

**Town of McCormick, SC  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, July 14, 2015**

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

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**Attendance:**

**Mayor:** Roy Smith, Jr.

**Council Members:** Dolly Franklin  
Calvin Chiles  
Eric T. Butler  
Alvin Jennings  
Ann Seymour

**Council Member Absent:** Nathan Jones

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

**Media Present:** **Bradley Fuller, McCormick Messenger**  
**Damian Dominquez, The Index Journal**

**Other Guests:** Janice Grizzard & Shaaron Kohl,  
representing the Visitor's Council

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**Mayor's Welcome & Comments:**

Mayor Smith welcomed everyone present to the McCormick Town Council Meeting for the month of July. Mayor Smith stated it was customary, prior to the meeting, to pick a business of the month. Mayor Smith asked Council Member Mr. Butler to make the selection. Council Member Mr. Butler selected "**Food Lion**" as business pick for the month of July. Mayor Smith asked the Clerk/Treasurer to send a Certificate of Appreciation to them.

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**Public Notification:**

News Media had been notified of the meeting by e-mail on July 8 and 10, 2015. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on July 10, 2015. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on July 10, 2015. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on July 10, 2015.

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### **1. Call to Order**

At approximately 7:03 pm, Mayor Smith called to order the McCormick Town Council's regularly scheduled meeting for July 14, 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, seeking guidance, direction and intervention in the affairs of the Town.

### **4. Approval of Agenda as Written**

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the agenda as written; no discussion being offered, Council Member Mr. Chiles offered the motion, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jennings, and unanimously approved.

### **5. General Public Comments**

Mayor Smith called the General Public Comments agenda item opened for public comments at approximately 7:05 pm. No comments were offered, and Mayor Smith closed the General Public Comments.

### **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 9, 2015 for review prior to the meeting, and called for any discussion and action regarding the Minutes as presented.

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

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Bills** for June and called for any discussion and action regarding the Bills.

Council Member Mr. Chiles made a motion that the bills be paid in the usual manner, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Jennings and Mrs. Franklin, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Financial Statement** for June and called for any discussion or 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. Chiles, and unanimously approved.

## 7. Legislation

Mayor Smith stated the next item on the Agenda was Legislation and stated there were no Ordinances, Resolutions or Proclamations to be considered.

Mayor Smith then moved to Reports.

## 8. Reports

Mayor Smith called upon Chief Jones to give the **Police** Department Report for the month of June. Chief Jones reported as follows:

Collisions Investigated 2  
Traffic Offenses - 21  
Arrests - 6  
Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) – 17  
Calls for Service - 420.

Chief Jones stated the closing date for publication of the police officer's position was June 18 with the Town receiving four or five applications. He stated he was somewhat disappointed at the response, and would be doing background checks of the applicants. He stated he would have more information for Council at the August meeting.

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

Chief Barron, reporting for June as follows:

Town Fire Calls:  
Automotive – 6  
Structure Fires – 0  
Misc. – 1  
Brush – 1  
For a total of 8 calls for the Town.

County Fire Calls:  
Automotive – 0  
Structure Fires – 0  
Misc. – 0  
Brush – 0  
For a total of 0 calls. (Chief Barron did not report any information for County calls.)

Under Notes, Chief Barron stated the ISO audit had been completed and the Town should be getting the rating back in two to three months. He stated he hoped to get good news. He stated he wanted to commend the Water Department of CPW, Edward Deason, and others who went beyond to help out with flow tests and other items for the inspection.

With regard to the Junior Firefighter's Explorer Program, Chief Barron stated the kids were meeting the first and third of each month, were excited about the Program, and would begin on bookwork. He stated he currently had five young people and asked for any recommendations from Council. He invited Council to attend one of the meetings.

Mayor Smith then called for the **Clerk/Treasurer's and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's** report.

**Town Clerk/Treasurer Report:**

**Purchases of goods and services:**

6% local; 26% out of town; 19% for personal services, contracted services at 49%.

