

**Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 12, 2013**

Attendance:

Mayor: Roy Smith, Jr.

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

Council Members Absent: Nathan Jones

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

Media Present: None

Other Guests: Anne Barron, Chamber of Commerce
Crystal Barnes, Gold Rush
Joyce Blackwell, Resident of Chestnut Ridge
Road
Rick Green, Upper Savannah
Council of Government

Mayor Smith welcomed everyone present to the regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council for November 12, 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 November 6, 2013. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on November 6, 2013. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on November 8, 2013. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on November 8, 2013.

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Mayor Smith welcomed all in attendance to the regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council, at 7:02 pm.

Invocation: Mayor Smith called upon Council Member Mr. Butler to give the Invocation. Council Member Mr. Butler did so, expressing thanks for a great day, asking for comfort for those who had lost loved ones, and asking that all matters of the Town be governed accordingly.

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 “**Walker Funeral Home**”. 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. Approval of Agenda as Written

Mayor Smith stated Council had received 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.

4. General Public Comments

Mayor Smith opened, and called for any, General Public Comments at approximately 7:03 pm.

Trent Cason, having requested to appear before Council, was absent.

Mayor Smith then called upon Anne Barron of the Chamber of Commerce to speak to Council, she having made request to speak regarding Small Business Saturday and to give an update on the Gold Rush Festival.

Mrs. Barron thanked the Mayor and Council of their support of the Chamber, Gold Rush and local business. She stated a lot of outside visitors were coming in and looking to open businesses in Town getting information from the Chamber's Website as well as the Town's and County's. She brought one concern to Council's attention regarding Gold Rush, the Parade, and the throwing of candy. She stated that throwing candy would have to stop due to liability issues. She cited an example of the previous parade in that a child was allowed

to run out and pick

up candy from under a car. She stated another issue was the train that went through too fast; she stated that all the paperwork had been filed. It was suggested that a follow-up phone call possibly be made the day before the Gold Rush event to CSX to remind them of the event. Speaking to the Small Business Saturday event, she stated that the Economic Development Committee, through the Chamber, would be having a clean-up on November 16, cleaning the storefronts, taking down notices, and putting up posters as to owner information. She stated

Heather McNally

could be contacted regarding the clean-up campaign. Mrs. Barron stated Holiday on Main would be held on December 7, with the parade at 4 pm, with Santa at the MACK, and the tree lighting in the Park. She stated the Community Chorus would be singing and the Market would be going on. She stated this was in an effort to combine all events for one day. In

closing, Mrs. Barron thanked all who volunteered their time to help make events in McCormick possible. She stated more volunteers were needed in that the events were getting bigger and better. She stated that Gold Rush, in her opinion, was one of the best that had been held and recognized those who had help in its planning, Crystal Barnes, Dot Bandy, Karen Hiott, Tim White, Maurice White, herself and others. She stated again, though, that it takes a lot of time and a lot of volunteers to have successful events.

Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. Barron, stating that he appreciated all that the Chamber and the Gold Rush Committee did in getting the events together.

Mayor Smith called for any further comments, and receiving none closed General Public Comments at approximately 7:04 pm.

5. Regular Town Council Business Items:

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of Council for October 8, 2013, and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mr. Chiles made a motion to approve the Minutes as written, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Bills** for October, along with a copy of the Receivables Report and called for any questions. No questions were offered, and Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to pay the Bills 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 October and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion that the Financial Statement be received as information and recorded as part of the Minutes, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

6. Legislation

Under Legislation, Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of **Ordinance No. 2013-10-01**, Appropriate Certain Additional Funds to the FY 13/14 General Fund Budget to Purchase a Police Patrol unit. Mayor Smith stated this would be second and final reading, adoption.

Council Member Mr. Chiles offered the motion to give final reading and adoption of **Ordinance No. 2013-10-01**, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour and unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 2013-11-01, Comprehensive Plan – Revised Recommendations from Planning Commission – Rick Green, Facilitator, introduction/first reading. Mayor Smith called upon Mr. Green to address Council, Council having received a copy of the revised Plan for review prior to the meeting.

Mr. Green stated that Council had before them the revised Comprehensive Plan, stating State law provided that the Town's Plan be updated every five years with a major update every ten years. He stated that he had worked with the Planning Commission in the revision, inserting the 2010 census information, evaluating the goals and objectives of the Town, some goals having been met which were removed, and some goals added.

