

**Town of McCormick, SC  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 13, 2015  
McCormick One Stop Conference Room, 109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC**

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**Attendance:**

**Mayor:** Roy Smith, Jr.

**Council Members Present:**

Nathan Jones  
Calvin Chiles  
Eric T. Butler  
Alvin Jennings

**Council Members Absent:**

Dolly Franklin  
Ann Seymour

**Staff Present:**

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

**News Media:**

**None**

**Other Guests:**

Toni Mason, Resident, East Augusta Street

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**Mayor's Welcome & Comments:**

Mayor Smith welcomed everyone in attendance to the McCormick Town Council Meeting for the month of October. Mayor Smith stated Council Members - Mrs. Franklin and Mrs. Seymour - would not be present. He then stated it was customary, prior to the meeting, to pick a business of the month. Mayor Smith asked Council Member Mr. Jones to make the selection. Council Member Mr. Jones selected "**Mine Street Mart**" as business pick for the month of October. Mayor Smith asked the Clerk/Treasurer to send a Certificate of Appreciation to that business.

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**Public Notification:**

News Media had been notified of the meeting by e-mail on October 7 and 9, 2015. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on October 7 and 9, 2015. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on October 9, 2015. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on October 9, 2015.

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**1. Call to Order**

At approximately 7:03 pm, Mayor Smith called to order the McCormick Town Council's regular scheduled meeting for October 13, 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 the day, for bringing everyone to this place at this point of time, seeking guidance, direction, and governance; healing hands to Council Member Mrs. Seymour, and comforting hands to Council Member Mrs. Franklin.

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

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

### **Presentation of FY 14/15 Audit Toni McKinley, McKinley, Cooper & Co., LLC**

**Mayor Smith called upon Mrs. McKinley to present the audit.**

**Mrs. McKinley stated the Town's audit for the period ending June 30, 2015 received a clean opinion. She stated that the new ruling under GASB 68 regarding pension liability had been added and was explained in the Supplementary Schedules dealing with Pensions. She stated the pension liability to the Town was being reported at \$553,340. She stated that this liability did not affect the Town's cash flow. She then proceeded to review the Budget to Actual Schedules stating that under both methods of accounting, the Town had a favorable result to the fund balances. She stated that the Town was in a good position under both methods of accounting. The assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year. The Town's total net position increased by \$127,434. Total fund balances increased by \$144,308 from the prior year. The unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$1,845,004, or 206% of total general fund expenditures.**

**Mayor Smith called for any questions from Council regarding the audit report, and not receiving any, thanked Mrs. McKinley for the report on the Town's Audit.**

**Mrs. McKinley was then excused.**

## **5. General Public Comments**

Mayor Smith called the General Public Comments agenda item opened for public comments at approximately 7:10 pm. He then called upon resident, Toni Mason. Mrs. Mason reported that she was having a dog problem with some of her neighbors who were apparently ignoring the Town's leash laws. She stated she did not want the dogs coming into her yard, as there had been one incident involving her husband, and another involving her own dogs. She stated the Police Department was aware of this issue. She also reported an incident in picking up a neighbor's children from school, in that no ID was asked for and she was just allowed to take the children from the school. It was stated this would be a school issue and she would need to address that with the School Board.

Mrs. Mason was then excused from the meeting.

Calling for, and no further comments being offered, Mayor Smith closed the General Public Comments at approximately 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 September 8, 2015 for review prior to the meeting and called for any discussion or action regarding the Minutes as presented.

Council Member Mr. Butler made a motion that the Minutes stand approved as written, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received, for review prior to the meeting, a copy of the **Bills** for September and called for any discussion or 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 Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Financial Statement** for September for review prior to the meeting, and called for any discussion or 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 Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

#### **7. Legislation**

Mayor Smith stated under Legislation one Ordinance was being presented for second reading and adoption - O2015-09-01, with no Resolutions or Proclamations.

#### **O2015-09-01 Election Ordinance – Second Reading/Adoption:**

Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion to give second reading and adoption; said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith then moved to Reports.

#### **8. Reports**

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

Collisions Investigated - 3

Traffic Offenses - 7

Arrests - 5

Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) – 18

Calls for Service - 345.

Events for September included the Annual Gold Rush Festival held September 19.

Chief Jones reported that there was no substantial impact to the Town from the recent storm event, just limbs and debris down, which had been removed in a timely manner.

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

Chief Barron, stating that activity remained to be high, and reported fire calls for the month of September as follows:

Automotive – 2  
Structure Fires – 2  
Misc. /Alarms – 2  
Brush – 4

For a total of 10 calls, the alarm fires being a result of the recent storm event. In regard to the recent storm event, he reported that this was an all-day event with calls ranging from trees on cars, trees on houses, and assisting with keeping roads open for emergency traffic. He stated that station members responded with deploying two engines to handle multiple calls for service at the same time.

