

**Town of McCormick, SC**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 13, 2013**

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**Attendance:**

**Mayor:** Roy Smith, Jr.

**Council Members:** Dolly Franklin  
James C. (Calvin) Chiles  
Eric T. Butler  
Ann D. Seymour

**Council Members Absent:** Nathan Jones, Illness

**Death: June 29, 2013** Jesse Earl (JE) Johnson

**Staff Present:** W.D. Willis, Major – Police Department  
Police Officers –  
Jesse Sudduth, Jacob Deason  
Mike Barron, Fire Chief  
Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney  
Town Administrator David Krumwiede  
Town Attorney John D. Compton, III

**Media Present:** Christine Lee, McCormick Messenger  
Allistar Banks, The Index-Journal

**Other Guests:** Donn M. Lee  
Falcon Davis  
Tony Johnson, Director, Mental Health America  
William Wright, Superintendent,  
McCormick School District

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Mayor Smith welcomed everyone present to the regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council for August 13, 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 August 7 & 9, 2013. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on August 7 & 9, 2013. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on August 9, 2013. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on August 9, 2013.

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**1. Welcome/Call to Order**

Mayor Smith welcomed all in attendance to the regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council, stating there were several distinguished guests present, Tony Johnson, Director, Mental Health America and William Wright, Superintendent, McCormick School District.

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. Butler to make the selection. Council Member Mr. Butler selected “**Little Italy Pizzeria**”. 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 7:00 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, for life, for the coming together to conduct the business of the Town, that all things be done according to His glory, and that He be our guide in all matters before the Town.

**Oath of Office – Police Officer Jesse D. Sudduth – Mayor Smith called Officer Sudduth to come forward to take the Oath of Office. Officer Sudduth was welcomed as a Police Officer for the Town and congratulations were given by all.**

## **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.

### **Recognition – William Wright, Superintendent, McCormick School District**

Mayor Smith stated that William Wright, Superintendent for the School District was present and called upon Mr. Wright to speak to Council.

Mr. Wright stated that he was grateful for the opportunity given him and the opportunity to meet the people of McCormick. He stated that he grew up in Swift Creek, North Carolina, a small town, very much like McCormick, but had lived the past seven years in Raleigh. He stated that he was meeting with the faculty, the Board, and the community and presented to the District, a one word vision – FOCUS – for our children – united (we) stand. He stated that he just didn't want to make the District good, but make the District great.

Mayor Smith welcomed him to McCormick, offering assistance to Mr. Wright in education matters that came before the Town.

## **5. General Public Comments**

Mayor Smith stated **Tony Johnson, Director, Mental Health America** was present and called for him to speak to Council, Mayor Smith stating he attended annual meetings and presented proclamations in support of mental health matters.

Mr. Johnson spoke to Council of the community's support of mental health, first spearheaded by Kathy Dulaney, in getting housing established in McCormick for mentally challenged adults. He stated the purpose of the organization was to assist those in the community with

several different programs from housing to financing, making sure that housing was adequate and funds received were used in paying the client's monthly bills which were managed by Mental Health America. He stated he was appreciative of Council's support in the upgrade in housing several years back. He presented information on the Jason Flatt Act, and its implementation in 2014, which requires school districts to offer training in the area of suicide prevention to students. He stated that Mental Health America would provide this training. Areas covered by the local organization includes Laurens, Abbeville, Greenwood, McCormick, and recently Anderson was added, Mr. Johnson said.

Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Johnson for his attendance and comments regarding mental health issues, the need for training, and offered support for these services.

Mayor Smith stated **Christine Lee, resident of 416 Virginia Street** had requested to speak to Council regarding traffic on Virginia Street, and called upon Mrs. Lee to address Council.

Mrs. Lee stated that she and her husband had been resident at 416 Virginia Street for the past two years. She stated that she had to change the entry and exit to her home because of the problems of speeding on Virginia Street. She stated that in pulling into the road from her residence, that at any minute, a car speeding down the road would cause her to have to wait. She stated that she recently had a gathering at her home and her guests were fearful of the speeding. She asked that something be done, that speed bumps be put in, that if she needed to obtain signatures she would. She stated that a speed board had been put on the street, and it had slowed the traffic down, but once it was removed, the speeding increased.

Discussion was given that the Department of Transportation maintained all roads in Town, Virginia Street being a state road with it being unlikely that speed bumps would be placed on Virginia Street. It was stated that the Police Department did monitor that area, as well as other problem areas in Town.

**Mayor Smith stated that he would Administrator Krumwiede look into the matter and get back with Mrs. Lee on the issue.**

#### **6. Regular Town Council Business Items:**

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of Council for July 9, 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 "LCBTLMM". Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney stated that this vendor, Lutheran Church by the Lake – Lutheran Men (in) Missions had requested a donation for their annual golf tournament, with the proceeds from the tournament coming back into the community to the schools to assist with school supplies for the children. Council Member Mrs. Seymour asked where the funds were allocated in the budget, and the Mrs. McKinney stated that it would be coded to the Administrative – Travel/Business account. Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion that the Bills be paid in the usual manner, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Franklin and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Financial Statement** for July 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 second and final reading. Mayor Smith called upon Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney to speak to Council.