Mayor Smith called for any questions from Council regarding the Plan and Mr. Green's comments. None were offered.

Mayor Smith then called for first reading to Ordinance No. 2013-11-01; Council Member Mr. Chiles offered a motion to give first reading to Ordinance No. 2013-11—1,

Comprehensive Plan, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

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

Mayor Smith reported one **Proclamation** was published during October, one for **PASTOR CHUCK SMALLWOOD**, on the occasion of an appreciation banquet for Cedar Springs Baptist Church which the Mayor had attended.

7. Reports

Moving to Reports, Mayor Smith called upon Chief Jones to give the **Police** Department Report for October.

In reporting activity for October, Chief Jones reported:
Collisions Investigated 5; Traffic Offenses 19; Arrests 14; Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) 28; and Calls for Service 312.

Mayor Smith called for any questions from Council for Chief Jones and receiving none, he thanked Chief Jones for his report and called upon Fire Chief Mike Barron to give the **Fire** Report for October.

Activity for October from the Fire Chief's report indicated:
a slight increase in activity, but no major events
for the City, Chief Barron reported two miscellaneous and three community events, for the County, Chief Barron reported one miscellaneous and three brush. He stated a fire extinguisher training event had been held with local residents, a grant presentation with Georgia Pacific had been held, with the Fire Department having received the Bucket Brigade grant, and that two members had completed and passed the OSHA 1152 interior fire fighting class, Troy Seigler and Jordan Coker. He stated this gave the Department two more firefighters who were interior trained.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour asked how many volunteers were in the Department, and Chief Barron stated with the two completing training, he had a total of 17 volunteers.

Mayor Smith stated that after the first of the year he wanted to get with Chief Barron and set up some fire extinguishing training for residents in their homes. Chief Barron stated that he had already started this in churches and group meetings as a part of the Home Safety Program.

Mayor Smith thanked 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; 9% out of town, 8% for personal services 43% for contracted services and 32% for purchase of vehicle.
Reports filed: 3rd quarterly payroll reports
Required Publications: none
Insurance Renewal: none
Upcoming Events: 2014 General Election for the election of Council Members 1,3 and 5, and

a CPW Commissioner; Comprehensive Plan Review process, with public hearing in December and the Town's Personnel Policy Review due in December. Mrs. McKinney also reported that a CDBG monitoring meeting had been held on October 29 for the close out of the West Augusta Street Extension waterline improvement project.

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

Business licenses: new – 11; renewals – 3; with 2 being local and 5 associated with the Family Dollar project

Building Permit Coordinations: 4-new for the Family Dollar project and 10 for repairs

Zoning Issues: none

Background Checks: 5 employment and 5 apartment

Visitor's Log: Town Hall 76; Police Department 74; for a total of 150

Meetings Attended: National Night Out/Don't Fall for Drugs, Comprehensive Review Meeting and Major Employer's Meeting.

For new businesses in Town, Hodges Insurance was listed at 119 A North Main Street, Jason Hodges, owner, and West Carolina Security-WCTEL.

Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. McKinney and called for a motion to approve all reports as given. Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion to approve all reports as given, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

8. Old Business

Mayor Smith stated no old business items were listed.

9. New Business

Under New Business, Mayor Smith stated Council had been given information regarding the 2014 meetings of Council and holidays to be observed. He stated Council had also received a copy of the payroll schedules for 2014. Calling for any questions and receiving none, Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the 2014 meetings of council, holidays to be observed, and the payroll schedules.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion to approve the 2014 schedules, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, and unanimously approved.

10. Information Items

Under information items, Mayor Smith stated Council had received several items:

Flu Shot information. Credit Protection information for SC residents, information regarding the donation to the Lutheran Church by the Lake, and the Annual Report for Upper Savannah Council of Governments.

Executive Session - Contractual Matters

Mayor Smith called for an executive session regarding contractual matters of the Town. Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion to hold the executive session, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, with said motion being unanimously approved. Executive Session began at 7:45 pm.

Upon return to regular session, Council Member Mr. Butler made a motion to return to regular session of Council, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, and unanimously approved. Council returned to regular session at 7:46 pm.

Mayor Smith announced in open session that no action was required from the Executive Session, a discussion only of contractual matters for the Town being held.

11. Adjournment

Calling for any other business to come before Council and receiving none, Mayor Smith called for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Mr. Butler made the motion, with Council Member Mr. Chiles giving second. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn at approximately 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Clerk/Treasurer - CMCT

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