

Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Attendance:

Mayor:	Roy Smith, Jr.
Council Members:	Nathan Jones Eric T. Butler Ann D. Seymour
Council Members Absent:	Dolly P. Franklin James C. (Calvin) Chiles Jesse Earl (JE) Johnson
Staff Present:	Police Chief J.R. Jones John H. Deason, Assistant Fire Chief Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney Town Administrator David Krumwiede
Staff Absent:	Fire Chief Mike Barron Town Attorney John D. Compton, III
Media Present:	None
Other Guests:	Norma Curtis, Member, Planning Commission Paul Brown, Library Director

Mayor Smith welcomed everyone present to the regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council for June 11, 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 June 5 & 7, 2013. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on June 5 & 7, 2013. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on June 7, 2013. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on June 5, 2013. A quorum was declared to be present for the conduct of business before Council by Mayor Smith.

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 "**Greenwood Financial Services**". 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 7:03 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 to His liking, extending mercies for those who were absent, hospitalized, or whatever other circumstances caused their absence, and asking for mercy and grace for all present and their families.

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 Mrs. Seymour made the motion, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

5. General Public Comments

Mayor Smith called for any comments to come before Council. He stated that Donald Callaham was to appear and speak regarding citizen concerns. Mr. Callaham was not in attendance. Mayor Smith then called upon Paul Brown, Library Director, to speak to Council.

Mr. Brown stated that he was Paul Brown, Library Director, and he was appearing before Council to request consideration of additional funding for the completion of the playground at the Library. He stated that was approximately \$13,000 needed to finish the playground, giving a description of the playground equipment already installed. He stated the playground was being put to good use, it being used even on Sundays. He stated that a part of the completion would be for equipment for 5 to 12 year olds. Fund raising having slowed somewhat, Mr. Brown stated that he would like for Council to consider a second contribution toward the playground and its completion in whatever amount the Town could apply. Mr. Brown stated that the playground project had also received an award – the J. Mitchell Brown Achievement Award.

Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Brown stating that his efforts were appreciated in getting this project completed. He stated that it was a huge asset for the community, to families, living here or visiting, and congratulated Mr. Brown for receiving an award for the Library's efforts. Mayor Smith stated that from time to time the Town issued letters for family reunions and other events, and that he would start putting information regarding the playground in these letters. He told Mr. Brown that the Town would take his request as information and asked Administrator Krumwiede to get with Mr. Brown on the additional equipment needed.

The General Public Comments section was closed by Mayor Smith at 7:10 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 May 14, 2013, and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mr. Butler

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

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Financial Statement** for May 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 Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour asked about the bill for Kinard's Control Systems. Town Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney stated that this vendor was used in the Police Department to work on radios and other equipment.

7. Legislation

Under Legislation, Mayor Smith stated that the **Budget Ordinance, No. 07-2013**, needed to be considered for second reading and adoption. .

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

Proclamations: Mental Health Month & Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church

Mayor Smith stated he had issued a Proclamation for Mental Health Month and had presented the Proclamation to Mrs. Kidd at their Mental Health meeting. He stated he had also issued Proclamations to eight members of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church in celebration of their 140th Anniversary, the members being life long members of the Church. He stated that he attended this anniversary celebration.

8. Reports

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

In reporting activity for May, Chief Jones reported:

Collisions Investigated 2; Traffic Offenses 17; Arrests 9; Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) 35; and Calls for Service 320.

The Relay for Life – March 31 was reported as events for the month.

Chief Jones reported that Officer Sudduth was doing well at the Academy, he coming in first and second in some areas of training. He stated that he should complete the Academy by July 19. He stated that Officer Yeldell was also doing well.

Mayor Smith inquired about the incident at the railroad crossing at Highway 378. Chief Jones stated that a tractor trailer had pulled up the crossing causing spikes to be elevated. He stated that CSX had a crew close by and was able to get on the incident quickly and pulled in

a crew to repair. Chief Jones reported no incidences or injuries had occurred as a result of this incident, and it was quickly repaired by CSX.

