

**Town of McCormick, SC  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, December 13, 2016**

**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  
Alvin Jennings  
Ann Seymour

**Staff Present:** Major W.D. (Bo) Willis, Interim Police Chief  
Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney

**Staff Absent:** Fire Chief Mike Barron, due to fire call –  
Hwy 221 North

**Town Attorney** John D. Compton, III

**News Media:** **Wes Emery, McCormick Messenger**

**Guests:** Mrs. Teresa Kemp, SC Wilds Heritage  
Plantation Center  
Kathy Stokes  
Donn & Christine Lee  
Alonzo Harrison

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**Public Notification:**

December 7, 9, 2016 - News Media notified of the meeting by e-mail

December 7, 2016 - Posting to the Town's website, **[townofmccormicksc.org](http://townofmccormicksc.org)**.

December 9, 2016 - All other parties requesting notification either by fax, e-mail or  
correspondence

December 9, 2016 - Agenda Packages delivered to Council Members

December 9, 2016 - Public notice posting - Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area

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**Welcome:**

Mayor Smith welcomed all present to the regular meeting of Council for December 13, 2016.

**Business Pick of the Month:**

Mayor Smith stated it was customary, at the beginning of the meeting, to select a business pick of the month, called for the selection; Council Member Mr. Jones selected "**AM PM Food Store**".

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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 December 13, 2016.

### **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 for Council Member Mr. Butler to offer the invocation; Council Member Mr. Butler did so, thankful for being alive and in right standing, being mindful, soliciting and seeking guidance and direction in the governing of the meeting.

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

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

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

Mayor Smith stated that Mrs. Teresa Kemp, of the SC Wilds Heritage Center of Plantation Quilts had requested to be placed on the Agenda and address Council. Mayor Smith called for Mrs. Kemp to come forward and address Council.

Mrs. Kemp gave introduction, a resident of McCormick County, holding a business license for the SC Wilds Heritage Center of Plantation Quilts, an African American of European descent, tracing her family back to being a Native American; her family plantation owners during the Confederacy, circa 1856, and considered a Queen in Africa.

Mrs. Kemp, in her request to appear before Council, had listed the following topics: partnering for grants for Depot renovations, updates for the Town's Website to include the Depot, the International Heritage Festival to be held on February 18, 2017, and 2017 goals.

Mrs. Kemp stated she was interested in the economic development of McCormick County and was partnering with several organizations to bring focus to McCormick. She requested a partnership with the Town to seek grant assistance for renovations to the Depot, a historic site on the National Historic Register. She stated she would like to see the Depot become an attraction for the County. She stated she had recently received the business award from the Women in Business luncheon through the Chamber of Commerce, and gave a summary of the activities she had conducted through the Depot such as classes for expungement of records. She stated she had put people in businesses, and she had written several books.

Mrs. Kemp stated the Depot needed renovations, especially with the decking area and was seeking to obtain a Preservation Grant for stabilization of the Depot and was asking the Town to partner with her in obtaining this grant. She stated the grant was due in February, 2017. She stated she understood the Town leased a portion of the property around the Depot, and she was interested in taking over that lease in order to maintain the landscaping in order to make the area more attractive to visitors.

Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. Kemp for her attendance and speaking to Council on the issues presented. He stated that he and Council would take the matters presented as information and would review and respond back to Mrs. Kemp.

Calling for, and no further public comments being offered, Mayor Smith closed the General Public Comments at approximately 7:10 pm.

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

Mayor Smith stated Council had received copies of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of Council for November 8, 2016 for review prior to the meeting and called for any discussion or action regarding the Minutes as presented.

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

Mayor Smith stated Council had received, for review prior to the meeting, a copy of the **Bills** for November and called for any discussion or action regarding the Bills.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour 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 November **Financial Statement** 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. Butler, and unanimously approved.

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#### **7. Legislation:**

Mayor Smith stated under **Legislation**, there were two Ordinances for consideration and first reading:

**O-2016-12-13-01**, FY 16/17 Budget Amendment for Streetscape Master Plan Costs and

**O-2016-12-13-02**, FY 16/17 Budget Amendment for Chamber Roof Repairs Assessment.

Council had received copies of the two Ordinances for review prior to the meeting, and Mayor Smith called for any questions or discussion regarding them. No questions or discussion being offered, Mayor Smith called for a motion for first reading:

**O-2016-12-13-01** – Council Member Mrs. Seymour offered the motion for first reading, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles and unanimously approved;

**O-2016-12-13-02** – Council Member Mr. Chiles offered the motion for first reading, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Butler, and unanimously approved.

