

Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Attendance:

Mayor:	Roy Smith, Jr.
Council Members:	Nathan Jones James C. (Calvin) Chiles Eric T. Butler Ann D. Seymour
Council Members Absent:	Dolly P. Franklin (Medical – Knee Surgery)
Death: June 29, 2013	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 Town Attorney John D. Compton, III
Staff Absent:	Fire Chief Mike Barron
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 July 9, 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 July 3, 2013. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on July 3, 2013. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on July 5, 2013. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on July 5, 2013.

1. Welcome/Call to Order

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

Mayor Smith, with sadness, offered condolences in the death of Council Member Mr. Johnson and also for Council Member Mr. Butler's mother.

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 “**Strom's Drug Store**”. 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 7:01 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, the sunshine, asking that matters be governed to His liking, confront for those who had departed, the Johnson Family and his own family, and healing for Mrs. Franklin.

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. None were offered, and Mayor Smith closed the General Public Comments at approximately 7:01 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 June 11, 2013, and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mrs. Seymour 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 June, along with a copy of the Receivables Report and called for any questions.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour asked who was "Wright-Johnston". Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney stated that this vendor was used for police uniforms. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the 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 June and called for 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.

7. Legislation

Under Legislation, Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of **Ordinance No. 2013-07-01**, Comprehensive Plan Review Process which needed to be considered for first reading. Mayor Smith called upon Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney to speak to Council.

Mrs. McKinney stated that in 2009 the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning maps were updated with Upper Savannah assisting in the review process and every five years a review had to be done. She stated that Council had before them the ordinance to begin the review process, an

agreement for services from Upper Savannah, and a schedule of events to be conducted during the review.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour offered the motion to introduce and give first reading to Ordinance No. 2013-07-01, Comprehensive Plan review documents, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

No **Resolutions** were published for review and adoption.

Proclamations: Carolina Day

Mayor Smith stated he had issued this Proclamation in June but it came in after the June meeting. He stated the copy in the agenda package was for Council's information.

8. Reports

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

In reporting activity for June, Chief Jones reported:

Collisions Investigated 2; Traffic Offenses 23; Arrests 12; Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) 40; and Calls for Service 345.

No events were listed for the month of June. Chief Jones stated that he was discussing with the Mayor implementing the reserve officer's program and that he had one applicant. He stated that he would get back to Council on this after he and the Mayor had reviewed the program and any associated, additional costs that would be incurred.

Mayor Smith thanked Chief Jones and called upon Assistant Fire Chief John H. Deason to give the **Fire** Report for June. Chief Barron was out of Town in New Orleans on business for his job.

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

City limits: Structure – 1; County Response Area: Miscellaneous – 2; Automotive – 2; False Alarm – 1; and Structure – 2; for a total of 7 calls; total calls for June being 8.

Under notes, Chief Barron had reported that the Fire Explorer Program would begin on July 20, with the program targeting 15-17 years in the community who had an interest. The Explorer Program would be supported by members of the Fire Department with monthly classroom type meetings being held with hands on training. Chief Barron also reported that three firemen were scheduled to complete the Fire Fighter Class I training, completion mid July. Chief Barron also reported that a grant for personal protection equipment had been submitted through a local corporation.

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: 12% local; 19% out of town, 23% for personal services; 46% for contracted services

No Reports or required Publications were due for the month.

Audit: Auditors were to be back on August 2 to continue field work on the FY 12/13 General Fund Operating Budget.

Insurance Assessment review would be conducted on July 11.

Zoning Violations/Property Owners: second inspection done on June 13, and the third and final inspection would be done on July 15.

Upcoming Events and other Actions: Full Cost Disclosure and Landfill reports would be due in August and September; Activation of the Election Commission to begin work on the April, 2014 General Election for Districts 1, 3 and 5, and a CPW Commissioner seat; Comprehensive Plan Review in July; (Upper Savannah; Planning/Zoning Commission); Town Personnel Policy Review would be scheduled beginning September, 2013.

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

Business licenses: 3 new and 2 renewals;

Building Permit Coordinations: 0 new and 7 repairs;

Zoning Issues: Carolina Street – old laundry mat building; Chestnut Ridge Road – metal out building; Mine Street – Creswell house and Mine Street – Giles (green) house;

Background Checks: 2 employment and 5 apartment;

Visitor's Log: Town Hall 68; Police Department 55; Fire Department 4: for a total of 127.

Meetings Attended: June 4 – Planning & Zoning training; and June 11- Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Properties, quarterly meeting.

Administrator Krumwiede reported on the Risk Map Project through the SC Department of National Resources and FEMA. He attended a meeting at Upper Savannah Council of Governments on June 19. He stated that he had been given a key with the flood maps and other information on it for the Town. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to inform counties and towns of the RISK Map project, to gather information, and to define roles and responsibilities. He stated that the Town was located between two watersheds, Upper Savannah and Stevens Creek, the Town sitting on a ridge line that extends southeast along the Savannah River (Thurmond Lake). Because of this ridge line, the Town does not have any significant flooding. The Town had been a participant in the Federal Flood Management Program in the past and continued participant would be of benefit to the Town, with one benefit being the purchase of flood insurance for anyone in a flood plain area.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour commented that the present flood plain maps were in error, especially in the Savannah Lakes area. She stated that the property owners only owned to a certain point and the Corps of Engineers did not cooperate much by the way of flood plain issues. Discussion was held as to the Town being between the two lakes, Hartwell and Thurmond (Savannah) and the results of a major spill and/or flooding. Council Member Mrs. Seymour stated that Augusta was already flooded. Discussion continued with regard to the Corps of Engineers involvement, the low lying areas of the county being subject to flooding, and continuation in the program for future benefit of the Town.

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

9. Old Business

Mayor Smith stated that Council needed to sign off on the FY 13/14 General Funding Operating Budget which was adopted in June. Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney apologized for

not getting the required signatures at the June meeting.

10. New Business

Listed under New Business was the activation of the Election Commission to begin work on the April, 2014 election. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to activate the Commission, said motion duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Butler and Mr. Chiles, and unanimously approved.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour asked if an election would be held for Council Member Mr. Johnson's seat, with Mayor Smith replying that it was beyond the 180 days and an election would be held. Council had received a copy of the Election Schedule and Public Notice for this special election which would be held on October 1.

11. Information Items

Mayor Smith stated no items were listed.

In closing comments, Mayor Smith stated that Mrs. Banks, school teacher, now teaching adult education, would be retiring on July 13. He also stated that the mammogram unit had gone well, with 25 participants.

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 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Certified Municipal Clerk/Treasurer

File: M07092013

