

**Town of McCormick, SC**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 10, 2015**  
**McCormick One Stop Conference Room, 109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC**

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**Attendance:**

**Mayor:** Roy Smith, Jr.

**Council Members Present:** Dolly Franklin  
Nathan Jones  
Calvin Chiles  
Eric T. Butler  
Ann Seymour

**Council Members Absent:** Alvin Jennings

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

**News Media:** **None**

**Other Guests:** Chuck Cook  
McCormick County Chamber Director –  
Charlotte Tallent  
McCormick County Council Members –  
Charles Jennings and Earl Coleman  
McCormick County Economic Development  
Director – Thessa Smith  
Crystal Barnes, Administrative Assistant  
McCormick County  
Donn and Christine Lee

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**Mayor's Welcome & Comments:**

Mayor Smith welcomed everyone in attendance to the McCormick Town Council Meeting for the month of November. Mayor Smith stated Council Members - Mr. Jennings - 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 "**Edgefield Fuel**" as business pick for the month of November. Mayor Smith asked the Clerk/Treasurer to send a Certificate of Appreciation to that business.

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**Public Notification:**

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News Media had been notified of the meeting by e-mail on November 4 and 6, 2015. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on November 4, 2015. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on November 6, 2015. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on November 6, 2015.

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

At approximately 7:05 pm, Mayor Smith called to order the McCormick Town Council's regular scheduled meeting for November 10, 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 offered the invocation; first for the gathering, guidance in conducting the business of the Town, and blessings for the community.

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

Mayor Smith called any discussion regarding the Agenda as Written and receiving none, called for a motion to approve the agenda as written; Council Member Mrs. Seymour offered the motion, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

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

Mayor Smith called the General Public Comments agenda item opened for public comments at approximately 7:07 pm. He stated that Toni Mason, resident of East Augusta Street had been scheduled, but was absent due to physical problems. He stated that she wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Calling for, and no further comments being offered, Mayor Smith closed the General Public Comments at approximately 7:07 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 October 13, 2015 for review prior to the meeting and called for any discussion or action regarding the Minutes as presented.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour 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 October 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 Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Financial Statement** for October for

review prior to the meeting, 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 under Legislation, Council had received copies of two Ordinances for review:

**O2015-09-01 Election Ordinance** – Second Reading/Adoption had been given at the September Regular Town Council meeting and **only signatures of Council were needed.**

**O2015-11-01** – Amendment to Zoning, Table I, Other Social Services & Permitted Zones; public hearing scheduled for December 8, 2015; property posting October 22, 2015; public notice – Messenger – ad – October 22, November 5, November 19, and December 3; Mayor Smith stated that consideration/first reading in title only was needed.

Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion to give first reading in title only to O2015-11-01 with information as to notice given; said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, Council Member **Mrs. Seymour voted against first reading, with Mayor Smith, and Council Members Mrs. Franklin, Mr. Jones, Mr. Chiles and Mr. Butler in the affirmative; first reading passes.**

Mayor Smith reported that no Resolutions were offered and that he had issued one Proclamation for the Marching Chiefs, who had received recent awards for the Homecoming ceremony.

Mayor Smith then moved to Reports.

## 8. Reports

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

Collisions Investigated - 4

Traffic Offenses – 9

Arrests - 17

Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) – 22

Calls for Service - 245.

No events were listed for October.

Chief Jones brought to Council's attention the recent action regarding body camera for all law enforcement officers; legislation having been passed by the State. He stated the Training Council was working to put policies in place for the use and storage of data and the Department would look at those policies and implement policies to coincide with their policy. He stated the approximate cost of the cameras would be between \$5,000 and \$6,000 for seven officers. He stated funds were allowed in the State budget which could be applied for to offset costs.

Council Member Mr. Chiles asked if the aforementioned costs included the costs for storing the data.

Chief Jones stated that the company that the Department was working with, included the software. He stated that another company the Department has looked at did not. He stated that other companies could be looked at, but felt that the company that offered a total package would be the better option. Chief Jones also stated that training would need to be done, and could be handled by having Major Willis, the Department's Training Officer, take the "Train the Trainer" course, and then train the other officers.

