

**Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 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
Dolly Franklin

Council Member Absent: Ann Seymour

Staff Present: Major W.D. Willis
Private Richard Young
Private Dustin Cole
Fire Chief Mike Barron
Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney
Attorney John D. Compton, III

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

Other Guests: Christine Lee
Tina & Tim Courcoran
Lisa & Artie Cole & Kayla Cole
Joseph Barron, Brianna Collins, Zaria Lagroon
Members of the McCormick Fire
Explorers

Mayor's Welcome & Comments:

Mayor Smith welcomed everyone present to the McCormick Town Council Meeting for the month of June. 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 "**Sunrise Family Health/Harrison & Associates**" as business pick for the month of June. 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 June 3 and 5, 2015. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on June 5, 2015. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on June 5, 2015. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on June 5, 2015.

Mayor welcomed the Cole family and friends in attendance to the hearing in of Police Officer Private Dustin H. Cole and also recognize Police Officer Private Richard Young, both of whom having recently graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

1. Call to Order

At approximately 7:03 pm, Mayor Smith called to order the McCormick Town Council's regularly scheduled meeting for June 9, 2015.

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 handle the affairs of the Town, recognizing those officers who had made achievements, being thankful for being a part of a great Town, and moving forward in making the best decisions all in the interest of the community.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Smith asked all present to stand and offer the Pledge of Allegiance; all did so in a patriotic manner.

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 Mr. Jennings and Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

5. General Public Comments

Mayor Smith opened the Public Comments Section of the meeting at approximately 7:07 pm.

Oath of Office for Private Dustin Cole

Mayor Smith called Private Cole forward to take the Oath of Office as a Certified Police Officer for the Town of McCormick Police Department. In attendance were Private Cole's wife, Kayla, parents, Artie & Lisa, and friends, Tim & Tina Courcoran.

Certificates of Achievement were given to each officer for their accomplishments and recent graduations from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

6. Regular Town Council Business Items:

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of Council for May 12, 2015 for review prior to the meeting, and called for any discussion and action regarding the Minutes as presented.

Council Member Mr. Butler made a motion that the Minutes stand as written, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Bills** for May, 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 May 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 Members Mr. Jones and Mr. Jennings, and unanimously approved.

7. Legislation

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

Ordinance 2015-07-01 – FY 15/16 General Fund Operating Budget – Second & Final Reading

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

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 May. Major Willis reported as follows:

Collisions Investigated 2
Traffic Offenses - 15
Arrests - 12
Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) – 13
Calls for Service - 361.

Mayor Smith thanked Major Willis for the report and moved to the Fire Report and called upon Fire Chief Barron.

Chief Barron, reporting for May (June) as follows:

Town Fire Calls:
Automotive – 0
Structure Fires – 1
Misc. – 2
Brush – 0
County Fire Calls:
Automotive – 2
Structure Fires – 0
Misc. – 0
Brush – 3
For a total of 8 calls.

Under Notes, Chief Barron listed the ISO audit scheduled for late June, the review of the County Council's support for the Fire Departments for FY 15/16, and the introduction of the

McCormick Fire Explorers, those present being Joseph Barron, Brianna Collins, and Zaria Lagroon.

Chief Barron stated with the new fire truck and other equipment, the ISO inspection should come with a good standing for the Fire Department, and would reflect on homeowner's insurance policies.

Chief Barron stated with regard to County Council funding, there would be a slight increase to each fire department, the approval to fund the E-Dispatch system which would allow firemen to use their cell phones as pagers, a small increase to offset radio costs, and a fuel card for each fire department.

Lastly, Chief Barron introduced the first group of McCormick Fire Explorers, Joseph Barron, Brianna Collins and Zaria Lagroon. He stated that if Council knew of others who they thought would like to be a part of the program to let him know. He stated that these young people were leaders in the community, had the community's interest at heart, and would move forward to become certified firefighters.

Mayor Smith welcomed the McCormick Fire Explorers and thanked them for stepping up to serve the community.

Council Member Mr. Chiles stated that no report was given for last month (April), and wanted to know if there were any events. Chief Barron apologized and stated there were some incidents – weather related – with trees on lines, and some miscellaneous calls. It was stated that two rather large trees had fallen during the recent storms as there had been power fluctuations.

Mayor Smith then called for the **Clerk/Treasurer's and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's** report. Chief Barron read both reports as Mrs. McKinney could not talk due to a case of laryngitis.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Report:

Purchases of goods and services:

7% local; 22% out of town; 13% for personal services, contracted services at 58%.

Continuing/Upcoming Events listed included:

Municipal Association's Annual Meeting for Elected Officials – July 16-19, Hilton Head
Activate the Municipal Election Commission to begin work on the April, 2016 General
Election for Town, Mayor, Council Members 2, 4, & 6, and CPW Commissioner
Seats; work on Municipal Election Schedule and Election Ordinance – July
Close FY 14/15 Budget Year; work with Auditors (June 12 – first visit)
Open FY 15/16 Budget Year; work with Southern Software to close and open)
Magistrate Court Hearing: June 25 – Zoning Violation Issue

Filings:

None

Publications:

Public Hearing – Town GFO Budget for FY 15/16 – McCormick Messenger
Position Ad – Police Department – McCormick Messenger & Index Journal

Meetings:

Staff Meetings – May 4, 18, & 26

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's report:

Business licenses: 4 – new; 5 renewals

Building Permit Coordination: 9-for repairs

Zoning Issues: 2 – zoning classifications for Carolina and Church Street properties

Background Checks: 1 Employment; and 1 Apartment

Visitor's Log: Town Hall - 70; Police Department - 25; Fire Department – 0; for a total of
95

Meetings attended: May 4, 18, & 26

New Businesses started in Town: None.

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. Chiles, 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 Mayor's Challenge Commitment Form, Council having received a copy for review prior to the meeting.

Mayor Smith stated he had received this request from HUD which was a nationwide campaign to make every effort possible to end Veteran Homelessness by December 31, 2015.

He read the Commitment Form out loud to those present.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Smith stated there was no information items and stated he had one event – Youth Day, June 20, in the MACK Park, sponsored by First Bethany Church.

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. Jones duly gave second, with the motion to adjourn being unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Clerk/Treasurer

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