

**Town of McCormick, SC**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 10, 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:** Police Chief J.R. Jones  
Fire Chief Mike Barron  
Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney  
Town Administrator David Krumwiede  
Town Attorney John D. Compton, III

**Media Present:** Christine Lee, McCormick Messenger

**Other Guests:** Donn M. Lee  
Pleshette Elmore, Director, Piedmont Tech,  
McCormick Campus  
SSGT Shane Stuhlmiller and Kelly Foster  
(Special Forces US Army Retired),  
representing the US Marine Corps

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Mayor Smith welcomed everyone present to the regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council for September 10, 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 September 4, 2013. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on September 4, 2013. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on September 6, 2013. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on September 6, 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 a distinguished guest was present, Pleshette Elmore, Director, McCormick County Campus, Piedmont Technical College.

Ms. Elmore addressed Council stating that she was looking forward to working with the Mayor and Council to improve the media center at the Campus and to encourage increased

attendance and participation in the services offered. She stated that she started on August 1, had been with Piedmont Tech in several different capacities and was excited to begin her new position.

Mayor Smith also recognized Staff Sergeant Shane Stuhlmler and Kelly Foster, representing the US Marine Corps stating that they would be speaking to Council under General Public Comments.

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 "**New Images**". 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, and for the opportunity to come together to conduct the business of the Town.

## **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 stated Staff Sergeant Shane Stuhlmler and Kelly Foster, representing the US Marines were present and called upon them to speak to Council.

**SSGT Stuhlmler** thanked Mayor and Council for allowing attendance at the meeting and thanked the Town for the continued support the Marines had received over the years in the training exercises for those students who had decided to further their training through the special ops school. Presentation was given for a training exercise/scenario that would take place in the community, with some 40/50 students participating. Local agencies such as the Police Department, the Sheriff's Department, Fire Departments, and EMS would be involved in the exercise. **Mr. Foster** explained that active duty Marines would move in and occupy certain areas to combat the resistance of a foreign takeover, Georgia invading South Carolina. He stated the Marines would work in an occupied zone and aid local agencies in building up resistance to the insurgency and fight off the opposing attackers. He stated that even local businesses would be asked to participate in the exercise. The training date being in November, Mr. Foster stated that they would be meeting with Chief Jones to give more details of the exercise. He stated that they had received good community support in the past with these type exercises and appreciated the support that was given. He stated that an Engineering Battalion with approximately 150 engineers would also be available and were looking for projects in the community that they could be done. He stated if the community had

projects, such as rebuilding a school, gutting a building and rebuilding it, or any projects where manual labor was involved to let them know. He stated that use of heavy machinery would also be available. He stated that more information about the exercise would be given to Chief Jones.

Mayor Smith thanked SSGT Stuhlmiller and Mr. Foster for their attendance and information on the upcoming exercise by the Marines.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour stated that she wanted to let Council know that Phyllis Harrison, wife of Frank Harrison, long time attorney in McCormick, had died and asked if the Town could send a card. Mayor Smith directed the Clerk/Treasurer to send a card from the Town.

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

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of Council for August 13, 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 August, along with a copy of the Receivables Report and called for any questions. Council Member Mrs. Seymour asked what was included in Miscellaneous Revenue, in that it seemed to be high for the month. Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney stated that this included the payment for the wrecked patrol unit. 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 August, subject to auditor's adjustments and called for 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 Member Mrs. Franklin, and unanimously approved.

#### **7. Legislation**

Under Legislation, Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of **Ordinance No. 2013-09-01**, Election Ordinance – 2014 General Election for Districts 1,3, and 5, and a CPW Commissioner for introduction and first reading.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour offered the motion to introduce and give first reading to **Ordinance No. 2013-09-01**, Election Ordinance, 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 Chief Jones to give the **Police** Department Report for August.

In reporting activity for August, Chief Jones reported:  
Collisions Investigated 4; Traffic Offenses 31; Arrests 16; Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) 37; and Calls for Service 372.

Chief Jones stated that a Selective Enforcement Assessment was conducted which resulted in 154 citations being issued, with several law enforcement agencies involved, the Police Department, the Sheriff's Department, DPS, State Transport Police. He stated that 88 of the 154 were for seat belt violations, two for DUI, Driving under Suspension, and other violations included. He stated that these type assessments were conducted in order to decrease fatalities, save lives, and enforce awareness of the laws in place which included wearing seat belts which had been in place for some time. He stated that the compliance rating had gone from 54% to 80% compliance in just seat belt numbers. He stated that the assessment was conducted over a two day period and was not meant to pick on anyone, but to enforce compliance with the law.