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Mayor Smith stated there were no Resolutions for consideration and no Proclamations had been issued. Mayor Smith then moved to Reports.

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## **8. Reports:**

Mayor Smith called for Major W.D. Willis to give the **Police** Department Report for the month of November.

Collisions Investigated - 7

Traffic Offenses – 21

Arrests – 10

Overall Offenses (Incident Reports filed) – 18

Calls for Service – 472

Major Willis reported Events for November included:

Veterans Day Program – November 11

Cornerstone Underage Drinking Forum – November 29 – with Sergeant Jordan participating and representing the Police Department.

Major Willis stated he had applied to the State for a grant to replace two patrol units and that the Department was continuing to work hard and steady.

Mayor Smith, calling for questions from Council, for Major Willis, Council Member Mr. Chiles stated he noticed that other towns put information in the newspapers with regard to arrests. Council Member Mr. Chiles stated he would like to see the Police Department do this as well, putting information in the paper along with photos if possible.

Major Willis stated he would speak to the Messenger on this request.

Mayor Smith thanked Major Willis for his report and moved to the **Fire** Report.

Fire Chief Mike Barron, attending a fire call on Highway 221 North at the time of the meeting, Mayor Smith stated he would give an overview of the Fire Report, submitted by Chief Barron for November.

Automotive – 9

Structure Fires – 4

Alarm Calls - 3

Brush – 1

Miscellaneous: 1; for a total calls for service being 18.

Under notes, Chief Barron had listed the call per month volume continues to be high; Firefighter George Lewis was the firefighter of the year; the Jr. Firefighter of the year was Zariya Lagroon, and that the Fire Department had received a corporate donation from Georgia Pacific in the amount of \$3,000.

Mayor Smith also stated that the brush truck had been delivered and Council would be able to see that at a later time.

Mayor Smith then called for the Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's reports.

Mrs. McKinney reported as follows:

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

**Purchases of goods and services:**

10% local purchases; 18% out of town;  
17% for personal services; 55% for contracted services

**Continuing/Upcoming Events listed included:**

Report on Contracts/Future Consideration for 2017 – January item  
Annual Employment forms to Employees for 2017 – January item  
Safety Policy & Management Letter for 2017 – January item  
Begin FY 17/18 Budget Preparations – January  
Reports for MASC, OSHA & Inspections – January/February  
4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. Payroll Reports – Filing & Payroll Audit for 2016 – January/February  
ADA Certification  
Compensation Survey & Annual Risk Assessment  
Comprehensive Plan Review & Zoning Ordinance Update  
Personnel Policy Review

**Filings:**

None

**Publications:**

None

**Meetings:**

Women in Business Luncheon – November 3  
Special Called Meeting –November 18

**Mandated Review Dates:**

Town Comprehensive Plan/Zoning – 2017  
Policy Manuals/SOP's/-Police & Fire – 2018  
Town Employee Handbook/Policy Manual – 2018

Mrs. McKinney stated she had given, along with her Additional Report to Council, a copy of the SCMIRF and SCMIT insurance premium information and reported a nearly \$2,000 savings in premium costs.

In giving the Deputy Town Clerk/Treasurer's report, Mrs. McKinney reported:

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

**Business licenses:** 3 – new;

**Building Permit Coordination:** 5 - for repairs

**Background Checks:** 1 – Apartment

**Visitor's Log:** Town Hall - 48; Police Department - 35; Fire Department – 1; for a total of 84

**Meetings Attended:** November 1 – Chamber Breakfast; November 3 – Women in Business Luncheon; November 10, 15 – Planning & Zoning Training.

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

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

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**9. Old Business:**

Mayor Smith stated there were no items listed under Old Business.

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**10. New Business:**

Mayor Smith stated one item was, that being the FY 17/18 Budget Schedule; he stated that this was for information at this time.

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**Executive Session: Section 30-4-70 (A) –Meetings which may be closed –**

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**(1) Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, ...**

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Mayor Smith called for a motion to hold the executive session as published.

Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion, duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Butler and Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved. Time: 7:30 pm.

**Revert to Regular Session:** Council Member Mrs. Seymour made a motion to revert to regular open session, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Franklin and unanimously approved. Open session resumed at 7:55 pm.

Mayor Smith announced that no action was needed; discussion only being held in executive session regarding the executive session item as published.

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**Mayor's Comments:**

Mayor Smith stated no events were listed, but he had attended the Tree Lighting and Art Trot events, as well as the Parade.

Mayor Smith, calling for other matters to come before Council and receiving none, called for Adjournment.

**12. Adjournment**

Council Member Mrs. Seymour offered the motion to adjourn, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Mr. Jones and Mr. Jennings, and unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra McKinney  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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