

**Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2015**

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

Attendance:

Mayor: Roy Smith, Jr.

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

Council Member Absent: Dolly Franklin

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

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

Other Guests: Janice Grizzard, Shaaron Kohl, Visitor's
Council
Charlotte Tallent, Chamber of Commerce

Mayor's Welcome & Comments:

Mayor Smith welcomed everyone present to the McCormick Town Council Meeting for the month of May. Mayor Smith stated Council Member Mrs. Franklin would be absent. 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 "**McCormick Jewelry & Pawn**" as business pick for the month of May. Mayor Smith asked the Clerk/Treasurer to send a Certificate of Appreciation to them.

Public Notification:

News Media had been notified of the meeting by e-mail on May 6 & 8, 2015. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on May 6 & 8, 2015. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on May 8, 2015. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on May 8, 2015.

1. Call to Order

At approximately 7:03 pm, Mayor Smith called to order the McCormick Town Council's regularly scheduled meeting for May 12, 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 a great day and the opportunity to come together, to intervene on the Town's behalf, seeking guidance and direction in making the best decisions in the interest of the Town, and asking for healing for those who were sick, especially Council Member Mrs. Franklin, and others in the community.

4. Approval of Agenda as Written

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the agenda as written; Council Member Mr. Chiles offered the motion, said motion duly seconded by Council Members Mrs. Seymour and Mr. Jones, 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 Janice Grizzard to speak to Council.

Mrs. Grizzard stated that she, along with Shaaron Kohl, was present representing the Visitor's Council, to seek the Town's support for the filing of a SC PRT grant for additional seating in the MACK Park. She provided a handout for Council to view. She stated that the grant would be for \$20,000 with an 80/20 match. She stated that the Visitor's Council did not have the matching funds, and asked if Town Council, along with County Council, and the Visitor's Council would be willing to split the matching funds by three for a little over \$1,300 each. She stated that the grant would require local government endorsement. She stated she would be meeting with the County to make this same proposal, and see if the County would be supportive of this project.

Discussion was held as to the original plans for the Park for additional seating and a foundation. Council Member Mrs. Seymour stated it would be good if the original plans could be found and taken into consideration.

Mrs. Kohl stated that with additional seating in the Park, many more functions could be held, as the Park is underutilized at present and prevents people from using.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour offered a motion in support of the proposed grant, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Council Member Mr. Chiles requested that Council be informed of the outcome with the meeting with County Council.

The Public Comments Section was closed at approximately 7:20 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 April 14, 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. Jones, and unanimously approved.

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

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion that the bills be paid 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 April and called for any discussion or action regarding same.

Council Member Mr. Chiles made a motion that the Financial Statement be received as information, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING: FY 15/16 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

Mayor Smith opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7:21 pm and called for any public comments regarding the proposed FY 15/16 General Fund Operating Budget.

No public comments were offered, and Mayor Smith closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:21 pm.

7. Legislation

Mayor Smith stated the next item on the Agenda was Legislative and stated there was one Ordinance to be considered, consideration and first reading of the FY 15/16 General Fund Operating Budget, no Resolutions, and four Proclamations.

Ordinance 2015-07-01 – FY 15/16 General Fund Operating Budget – Consideration/First Reading

Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion to give first reading to Ordinance No. 2015-07-01 – FY 15/16 General Fund Operating Budget, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Proclamation – Peace Officer’s Memorial Day

Mayor Smith stated this Proclamation, designated by Congress and the President each year in May was in recognition of law enforcement and the significant and essential role of officers in providing a vital public service.

Proclamation – Teen Pregnancy Month

Mayor Smith stated this Proclamation, designated by the State, addressed the issue of teen pregnancy and the need for programs and other education around the State in an effort to join in to reduce teen pregnancy in South Carolina.

Proclamation – Reverend Garland F. Pierce

Mayor Smith stated this Proclamation was in support of Reverend Garland F. Pierce in seeking a position in the International AME Church. Mayor Smith stated he would be presenting this Proclamation at a function to be held on May 16.

Proclamation – Women’s Lung Health Month

Mayor Smith stated we all know someone who has been affected by cancer, and this Proclamation is in support of the national movement by the American Lung Association in its fight against this dreaded disease.

Mayor Smith stated, along with that Proclamation, he wanted Council to be aware that Relay for Life would be held on May 15, at the School, beginning at 6 pm.

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 April. Chief Jones, reported as follows:

Collisions Investigated 5
Traffic Offenses - 12
Arrests - 4
Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) – 14 and
Calls for Service - 315.

Council Member Mr. Chiles asked about body cameras and the recent incidents happening around the nation.

Chief Jones stated the Department already had some body cameras, as well as cameras in the patrol units. He stated that a lot of study and development would have to be done, such as a policy for use and retention of materials, and stated that cost would be a factor. It was discussed that some departments had been selected over the State as test cases. It was also stated that the state was looking at how to cover the overall cost. Discussion was held as to the retention of material and what type of server and encryption would be needed to safeguard the material for future trial cases.

Mayor Smith stated that in the absence of Fire Chief Barron, he would ask him to combine his reports for May and June.

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:

20% local; 23% out of town; 13% for personal services, contracted services at 44%.

Continuing/Upcoming Events listed included:

Safety Meeting for Second Quarter 2015 held during Staff Meeting on April 7

Audit Work on FY 15/16 General Fund Budget

Municipal Association’s Annual Meeting for Municipal Elected Officials – July 16-19, Hilton
Head

Filings:

1st Quarter Payroll Reports

Publications:

Fair Housing Resolution & ADA Non-Discrimination Requirements – McCormick Messenger
Public Hearing – Town GFO Budget for FY 15/16 – McCormick Messenger

Meetings:

Staff Meetings – April 7, 13, 16, & 23

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

Business licenses: new – 4; 2 local; and 15 renewals

Building Permit Coordination: 3-for repairs

Zoning Issues: Old Middle School –Mat Hardy

Background Checks: 2 Employment; and 1 Apartment

Visitor's Log: Town Hall - 94; Police Department - 36; Fire Department – 3; for a total of 143

Meetings Attended: Staff Meetings, April 6, 13, 16, 20, 23

New Business started in Town: Collins City Boutique, 912 South Mine Street – Lonnie Partlow.

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

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

9. Old Business

Mayor Smith stated there were no items for consideration under Old Business.

10. New Business

Mayor Smith stated one items was listed under New Business, that being the 2015 MASC Annual Meeting information. He stated that if anyone was planning to attend to get the information back into Mrs. McKinney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONTRACTUAL & PERSONNEL ISSUES; RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE – SECTION 30-4-70, FOIA, SUBSECTIONS 1 & 2

Mayor Smith called for a motion for the executive session as published. Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

Revert to Regular Session:

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

Council Member Chiles then made a motion to return to regular session, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith reported that no action was needed from the discussions held in executive session; discussion only being held.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Smith reminded Council Members to get their information into the Clerk if they wished to attend the Annual Meeting, the Relay for Life, being held on May 15, at the School, beginning at 6 pm, and the Memorial Day Service which would be held on May 23, in the Park, noting the change to a Saturday.

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

12. Adjournment

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

Council adjourned at approximately 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Clerk/Treasurer

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