

**Town of McCormick, SC  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, April 14, 2015**

**McCormick One Stop Conference Room, 109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC**

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**Attendance:**

**Mayor:** Roy Smith, Jr.

**Council Members:** Dolly Franklin  
Nathan Jones  
Calvin Chiles  
Eric T. Butler  
Ann Seymour

**Council Member Absent:** Alvin Jennings

**Staff Present:** Police Chief J.R. Jones  
Fire Chief Mike Barron  
Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney  
Attorney John D. Compton, III

**Media Present:** **None**

**Other Guests:** Donn & Christine Lee

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**Mayor's Welcome & Comments:**

Mayor Smith welcomed everyone present to the McCormick Town Council Meeting for the month of April. Mayor Smith stated Council Member Mr. Jennings would be absent due to another engagement. Mayor Smith stated it was customary, prior to the meeting, to pick a business of the month. Mayor Smith asked Council Member Mr. Jones to make the selection. Council Member Mr. Jones selected "**The Orange Spot**" as business pick for the month of April. Mayor Smith asked the Clerk/Treasurer to send a Certificate of Appreciation to them.

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**Public Notification:**

News Media had been notified of the meeting by e-mail on April 8 & 10, 2015. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on April 8 & 10, 2015. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on April 10, 2015. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on April 10, 2015.

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**1. Call to Order**

At approximately 7:02 pm, Mayor Smith called to order the McCormick Town Council's regularly scheduled meeting for April 14, 2015.

**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 upon Council Member Mr. Butler to offer the invocation; Council Member Mr. Butler did so, giving thanks for the opportunity to assemble, intervene on the Town's behalf in its function, and to make the best decisions in the interest of the Town, and giving thanks for the Town's Department Heads, and the community.

### **4. Approval of Agenda as Written**

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the agenda as written; Council Member Mrs. Seymour offered the motion, said motion duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

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

Mayor Smith opened the Public Comments Section of the meeting at approximately 7:03 pm.

Mayor Smith called for any public comments to come before Council, and none being offered, he closed the public comments section of the meeting at approximately 7:03 pm.

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

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of Council for March 10, 2015, as well as a copy of the FY 15/16 General Fund Budget Workshop held on March 19, 2015 for review prior to the meeting, and called for any discussion and action regarding the Minutes as presented.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to approve the Minutes as written, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Bills** for March, along with a copy of the Receivables Report and called for any discussion and action regarding the Bills.

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

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Financial Statement** for March and called for any discussion or 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.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour stated she had a question as to why the procedure to pay the bills in the usual manner if Council when Council considered a motion. It was explained that this was an on-going process from month to month in that Council approved the procedure each time for the next month's bills as opposed to the previous month's bills.

Council Member Mr. Chiles asked if the Clerk/Treasurer would explain the Financial Statement's cover page.

Mrs. McKinney stated that the information reflected the year to date percentages of revenue

received and expenditures. She stated the information could also be found on the budget to actual report. She stated one month's revenues and expenditures should equal to 8.33% with the current percentages running a deficit of 10%, showing expenditures over revenues of (\$107309.19).

## **7. Legislation**

Mayor Smith stated the next item on the Agenda was Legislative and stated there were no Ordinances to be considered, with two Resolutions, and one Proclamation to be considered.

### **Resolution 2015-04-01 – Fair Housing Resolution & ADA Notice Requirements**

Mayor Smith explained that the Town adopted this Resolution yearly to show that the Town did not discriminate on the basis of age, race, religion, etc. in housing. He then called for a motion to adopt said Resolution. Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

### **Resolution 2015-04-02 – Audit Contract, McKinley, Cooper –authorizing Mayor to sign and Town Clerk/Treasurer to attest**

Mayor Smith stated that the Town had an audit contract with McKinley, Cooper for some time now, and had a good relationship with the firm, the firm working well with the Town. He then called for a motion to adopt the Resolution for audit services. Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

### **Proclamation – Bethany Baptist Church**

Mayor Smith stated that this was not the Church in Town, but one in Clarks Hill, and he had been asked to issue this Proclamation in the event of their 146<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Mayor Smith then moved to Reports.

