Upcoming Events: Comprehensive Plan Review in July; (Upper Savannah; Planning/Zoning Commission); and Inspections for 2013 for buildings/real properties.

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

Business licenses: three new and 22 renewals;

Building Permit Coordinations two for repairs;

Zoning Issues: none

Background Checks eight for employment and six for apartment;

Visitor's Log: Town Hall 70; Police Department 52; File Department 0, for a total of 122.

Meetings Attended: none

New Businesses in Town: The Bargain Nest and Creative Cakes.

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

Administrator Krumwiede reported on his attendance at a SCMIRF conference held in Simpsonville, 101 Tort Liability, a 4-1/2 hour course. He stated that another course on Town Council Liability would be held. Under projects, Administrator Krumwiede reported that due to federal regulations, signs in Town needed to be changed out, and that one sign at the corner of South Mine and West Augusta Street had been put up if Council wanted to see what the new signs looked like. He stated that the sign was larger and was reflective at night. He stated that he hoped the business and historic district would be changed out using these new signs.

Administrator Krumwiede stated that three of his students from his American Government class were in attendance: Ashley Hill, Malaurie Hullings, and Courtney Maddox. He stated that these were "dual" classes and the students taking these classes could enter college as sophomores.

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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 Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

9. Old Business

Mayor Smith stated under Old Business, Council needed to sign the Ordinance approving the lease for the Baptist Church. He also stated that a reminder was listed regarding the filing of the 2013 Ethics Statements.

10. New Business

Mayor Smith stated under New Business, Council had received a draft copy of the FY 13/14 Town General Fund Operating Budget. He stated that a workshop would be held on March 21, at 6:30 pm in the One Stop Conference Room.

11. Information Items

Mayor Smith stated no items were listed and under Mayor's Comments, he had several items: Senator Massey would be at Savannah Lakes on March 14; that he, Mayor Smith, had attended the Youth Art Exhibit at the MACK on March 8, and that Milliken had sponsored an employers meeting – March 11 – which Mrs. Foster had attended for the Town.

12. Adjournment

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

Council adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Clerk/Treasurer

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