

**Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 2016**

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

Attendance:

Mayor: Roy Smith, Jr.

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

Staff Present: Major W.D. (Bo) Willis, Interim Chief
Zaria Lagroon and Brianna Collins,
Junior Firefigthers representing
Fire Chief Mike Barron
Town Attorney John D. Compton, III
Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney

News Media: **Bradley Fuller, McCormick Messenger**

Other Guests: Karen Hillman, Department of Energy's
EEOICP Program and Earl Canipe

Public Notification:

News Media had been notified of the meeting by e-mail on May 4 and 6, 2016. Posting to the Town's website, townofmccormicksc.org. was made on May 4, 2016. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on May 6, 2016. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on May 6, 2016. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on May 6, 2016.

Welcome/Business Pick of the Month:

Mayor Smith welcomed everyone to the regular meeting of Council and recognized guest, Karen Hillman, Department of Energy, and read a short bio for her. He stated that Mrs. Kemp would not be present, she having another engagement. He then called for the selection of the business pick of the month; Council Member Mr. Jones selected "Nichol's Beauty Shop".

1. Call to Order:

At approximately 7:01 pm, Mayor Smith called to order the McCormick Town Council's regular scheduled meeting for May 10, 2016.

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, attendance at the meeting and for those present; he asked for guidance and direction in the conduct of the meeting, all to God's glory.

4. Approval of Agenda as Written:

Mayor Smith called any discussion regarding the Agenda as Written and receiving none, called for a motion; Council Member Mr. Chiles offered the motion to approve the agenda as written, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Franklin, and unanimously approved.

5. General Public Comments:

Mayor Smith called the General Public Comments agenda item opened for public comments at approximately 7:03 pm.

Mayor Smith called upon Ms. Hillman to address Council.

Mrs. Hillman spoke briefly of who she is and the program she wished to bring to Council's awareness, the Department of Energy's EEOICP – Energy Employee Occupational Illness Compensation Program, stating there were two parts to the Plan, Part B which covered cancer and brillion claims and Part E which covered claims for exposure to chemicals. She stated she was trying to visit communities in an effort to get the word out to all past, present and survivors of employees affiliated with Savannah River Plant employment. Claims for compensation and benefits were available under both parts of the Plan. She stated she would leave brochures and other information and asked that if Council was aware of anyone who had been employed with SRS to get the information out to them.

Mayor Smith stated she talked about survivors and asked if survivors of employees could file a claim. Ms. Hillman stated yes, survivors of employees could made a claim. She stated that the claims were reviewed by DOE before any benefits were paid.

Ms. Hillman stated her office was located in North Augusta and she would be available, as well as her staff, to answer any calls or questions anyone may have.

Mayor Smith thanked Ms. Hillman for her attendance and the information given.

Calling for and no further public comments being offered, Mayor Smith closed the General Public Comments at approximately 7:20 pm.

6. Regular Town Council Business Items:

Mayor Smith stated Council had received copies of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of Council for April 12, 2016 and the Special Called Meeting of April 21, 2016 for review prior to the meeting and called for any discussion or action regarding the Minutes as presented.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion that the Minutes stand approved as written, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Jones and Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received, for review prior to the meeting, a copy of the **Bills** for April, with receivables report, and called for any discussion or action regarding the Bills.

Council Member Mrs. Chiles made a motion that the Bills be paid in the usual manner, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mrs. Franklin and Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy, for review, of the April **Financial Statement** prior to the meeting, 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.

Public Hearing: FY 16/17 –General Fund Operating Budget as published in the McCormick Messenger

Mayor Smith opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7:25 pm and called for any comments.

No Comments were offered and Mayor Smith closed the public hearing at approximately 7:25 pm.

7. Legislation:

Mayor Smith stated under Legislation, there was one Ordinance for consideration: Ordinance O2016-07-01, FY 16/17 General Fund Operating Budget. He stated that consideration and first reading needed to be given.

Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion to give first reading to Ordinance O2016-07-01, FY 16/17 General Fund Operating Budget. Said motion was duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated there were no Resolutions or Proclamations to be considered.

Mayor Smith then moved to Reports.

8. Reports

Mayor Smith called upon Major W.D. Willis to give the **Police** Department Report for the month of April.

Collisions Investigated - 5

Traffic Offenses – 11

Arrests – 9

Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) – 22

Calls for Service – 475

Major Willis reported two events – Bells & Whistles and the Shred/Drug Take Back day. He stated that DEA would be installing a drop box at the PD as a drop site. He stated that the agency will collect any drop off meds once a quarter. Mayor Willis also requested that he be allowed to use incentive funds to take the Police Officers to lunch in recognition of National Police Officers' Appreciation Day which would be May 15.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved for Major Willis to use the incentive funds for the stated purpose.

