

Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Attendance:

Mayor: Roy Smith, Jr.

Council Members: Dolly P. Franklin
Nathan Jones
James C. (Calvin) Chiles
Eric T. Butler
Ann Seymour

Council Member Absent: Jesse E. Johnson, due to illness

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

Media Present: Christine Lee, McCormick Messenger
Jessica Gartrell

Other Guests: Norma Curtis
Troy Seigler and Jordan Coker
Volunteer Firemen

The regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council for **December 11, 2012** 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 December 5, 2012. All other parties requesting notification had received notice either by fax, e-mail or correspondence on December 5, 2012. Agenda Packages were delivered to Council Members on December 7, 2012. Public notice posting was to the Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area on December 5, 2012.

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Mayor Smith welcomed all in attendance to the regular, monthly meeting of the McCormick Town Council, at approximately 7:00 pm.

Mayor Smith stated that it was customary, prior to the meeting, that a business be selected as business of the month. He asked Council Member Mr. Jones to do the drawing, and “**DWAG’S**” was drawn as business pick of the month for December.

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, the gathering, and that the meeting be governed properly and to everyone's liking.

4. Approval of Agenda as Written

Mayor Smith having called for a motion to approve the agenda as published. 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 called for any public comments.

Norma Curtis, Planning Commission member, stated Downtown looked beautiful; that McCormick had a pretty downtown area especially during this time of year.

Mayor Smith stated that a couple visiting last year had written and stated that downtown was very pretty; he stated he believed they were visiting from North Carolina.

Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. Curtis for her comments. He stated that CPW did a wonderful job in putting up the lights and a letter was sent thanking them for their service to the community.

6. Regular Town Council Business Items:

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of Council for November 13, 2012, and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mr. Chiles 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 November, along with a copy of the Receivables report and called for any questions.

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. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Council had received a copy of the **Financial Statement** for November and called for action regarding same. Council Member Mr. Butler made a motion that the Financial Statement be received as information, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mrs. Seymour, and unanimously approved.

7. Legislation

Mayor Smith stated under Legislation, Council had received a draft copy of the Outdoor Burning Ordinance.

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Discussion of the Ordinance was held with Attorney Compton noting a change regarding the exemption as to food – people wanting to cook outdoors for barbeque's and events – cookouts. He stated the ordinance did not prevent these events for personal enjoyment, but dealt mostly with yard debris burning and notification to the proper authorities, especially the Forestry Commission, of any such burning and burning that would create nuisances, especially smoke. He stated the ordinance was well drafted and only a couple of corrections needed to be made.

Mayor Smith called for first reading of the Ordinance as presented and as to the corrections noted.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion to give first reading to Ordinance 01-2013, Outdoor Burning. Council Member Mr. Butler duly gave second, and the motion was given unanimous approval.

8. Reports

Moving to Reports, Mayor Smith called upon Police Chief J.R. Jones to give the Police Department Report for September.

Chief Jones reported activity for the month of November as follows:

Collisions Investigated 2; Traffic Offenses 13; Arrests 10; Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) 19; and Calls for Service 334.

Chief Jones stated, under events, he had attended the Veterans Program on November 12. Chief Jones stated that he had an officer to resign on November 6, and one new hire was presently attending the Academy which would be for a twelve week course finishing up around the first of February.

Mayor Smith stated that Council Member Mr. Chiles pointed out that several people entered the meeting from the side door of the One Stop, traffic coming in that door during the meeting, and that the door to the side entrance to the building would be lock. He asked that anyone attending the meeting to enter from the rear entrance to the building and Conference Room.

Mayor Smith thanked Chief Jones and called upon Fire Chief Mike Barron for the Fire Report.

Chief Barron reported for November a total of eleven calls; city calls being four, three structure and one brush; and county calls being seven, three automotive, two brush, and two miscellaneous. Under notes, Chief Barron stated that the pancake breakfast held during the parade went well and it was a great day in McCormick. He stated that three of the calls were due to heavy smoke with people calling in and trucks being dispatched for leaf piles causing heavy smoking.

Mayor Smith asked if the people had followed proper procedure in notifying the proper authority. Chief Barron replied no, that he was not aware that they had.

Chief Barron then called for a volunteer from Council to serve on the board for the one percent funding. He explained that Council Member Mr. Long had been the member from

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council and due to this resignation another council member was needed. Council Member Mrs. Seymour stated that she would serve.