**Continuing/Upcoming Events listed included:**

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

Activate 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

Open FY 15/16 Budget year; work with Southern Software to close and open

Annual Benefits at Work Conference – September

Annual Risk Management Meeting – November

Safety Meeting for 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr., 2015 – September

**Filings:**

None for June

Future Filings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Payroll Reports

**Publications:**

Position Ad – Police Department – McCormick Messenger & Index Journal –closed June 18

**Meetings:**

Staff Meetings – June 1, 15, 22, & 29

**Report on Commissions:** Planning & Zoning mandated annual training recently held in June; Commission calls for a 7-member board; currently there are only 3 members; the MEC (Municipal Elections Commission) members are required to be trained prior to handling any type of election; no such training has occurred to date for the 2-new members and the 1-remaining hold over member; trying to schedule this training with McCormick County Voter Board of Registration prior to the April, 2016 General Election.

**Report on Contracts:** this report will be submitted to Council in January, 2016.

**Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's report:**

Business licenses: 4 – new; 3 renewals

Building Permit Coordination: 8-for repairs

Zoning Issues: Whitetown road area and 106 Church Street – converting single residence to a duplex

Background Checks: 9 - Employment; and 4 - Apartment

Visitor's Log: Town Hall - 58; Police Department - 43; Fire Department – 0; for a total of

101

Meetings attended: June 1, 15, 22, 29; Major Employers Meeting at Hickory Knob on

June 29

New Businesses started in Town: None.

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

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

### **9. Old Business**

Mayor Smith stated there were two items for consideration under Old Business, Council to sign the FY 15/16 General Fund Operating Budget signature page and an Update from the Visitor's Council on the MACK seating project.

Council Members present signed the Signature Page form for the FY 15/16 Budget

Mayor Smith then called upon Janice Grizzard and Shaaron Kohl, representing the Visitor's Council to give an update on the MACK seating project from their meeting with McCormick County Council.

Mrs. Grizzard stated she had given a copy of the proposed grant application to the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer. She stated County Council was supportive of the project. She stated the contractor, Young's Concrete, would require a 1/3 payment up front, a 1/3 payment in the middle of the project, and a final 1/3 payment at the completion of the project. She stated the Town, County, and Visitor's Council portion of the grant match would be approximately \$1,700.00. She stated the amount of funds available was \$21,403.00, and the added funding could help with erecting a sidewalk to alleviate flooding of the Park in one section on the northside. She stated she would be working with PRT to go over the details of the grant, especially noting who would be the sponsor, whether it would be the Town or the Visitor's Council. She stated a government agency, whether the Town or County, had to be the sponsor. She stated there were no other projects competing for these funds and in all likelihood the project would be funded, but the logistics would need to be worked out.

Discussion was held as to start of project, with Mrs. Grizzard stating the project would hopefully start in August, but would not be finished by the time for Gold Rush, but possibly finished in October

Mayor Smith stated his concern was with regard to use; would people use the concrete seating. Council Member Mrs. Seymour stated she felt the seating would be used. Mayor Smith stated people didn't seem to want to sit in the sun and close to the stage area, citing a recent event held in the Park where chairs were available but were not used.

It was stated that the project would enhance the Park area, was a good concept, and would invite people to use the Park more. It was stated with the seating in place MACK could offer more events – spring and fall.

Mrs. Kohl stated that this funding could be sought in future years to provide other enhancements to the Park area.

Question of ownership was discussed, it being stated that the Town and County own the property jointly, the MACK leasing the building, and providing grounds administration.

*Mayor Smith at this point apologizes and stated he would like to introduce the reporter for The Index Journal, Damian Dominquez, and welcomed him to the Town's meeting.*

Discussion of MACK seating project continued with discussions regarding the financial aspect, and Council Member Mr. Chiles stating his concern of the additional increase to the Town from \$1,300.00 to \$1,700.00. It was stated that all three sponsors would share the match of 1/3 each or \$1,700.00 each – Town, County, and Visitor's Council.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour recommended that the Town create the account, receive and disperse all funds.

In light of the new grant amount and match funds, it was recommended that a motion to approve the update be considered.

Mayor Smith called for a motion to receive the updated information.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour offered a motion to amend the Town's support of the proposed project in light of the additional information received, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Butler and Mr. Jennings, and unanimously approved.

#### **10. New Business**

Mayor Smith stated one item was listed under New Business that being to activate the Municipal Election Commission to begin work on the April, 2016, General Election.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour offered a motion to activate the Municipal Election Commission to begin work on the April, 2016 General Election, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, and unanimously approved.

#### **Mayor's Comments:**

Mayor Smith stated there was no information items to report and no further comments.

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

#### **12. Adjournment**

Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion to adjourn, with full Council seconding, and the motion to adjourn being unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra McKinney  
Clerk/Treasurer