Mayor Smith asked Chief Barron to report as to costs associated with the event.

Chief Barron stated that the costs were associated with response to calls and equipment replacement. He stated he was submitting that information to the County for them to present along with the county costs for reimbursement since this had been declared an emergency.

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

**Town Clerk/Treasurer Additional Report to Council:**

**Purchases of goods and services:**

3% local; 15% out of town; 6% for personal services, contracted services 26%  
Inter Agency Funding – 48% and the MACK Seating Project – 2%

**Continuing/Upcoming Events listed included:**

Annual Risk Management Meeting – November 12  
Safety Meeting for 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. 2016 – to be held in October  
Review of SOP's in Police & Fire Departments (September-October; Resolution to Council – November for review; adopt in December, to be effective January)  
Open Enrollment, Town Health Insurances – October  
Filing 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. 2015 Payroll Reports

**Filings:**

Renewal of Town's Tort, Fleet, Fire & Peril Insurances on September 4

**Publications:**

None

**Meetings:**

Benefits at Works Conference, Columbia, September 2  
Staff Meetings: September 8, 15, 21, 28  
De la Howe Stakeholder's Meeting, September 17

Ethic Training, USCOG, September 30  
Holiday on Main Meeting/Assessment, September 30

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

**Business licenses:** 9 – new; 6 renewals; 1 new in Town; 8 construction

**Building Permit Coordination:** 12-for repairs

**Zoning Issues:** Peachtree & Fifth Avenue – classification

**Background Checks:** 3 - Employment; and 4 - Apartment

**Visitor's Log:** Town Hall - 89; Police Department - 41; Fire Department – 0; for a total of 130

**Meetings attended:** Staff Meeting: September 8, 14, 21, 28; Holiday on Main, September 20, and McCormick Night Out/Don't Fall for Drugs: September 15, 22, 29

**New Businesses started in Town:** Get Nailed (Nail Salon) Patsy Wilson, Inside New Images at 113 South Pine Street.

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

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

**9. Old Business**

Mayor Smith stated under Old Business two items were to be considered:

**A) Request to move forward to add/amend zoning for residential districts to include “community expansion, to promote health and general welfare” by adding to definition/use to Table I – Under Social Services – Individual & Family Social Services – Sections 403 & 203 – Town Zoning Ordinance.**

Mayor Smith stated this this was with regard to the use of the Log Cabin by the Kings & Queens Program, and called upon Mrs. McKinney.

Mrs. McKinney stated Council had received a copy of the proposed documents explaining the procedure, physical posting of the property for thirty days, advertising public notice in Messenger, public hearing being held and consideration of an ordinance. She stated that this would take time and if favorable then a contract for use could possibly be considered by Council.

**B) Reply from DOT regarding No Parking Signs – Bryant Street**

Council Member Mr. Chiles requested that this be pulled from the Agenda at this time.

**10. New Business**

Mayor Smith stated there was one item under New Business, Update/Discussion – RoundTable Meetings – McCormick County Economic Development/Chamber.

Mayor Smith stated he and all of the council members, except Mr. Jennings, Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Franklin had attended these meetings. He stated the meetings were being held to present the strength and weaknesses of the respective groups; Council had received a copy

of information from the Economic Development Director for the County, Thessa Smith, for review regarding these meetings. Discussion was held with regard to the next scheduled meeting, October 29. Mayor Smith stated he had a conflict with that date and had sent a letter to the County Council asking if a joint meeting could be held at the Town's November 10 regular Town Council meeting. He directed the Clerk to draft a letter to the County regarding the November 10 joint meeting.

Before proceeding to Information Items, Mayor Smith called for any other business to come before Council.

Council Member Mr. Chiles stated he had two issues: tires at the old Exxon station on 378 and the Exxon station on 28 being overgrown. He asked that contact be made regarding these properties since the Governor would be in Town on October 22.

### **11. Information Items**

Mayor Smith stated there was one information item – thank you note from the McCormick County Historical Commission. In addition to that, Mayor Smith reported on the ManPower Conference recently held with attendance of approximately 140 attendees; he thanked Council Members Mr. Butler and Mr. Chiles, and Chief Jones, for their attendance and support. Other items reported and to note:

Women in Business – October 22; with Governor Haley attending  
McCormick's Night Out/Don't Fall for Drugs – October 17

Mayor Smith then called for any other business to come before Council.

Council Member Mr. Butler reported that a sign was needed at the corner of Carolina & Cherry Streets.

### **12. Adjournment**

Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion to adjourn, with Council Member Mr. Jones giving second, the motion to adjourn being unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra McKinney  
Clerk/Treasurer

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