

Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Attendance:

Mayor: Roy Smith, Jr.

Council Members: Nathan Jones
Eric T. Butler
J.E. (Jesse Earl) Johnson

Council Members Absent: Dolly P. Franklin
James C. (Calvin) Chiles
Ann D. Seymour

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

Media Present: Christine Lee, McCormick Messenger

Other Guests: Donn M. Lee

Mayor Smith welcomed everyone present to the regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council for May 14, 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 May 8, 2013. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on May 8, 2013. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on May 9, 2013. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on May 9, 2013. A quorum was declared to be present for the conduct of business before Council.

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Mayor Smith welcomed all in attendance to the regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council.

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 "**White's Service Center**". 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. Invocation

Mayor Smith called upon Council Member Mr. Butler to give the **Invocation**. Council Member Mr. Butler did so giving thanks for a great day, asking that matters be governed in a proper way, and asking for care for all present and for those not present for whatever reason.

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 as written. Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Johnson, and unanimously approved.

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 at approximately 7:05 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING: FY 13/14 TOWN GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

Mayor Smith opened the Public Hearing, at approximately 7:06 pm to receive any comments regarding the Town's FY 13/14 General Fund Operating Budget. No comments being offered, Mayor Smith closed the public hearing at approximately 7:06 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 9, 2013, and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes as written, 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 for April 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 Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Financial Statement** for April and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mr. Butler made a motion that the Financial Statement be received as information, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Johnson, and unanimously approved.

7. Legislation

Under Legislation, Mayor Smith stated that the **budget Ordinance, No. 07-2013**, needed to be considered for first reading.

Council Member Mr. Butler offered the motion to introduce and give first reading to Ordinance No. 07-2013, FY 13/14 Town General Fund Operating Budget, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Johnson, and unanimously approved.

Proclamation – Peace Officer's Memorial Day

Mayor Smith stated Chief Jones had asked that this Proclamation, in honor of fallen law enforcement officers, be considered. Mayor Smith stated that May 15 would be observed as "Peace Officer's Memorial Day". Council was unanimous in support of this Proclamation.

8. Reports

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

In reporting activity for April, Chief Jones reported:
Collisions Investigated 3; Traffic Offenses 41; Arrests 7; Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) 19; and Calls for Service 257.

For events, Chief Jones reported that there was a prescription medication take back on April 27, with 1.5 pounds of medications turned over to the Drug Enforcement Agent.

Attorney Compton commented that this was a good program in that there was a lot of abuse of medications by young people who rummaged through medicine cabinets. He stated it was good to get these old drugs out of circulation.

Administrator Krumwiede concurred, adding that it was not good for old medications to be flushed down toilets to get in to the water systems.

Council Member Mr. Johnson asked, if turning in old medications, should the labels be removed; it was stated that it would be good for the labels to be removed, or at least to be scratched over with a marker to obscure the name and information.

Mayor Smith thanked Chief Jones and called for the Fire Chief to give the **Fire** Report for April.

Activity for April from the Fire Chief's report indicated:
City limits: Automotive – 1; for a total of 1 call;
County Response Area: Brush – 1; Automotive – 3; and False Alarm – 1; for a total of 5 calls;
Total calls for April being 6.

Under notes, Chief Barron had reported that four members of the department were attending fire fighter class 1152. He stated that upon completion, the Department would have 15 certified interior firemen. Chief Barron also stated that yearly hose testing would be taking place in June.

Mayor Smith then 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: 11% local; 21% out of town, 20% for personal services; 49% for contracted services
Reports filed: 1st Quarter Payroll Reports
Required Publications: Fair Housing Resolution, ADA – Section 504 Compliance Certification, and Public Hearing Notice on the FY 13/14
Town General Fund Operating Budget
Upcoming Events: Comprehensive Plan Review in July; (Upper Savannah; Planning/Zoning

Commission); and Insurance Assessment Review -June 6.

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

Business licenses: 5 new and 15 renewals;

Building Permit Coordinations: 2 new and 5 repairs;

Background Checks: 3 employment and 4 apartment;

Visitor's Log: Town Hall 77; Police Department 56; for a total of 133.

Meetings Attended: April 2 – Chamber Breakfast at Book's on Main; April 24-26; MCTI Institute in Columbia

New Businesses in Town: McCormick Cleaners (under new management – Mr. Patel) at 127 N. Pine Street.

Administrator Krumwiede reported on the General Assembly's actions regarding the local government fund and the various cuts to towns and cities. He stated that McCormick was set to receive approximately \$60,000 instead of \$72,000. He stated that this had been taken into account in the FY 13/14 town budget by the Clerk/Treasurer.

Attorney Compton stated he wanted to let the Mayor and Council know that he had followed up in sending the requested correspondence in the Police Department matter recently discussed in Executive Session. He stated that an executive session was not needed at this time, but wanted the Mayor and Council to know that after sending the correspondence, that he (Attorney) had not received any further communications, and he felt that this was a good thing.

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

9. Old Business

Mayor Smith stated he did not have anything under Old Business, and called for any from Council. None was offered.

10. New Business

Mayor Smith stated under New Business, two items were listed: the **Memorial Day Service on May 25** which would be held in the MACK Park; the 25th being a Saturday. Mayor Smith stated there would not be a speaker, but that a choir would be presenting a musical tribute; the other item listed under New Business was information regarding the **annual Municipal Association's meeting** to be held in Greenville, July 18-21. Mayor Smith stated that anyone wishing to go, to please fill out the forms, and return them to the Clerk/Treasurer. Mrs. McKinney stated she would like to have them back as soon as possible so that when she was called she would be able to register everyone at the same time.

11. Information Items

Mayor Smith stated no items were listed, and if there was no further business to come before council, he would call for a motion to adjourn. No further business was offered.

12. Adjournment

Mayor Smith, having duly made a motion for adjournment, called for second, second was duly given by Council Member Mr. Butler, and the motion unanimous approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Clerk/Treasurer - CMCT

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