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

Chief Barron, stated that October was a busy month, especially with the flooding event. He reported the following activity for October:

Automotive – 3  
Structure Fires – 4  
Misc. - 3  
Alarms – 6  
Brush – 0

For a total of 16 calls, with an additional 12 calls being related to the recent storm event.

Under Notes, Chief Barron listed:

Compliance testing begins in November for hose, ladder and fitness testing.

Discussion was had as to the costs for the recent storm event; Chief Barron stated that the reimbursement requests had been sent to FEMA and the County EMS Director Chris Doolittle was handling the submission of the reports for all agencies involved.

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:**

6% local; 8% out of town; 10% for personal services, contracted services 41%  
MACK Seating Project – 35%

**Continuing/Upcoming Events listed included:**

Annual Risk Management Meeting – November 12  
Annual Women in Business Conference – November 23  
Review of SOP's in Police & Fire Departments (September-October; Resolution to Council – in December, to be effective January)

**Filings:**

Claim for Water Damage in Police Department, recent flooding event  
Claim for Minor Damage to Patrol Unit/Deer

Local Government Debt Report to State Treasurer's Office (Fire Truck; 1 payment remaining)

**Publications:**

Zoning Ad for Amendment to Zoning Table I for the Log Cabin building/area

**Zoning:**

Request for Classification of Dollar General property; zoned as Areawide Business

Request for Classification of Business located on North Main Street, zoned as Central Business – Historic Preservation District

**Meetings:**

Staff Meetings, October 5, 19

County Strategic Planning Steering Committee, October 13

County Council Meetings, October 12, 20

Public Disaster Briefing – County EMS – October 28

In addition to the Clerk/Treasurer's additional report to council, Mrs. McKinney also requested that the flu shot be offered to employees, stating those employees who were covered under the Town's health plan would be at no cost, but for other employees, she requested that the Town cover those costs. Mrs. McKinney also stated that she had given, as information, the proposed Meetings and Holiday Schedule, along with proposed payroll date data for Council's review. She stated this information would be brought back to Council at the December meeting for approval.

Mayor Smith called upon Deputy Town Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. Foster for her report:

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

**Business licenses:** 4 – new; 1 renewal

**Building Permit Coordination:** 7-for repairs

**Zoning Issues:** North Main Street - classification – Restaurant & Bar

**Background Checks:** 3 - Employment; and 2 - Apartment

**Visitor's Log:** Town Hall - 71; Police Department - 48; Fire Department – 2; for a total of 121

**Meetings attended:** Staff Meeting: October 5, 19

**New Businesses started in Town:** None

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

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

**9. Old Business**

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

- A) Discussion – Contribution in support of the County's Branding Initiative for Downtown – Arnett Muldrow Assessment – County Economic Development (motion needed to support)

Mayor Smith stated he would like for Council to consider tabling this as a joint meeting was to be held with the County following the adjournment of the Town's meeting in order to get a better understanding of what the branding initiative would entail.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to table the item, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

### **10. New Business**

Mayor Smith stated no items were listed for New Business, but that he did want to bring to Council's attention the receipt of a request from the MACK for assistance with the costs of replacing the furnace in the building. He stated that he had a couple of additional questions that he would present to them and bring the matter back to Council for discussion.

Before proceeding to Information Items, Mayor Smith called for any other business to come before Council. No further matters were offered. Attorney Compton reported that he would be having surgery November 30 would be absent from Council in December and possibly January.

Council Member Mr. Chiles asked if he would be in contact with the Town.

Attorney Compton stated that he could be reached by phone; the Clerk/Treasurer having his cell, as well as, his office number in Greenwood. He stated he would also be reached by e-mail.

### **11. Information Items**

Mayor Smith stated no information items were listed, and he had several dates/events: to note:

Veterans Day Service – November 11 – American Legion  
Women's in Business Luncheon – November 23  
Women's Empowerment Conference – November 21.

### **12. Adjournment**

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion to adjourn, with Council Member Mr. Chiles giving second, the motion to adjourn being unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra McKinney  
Clerk/Treasurer

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