Mrs. McKinney stated that once the Ordinance was approved, it would be sent to Upper Savannah Council of Governments, along with the Agreement for services. Once the Agreement was signed, meetings would be scheduled to review the Plan and update it. She stated possibly the only changes would be made inserting the current census data. She stated that the process would be finished sometime in January. It was stated that Rick Green, Certified Planner, with Upper Savannah, would be assisting in this review, and since minor changes would be made, if any, the fee would be somewhat less than the original Plan cost.

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. Chiles, and unanimously approved.

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

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

## **8. Reports**

Moving to Reports, Mayor Smith called upon Police Major W.D. Willis to give the **Police** Department Report for July.

In reporting activity for July, Major Willis reported:

Collisions Investigated 3; Traffic Offenses 20; Arrests 25; Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) 40; and Calls for Service 460.

Major Willis stated that the case of the slew of home invasions/burglaries had been solved with several arrests including one juvenile who was at DJJ. He stated that no events were listed, but stated that the National Night Out and the Don't Fall for Drugs Festival would be combined and held in October. Major Willis requested Council to implement the reserve officer's program in that the Department had an applicant who recently moved back to McCormick and wanted to do his reserve training with the Town. He stated that the Police Department had this in place, but understood that Council needed to activate the program in order for it to become part of the Town's budget process. He stated that the reserve officer would require uniforms and would be covered under the Town's insurances and workers' compensation.

Mayor Smith stated that Council could take the request as information and bring it back for discussion at the September meeting.

Mayor Smith thanked Major Willis and called upon Fire Chief Mike Barron to give the **Fire**

Report for July.

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

City limits: Automotive – 1, Miscellaneous - 1; County Response Area: Miscellaneous – 1; Automotive – 5; and Structure – 1; for a total of 9 calls for the month of July.

Under notes, Chief Barron had reported the Fire Department had assisted in the military exercise held by the Marines recently in the area, joint training was continuing with neighboring fire stations, and yearly testing of all equipment and personnel had been scheduled for October.

Mayor Smith thanked Fire Chief Barron 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; 28% out of town, 25% for personal services; 39% for contracted services

Reports filed: 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter payroll reports and the annual Landfill Disclosure Report

Audit: Auditors were in August 2 to conduct field work on the FY 12/13 General Fund

Operating Budget

Insurance Assessment review completed on July 11 with 100% assessment rating

Zoning Violations/Property Owners: final inspection done on July 15, with a request that a court date be scheduled by the Magistrate to close the cases and proceed to abatement

Upcoming Events and other Actions: Special Election – October 1; 2014 Election for Districts 1,3,5 and a CPW Commission Seat, Ordinance to be presented in September;

Comprehensive Plan Review process, and Town Personnel Policy Review – September, 2013.

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

Business licenses: 1 new and 1 renewal (for construction)

Building Permit Coordinations: 1 new (addition to house) and 6 for repairs

Zoning Issues: 508 Virginia Street zoned as residential 1; and Keepsake Friends – zoned as CB – central business

Background Checks: 7 employment and 5 apartment

Visitor's Log: Town Hall 69; Police Department 75; Fire Department 1: for a total of 145.

Meetings Attended: July 31 – Clerk's Regional Meeting – Upper Savannah COG - Greenwood.

**Administrator Krumwiede** reported to Council that he had attended two meetings for the Town, the RIA, Rural Infrastructure Authority meeting in Columbia, and a meeting on OBAMACARE, at the University of SC Policy & Research Center. He stated the Rural Infrastructure Authority had been established after the dissolution of the old Local Government Fund under Mike Gullede, the intended purpose of the RIA to assist with infrastructure (water and sewer) grants for local communities. He stated the meeting on the Affordable Care Act focused on small business implementing the Act. He stated since the Town had their insurances through the State, the State would be the agency to deal with OBAMACARE and provide local governments with information regarding the ACT. He stated that both meetings were well attended across the state.

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Krumwiede to report on the CDBG monitoring meeting held earlier in the day. Mr. Krumwiede stated the Town's CDBG project managed through Upper Savannah and being a CPW waterline improvement project was audited by five people from the State and was a good inspection with a good report in so far as he knew. He was not made aware of any deficiencies.

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**

Mayor Smith stated no Old Business was listed and called for any from Council. None was offered.

### **10. New Business**

Mayor Smith stated no New Business was listed and called for any from Council. None was offered.

### **11. Information Items**

Under information items, Council had received a copy of the insurance assessment review and rating of 100%.

In closing comments, Mayor Smith stated he had two items; Gold Rush scheduled for September 21, and the National Night Out/Don't Fall for Drugs Event scheduled for October.

Administrator Krumwiede stated he would like to mention to Council that certain repairs were needed at the Gold Mine in that Mayor Smith had reported that Gold Rush was September 21. He stated that these repairs needed to be made prior to that time, or the Gold Mine would need to be closed during the festival.

Mayor Smith stated that the fencing at the MACK Park would also need to be repaired and that he had asked Alpine Construction to look at it and give him a quote for repairs. He stated that his was damaged due to heavy rains, the creek caving in, and taking two sections of fencing and one column with the cave in. He stated that DOT, CPW, Frontier and others had worked to shore up the area and put in new culverts.

Council Member Mr. Chiles agreed that if the Gold Mine was not ready, that it should be closed during Gold Rush.

### **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. Chiles, and the motion unanimous approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra McKinney  
Certified Municipal Clerk/Treasurer

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