Mayor Smith thanked Chief Jones and called upon Fire Chief Mike Barron to give the **Fire Report** for August.

Activity for August from the Fire Chief's report indicated:  
City limits: Structure Fires - 1; County Response Area: Miscellaneous – 1; Automotive – 3; and Brush – 1; for a total of 6 calls for the month of August.

Under notes, Chief Barron reported the Fire Department was continuing joint training with neighboring departments, that compliance testing had been completed on fire engines, and that the Fire Chief's Association continued to work with County Council to increase funding for all fire departments.

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: 11% local; 11% out of town, 23% for personal services; 55% for contracted services

Reports filed: Annual Landfill – Disclosure Reports

Required Publications: Notice of Election and Full Cost Disclosure Report

Audit: Auditors working to complete confirmations from County and State

Insurance Renewal completed and mailed to SCMIRF (fire/peril; auto liability/comp; tort liability; fleet)

Upcoming Events: Special Election – October 1; 2014 Election for Districts 1,3,5 and a CPW Commission Seat; Comprehensive Plan Review process, and Town Personnel Policy Review; Personnel Policy Review.

Mrs. McKinney also reported on the CDBG monitoring review held on August 22, with one correction being needed, and attendance at the PEBA Benefits at Work conference held August 28 in Columbia on health insurance matters and the Affordable Care Act which would take effect in 2015.

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

Business licenses: 6 new (4 contractors; 2 new businesses located in Town) and 6 renewal

Building Permit Coordinations: 1 new (addition to outside of building) and 6 for repairs

Zoning Issues: 902 S. Main Street and 205 N. Mine Street (areawide business areas)  
Background Checks: 6 employment and 10 apartment  
Visitor's Log: Town Hall 91; Police Department 70; Fire Department 0: for a total of 161  
Meetings Attended: National Night Out/Don't Fall for Drugs and McCormick Visitor's Council  
New Businesses in Town: Annie's Adult Day Care, 802 S. Mine Street; Robert Settles

Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. McKinney and called for the Administrator's Report.

**Administrator Krumwiede** reported to Council that he had written an article on Earthquakes. He stated that the area had fissures/fault lines which made the area suitable for an earthquake, citing one that happen in 2012 in Due West. He stated susceptible areas were around Beaufort and Charleston. He stated another element was the hard red clay in the area which made the situation worse. He stated that emergency kits needed to be kept in case of an earthquake. He reported on the meeting held with Maceo Nance, the Department of Commerce Director with regard to any rural development funding opportunities. Mr. Krumwiede stated that Mr. Nance would be looking at ideas that might be beneficial to both the town and county. He stated that Mr. Nance proposed that the town and county work together on funding and planning that would benefit the community.

Council Member Mr. Chiles stated, going back to the Police Report, that he wish to inquire as to the status of the officer that was injured in the wreck. Chief Jones stated that the officer was back in on light duty, in the office, doing some clerical work, and other items that were needed, pending a complete release to return to full time duty.

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 Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

## **9. Old Business**

Mayor Smith called for Mrs. McKinney to obtain Council signatures for Ordinance 2013-07-01, Comprehensive Plan Review Ordinance.  
Council signatures were obtained on Ordinance which was adopted in August.

Mayor Smith called for a motion to reactivate the "Reserve Police Officer's Program". Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion to reactivate the Program, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated that the candidate would be sworn in and would appear before Council in October.

## **10. New Business**

Under Business, Mayor Smith stated that there was a request from the Clerk to pay Inter Agency Funding for FY 13/14 in one payment. This being a published agenda item, Council could take action on the matter. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion to pay the Inter Agency funding in one check, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

## **11. Information Items**

Under information items, Mayor Smith had several events to report:

Gold Rush – September 21

Senior Center Volunteer of the Year – September 26

G.L.E.A.M.N.S Recognition of Elected Officials – September 12

Fannie Kate's Opening – Thursday, Friday and Saturdays; he having eaten there and the food was very good, recommending that everyone try them out.

**12. Adjournment**

Calling for any other business to come before Council and receiving none, Mayor Smith called for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion, with Council Member Mr. Butler giving second, and Council unanimously agreeing to adjourn at approximately 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra McKinney  
Certified Municipal Clerk/Treasurer

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