Mayor Smith thanked Chief Jones and called upon Assistant Fire Chief John H. Deason to give the **Fire** Report for May, Fire Chief Barron being out of Town.

Activity for May from the Fire Chief's report indicated:

City limits: Automotive – 2; structure – 1; for a total of 3 calls;

County Response Area: Miscellaneous – 1; Automotive – 3; and False Alarm – 1; for a total of 5 calls;

Total calls for May being 8.

Under notes, Chief Barron had reported that the past recruitment efforts had resulted in four new recruits in the past six months. On July 20, the Fire Department would begin the Fire Explorer Program which would target young members of the community, ages 15-17. Monthly meetings would be held consisting of classroom and hands on training. The Program would be supported by the members of the Fire Department.

Apologies were given for the absence of the Fire Chief, as he and several members of the Fire Department were attending the annual state firefighters convention.

Mayor Smith asked with the additional four recruits what was the present number of firemen. Assistant Chief Deason stated it brought the members up to 18. Mayor Smith asked Mrs. McKinney how many positions were in the budget, and she replied that the FY 13/14 budget called for 21 positions.

Mayor Smith thanked Assistant Chief Deason and called for the Clerk/Treasurer's and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's reports.

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

Purchases of goods and services: 8% local; 15% out of town, 24% for personal services; 53% for contracted services

No Reports or required Publications were due for the month.

Audit: Auditors were in May 17 to conduct preliminary audit work on the FY 12/13 Town General Fund Operating Budget and would be back August 2 to continue their field work.

Zoning Violations/Property Owners: second inspection due on June 13; third and final inspection would be in July.

Upcoming Events and other Actions: Comprehensive Plan Review in July; (Upper Savannah; Planning/Zoning Commission); activities of the Election Commission in July for the 2014 Town Elections for Districts 1, 3 & 5; Insurance Assessment Review scheduled for June 6 was rescheduled; Full Cost Disclosure/Annual Landfill Reports due in September/October; Town Policy Manuals/Handbook Review due in September.

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

Business licenses: 4 new and 3 renewals; with continuing renewals of approximately 20+ due

Building Permit Coordinations: 1 new and 7 repairs;

Zoning Issues: Williams – placement of walkway between two porches; and Talbert – driveway enlargement

Background Checks: 2 employment and 4 apartment;

Visitor's Log: Town Hall 73; Police Department 51; Fire Department 2: for a total of 126.
Meetings Attended: May 7 – Chamber Breakfast and May 9 Gold Rush Meeting.

Administrator Krumwiede reported on the Public Official's Liability Toolkit, which was listed under New Business. He stated that he had attended this session in Simpsonville, and a handout was given to the Mayor, Council, and Department Heads. He stated that federally, the individual/person would be sued for any incident and not the Town, and under the State, the municipality would be sued and not the individual for any tort or incident. He stated that Town was insured through SCMIRF (South Carolina Municipal Insurance Risk Financing – Municipal Association). He pointed out the tips listed on Page 3, stating the most important of these was good record keeping.

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

9. Old Business

Council Member Mrs. Seymour inquired as to the property owner and status where the televisions were located. Town Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney stated that inspections were being conducted, with the final inspection to be done in July. Calling for any other Old Business, and receiving no additional comments, Mayor Smith moved to the New Business section of the Agenda.

10. New Business

Listed under New Business was Administrator Krumwiede's report on the "Public Official's Liability Toolkit" and with it being reported previously, Mayor Smith called for any other New Business to come before Council. None was offered.

11. Information Items

Mayor Smith stated no items were listed, and stated that the Mammogram Unit would be in McCormick at the MACK Park on June 20 from 9 am to 3 pm, and that there would be an event in the MACK Park on June 29 – for Mrs. Essie Banks who had passed away last year, and who had reached the age of 100.

12. Adjournment

Calling for any other business to come before Council and receiving none, Mayor Smith duly made a motion for adjournment, called for second, second duly given by Council Member Mr. Butler, and the motion unanimous approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Clerk/Treasurer - CMCT