Chief Barron then introduced the two new volunteers – Troy Seigler and Jordan Coker, and asked that Council approve these two new volunteers. He stated that they had been volunteering in a probationary status and now were ready to come on board.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to approve the two new volunteers, Troy Seigler and Jordan Coker, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith thanked the new volunteers for their service and asked that tell Council a little bit about themselves.

Troy Seigler stated that he was from McCormick, worked part time for EMS, and full time for DOT. Jordan Coker, stated he was the stepson of Robert Gable, a fireman for the Department for twenty plus years, and that he had always been interested in being a fireman and helping the community.

Mayor Smith welcomed the two new volunteers.

Chief Barron stated that in the ongoing discussions with the County regarding fire services, the next meeting would be held on December 17, at 6 pm in County Council Chambers to discuss funding, county response areas, and moving forward with fire services.

Mayor Smith asked with the two new volunteers, how many volunteers were now with the Department. Chief Barron stated that this brought the number to seventeen volunteers.

Mayor Smith thanked Chief Barron and called for the Clerk/Treasurer's Report.

Mrs. McKinney reported as follows:

Purchase of property, goods and services: 5% local; 13% out of town, 28% for personal services and 54% for contracted services. Under Meetings/Events attended she reported attendance at the Chamber Breakfast held at the MACK. She stated there had been no filing of reports.

Reporting from the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's report, Mrs. McKinney gave the following information: no Business Licenses, new or renewals, issued; she stated that the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer would be sending out over 100 business license renewals in the next week; no Building Permit Coordinations issued; Zoning Issues listed were 2 for classification; under Background Checks one was listed as other; and the Visitor's Log showed a total of 105 visitors, 68 for the Police Department; and 37 for Town Hall. Under meetings attended, one was listed, the Chamber Breakfast held at the MACK on November 6.

Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. McKinney, and called for Administrator Krumwiede to give his report.

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Administrator Krumwiede stated that he didn't have anything to report at this time.

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

9. Old Business

Mayor Smith stated there were not items listed under Old Business, and none were offered from Council.

10. New Business

Mayor Smith stated under New Business, Council had received a copy of the FY 13/14 Budget Schedule. He asked that Council keep this and refer to it as work started on the FY 13/14 budget.

He stated Council had also received information regarding a public liability video. He called upon the Town Clerk/Treasurer to address Council.

Mrs. McKinney stated that the Town had a Safety Committee which included the Mayor, the Administrator, the Police and Fire Chiefs. She stated that from time to time training was required and that Mr. Krumwiede had attended the Town's insurance meeting in Columbia and had returned with the video "Public Officials Liability". She stated that she would like for Council to watch the video as part of the training for the Town. She asked that this be done in January, as part of the January meeting. She also stated that if any Council Member wished they could get the video and view it and return it, if they could not be in attendance at the January meeting.

11. Information Items

Mayor Smith stated no items were listed. He called for any other items to come before Council and none were offered.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL – HIRING
& CONTRACTUAL MATTERS**

Mayor Smith called for a motion, at approximately 7:20 pm to enter an executive session regarding discussion of personnel – hiring and contractual matters.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith excused all present except for the Council and Town Attorney.

Upon return to regular session at approximately, 7:50 pm, Mayor Smith reported that no action needed to be taken as a result of the executive session, a discussion of personnel – hiring and contractual matters only being held.

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Mayor Smith reminded everyone of the Town's Drop-in to be held at the MACK on Thursday, December 13, from 6 to 8 pm.

Mayor Smith stated that rails had been added to the patio area in the Park. He stated that this was prompted by an incident where a lady almost fell coming down the steps at the back of the Patio area.

Mayor Smith reported attending John Philcox's event and presenting him a plaque for his service on County Council. He stated he also attended the events at the School and the Literacy Association. He stated that Petra Healthcare would be having their drop in on the 13th from 4 to 6 pm, right before the Town's.

Attorney Compton stated that he wanted to thank Council for their consideration of his condition and his absence at last month's meeting. He stated that he was being treated with medication for ruptured discs in his neck and the treatments were helping. He stated that he was trying to avoid surgery and his doctors were happy with his treatments.

Mayor Smith stated that the Town was once again having a toy drive and asked that everyone participate in the drive.

12. Adjournment

Mayor Smith, called for the motion for adjournment, duly given by Council Member Mrs. Seymour, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimous approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Clerk/Treasurer

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