## **8. Reports**

Mayor Smith called upon Police Chief J.R. Jones to give the **Police** Department Report for the month of March. Chief Jones, reported as follows:

Collisions Investigated 4  
Traffic Offenses - 8  
Arrests - 14  
Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) – 24 and  
Calls for Service - 328.

Chief Jones stated Officer Young would graduate from the Academy on Friday, April 17, at 10 am, and Officer Cole would be graduating around May 8. He stated Officer Young would be back on schedule on Friday, and Officer Cole would need additional training when graduated. He stated Officer Young had already served in an auxiliary position prior to his fulltime employment.

Mayor Smith asked Chief Jones to comment on the new patrol unit.

Chief Jones stated the unit was in and that Officer Young had driven back down to the Academy for his last week. He stated that it was an SUV, fully equipped and marked.

Mayor Smith stated the unit had been obtained through a grant in the Police Department.

Mayor Smith thanked Chief Jones for his report and called for the Fire Report.

Fire Chief Barron reported March was considered a normal month with the following activity:

For the Town:	For the County:
Automotive – 1	2
Brush – 1	0
Miscellaneous – 1	1
Structure Fire – 3	2
Totals – 6	5

For a total of 11 calls for the month of March.

Under Notes: Chief Barron stated that he would like for Council to consider the membership of Furman Parton to the department. He stated Mr. Parton had been in training for several months, had good attendance at meetings, drills, and calls.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion to accept Mr. Parton's membership with the Fire Department, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Other notes included the completion of yearly physicals, with great results, all passing the medical review.

Chief Barron also reported the award of grant assistance from the State Firefighters Association which would allow him to be able to be the instructor for the 1700 series firefighter training program locally. He stated the award pays for all training materials and would provide for all safety gear. He stated the program would also allow for explorer units to be created and used throughout the county.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour stated McCormick wasn't the only one dealing with the issue of fire services. She stated an article about Greenwood's fire services had recently been in the Index-Journal.

Mayor Smith then called for the **Clerk/Treasurer's and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's** report.

Mrs. McKinney reported as follows:

Purchases of goods and services:

3% local; 11% out of town; 14% for personal services, contracted services at 18%, and equipment purchase – 49%.

Continuing/Upcoming Events listed included:

Final Draft - FY 15/16 General Fund Budget

ADA Certification Public Notice – April

Fair Housing Month Resolution & Public Notice – April

Audit Contract – McKinley, Cooper & Co., LLC

**Filings:**

Title for New Patrol Unit

**Publications:**

KYI articles

**Meetings:**

County Strategic Plan Steering Committee – March 3

Stakeholder's Meeting – John de la Howe School – March 23

Special Events Liability Insurance Meeting – March 18

Staff Meeting – March 23

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

Business licenses: new – 3; 31 renewals

Building Permit Coordination: 3-for repairs

Zoning Issues: Carolina Street property

Background Checks: 2-Apartment; 1 Employment; and 1 Other

Visitor's Log: Town Hall - 71; Police Department - 39; Fire Department – 1; for a total of 111

Meetings Attended: Staff Meetings, March 2, 9, and 31

New Business started in Town: Serendipity (Mattress Store) at the Depot, South Main.

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve all reports as given.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to approve all reports as given, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

**9. Old Business**

Mayor Smith stated under Old Business, Council had received a draft copy of the FY 15/16 General Fund Operating Budget with changes as directed from the Budget Workshop held on March 19, with a public hearing to be held on May 12, 2015.

Mayor Smith called for any other Old Business to come before Council and receiving none, he moved to New Business.

**10. New Business**

Mayor Smith stated no items were listed under New Business.

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**Mayor's Comments:**

Mayor Smith stated the only information was the Spaghetti Dinner being held by the Senior Center on Thursday, April 16 and he wanted Council to be aware of that event, starting at 11 am.

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

**12. Adjournment**

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion to adjourn, Council Member Mr. Butler duly gave second, with the motion to adjourn being unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra McKinney  
Clerk/Treasurer

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