Council Member Mr. Butler asked about the recent break-ins, he being especially concerned about the ones in his neighborhood. Major Willis stated that the Department was pursuing a suspect and was working to resolve the issues. He stated the county break-ins had no connection to the town ones. He stated that patrols had been stepped up in the residential areas.

Council Member Mr. Chiles stated his concerns regarding the pill drop box and that the Department needed to be sure it was fully under control. Major Willis indicated that the box would be secure.

Mayor Smith thanked Major Willis and moved to the **Fire** Report, calling upon Junior Firefighters Zaria Lagroon and Brianna Collins who were present and representing Fire Chief Barron.

Junior Firefighter Zaria Lagroon gave Chief Barron's report with the following activity:

Automotive – 3
Structure Fires – 1
Alarms - 2
Brush – 1
Miscellaneous: 2
For a total of 9 service calls.

Under events Chief Barron had listed:

Outstanding news of accomplishment from the Town of McCormick Fire Department receiving an ISO rating of 4, meaning great savings for residents with the rating 4 showing the members' commitment to training and superior service provided to residents.

The recruit class completed the second module of the 1700 class and with this accomplishment, the Department secured funding from the state for personal protective gear and the stipend for recruits under the Federal Grant.

Mayor Smith thanked Miss Lagroon, congratulated her and Miss Collins on their achievements, and then called for the Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's reports.

Mrs. McKinney reported as follows for the month of April:

Town Clerk/Treasurer Additional Report to Council for April:

Purchases of goods and services:

10% local purchases; 12% out of town;
28% for personal services; 50% for contracted services

Continuing/Upcoming Events listed included:

Audit Work on FY 15/16 Town General Fund Operating Budget,
with auditors in on May 23
Municipal Association's Annual Meeting for Municipal Elected Officials – July 14-17
Charleston Place, Charleston
Streetscape Design Qualifications Proposals, May 19
Repairs to Dorn House, Southern Siding, June

Filings:

1st Qtr. Payroll Reports

Publications:

Fair Housing Resolution & ADA Non-Discrimination Notice –Messenger
Public Hearing – FY 16/17 Town General Fund Operating Budget – Messenger
Streetscape Design Qualifications Proposals, SC Business Opportunity Magazine

Meetings:

Steering Committee, McCormick County Strategic Plan – April 21

Mrs. McKinney stated she had also given Activity Sheets to the Mayor and Council with information/updates on Risk Management activities, the Dorn House repairs, and the Downtown Streetscape Project.

In giving the Deputy Town Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney reported:

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's report:

Business licenses: 9 – new; 23 - renewals

Building Permit Coordination: 1-New (Addition); 11-for repairs

Background Checks: 7 - Employment; 2 – Apartment

Visitor's Log: Town Hall - 110; Police Department - 40; Fire Department – 1;
for a total of 151

New Businesses started in Town: McCormick County Farmers Market, Class & Sass Beauty Bar, the Democratic Party (Headquarters), and Mat Hardy – an oil change shop in the old McCormick Tire & Battery location.

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 there was no Old Business listed to be considered.

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

10. New Business

Mayor Smith stated three items were listed, the 2016 Annual Meeting information, stating that any of council who wished to attend this meeting should get their forms back into the

Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney; consider re-appointment of Town Officials/Committees & Commissions by Council (Town Attorney, Planning/Zoning, Elections, Historic Preservation). Mayor Smith called for a motion for these re-appointments.

Council Member Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the re-appointments, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated the last item was discussion on water plant, progress and direction, and the draft resolution for Intergovernmental Agreement for council to review.

Mayor Smith stated that this was specifically for those council members who had not been able to attend the Special Called Meeting on April 21. He gave key points, Loan amount: \$4,969,000; Grant amount: \$2,273,000; Interest rate on loan: 1.75%; monthly payments of \$14,411 to be made by CPW; 40 year term; construction period: 5 years. He stated that the loan resolution was signed on April 21. It was stated that the Letter of Conditions called for a 12 month period to perform, with the first item being the Resolution for Intergovernmental Agreement which would have to be signed by Town Council and the Commissioners. It was stated that this would be brought to Council at the June Council Meeting.

11. Information Items

Mayor Smith stated he did not have any information items to report, but reported to Council:

Relay for Life – Friday, May 13

Praise in the Park – Sunday, May 15

Farmers Market – May 31

Mayor Smith also gave out information furnished by Ms. Kemp, on the SC Wilds Heritage Center at the Depot.

Mayor Smith called for any additional information to come before Council and receiving none, called for a motion to adjourn.

11. Adjournment

Council Member Mrs. Seymour offered the motion to adjourn, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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