

**Town of McCormick, SC  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, April 10, 2018 – 7:00 PM  
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  
J. Calvin Chiles  
Eric T. Butler  
Alvin Jennings  
Ann Seymour

**Staff Present:**

Police Chief W.D. Bo Willis  
Police Candidate Kendrick Freemon  
Police Officer Shawn Dunlap  
Fire Chief Mike Barron  
Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Judy Foster

**Town Attorney:**

John D. Compton, III

**Guests:**

Leonard Bowick, CPW Commissioner  
Elect  
Robert Galloway, Nadine Freeman &  
Kathy Stokes, Planning  
Commission Members  
Shaaron Kohl, Historic Preservation  
Properties Committee  
Charlotte Tallent, Chamber of Commerce  
Chuck Cook, Corporate Secretary &  
Liaison, Public Affairs Committee –  
Savannah Lakes Village, Inc.  
Marge Elmore, Resident, Washington St.  
McCormick High School Student Council  
President & Family:  
Tyler Turman, Tyree Turman, Emily  
Turman, and mother, Pamela Turman

**News Media:**

Rodney Creswell, McCormick Messenger

**Appearance of Citizens:**

**No Written Requests**

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### **Public Notification:**

April 6, 2018 - News Media notified of the meeting by e-mail

April 6, 2018 - Posting Public Notice to the Town's website, [townofmccormicksc.org](http://townofmccormicksc.org).

April 6, 2018 - All other parties requesting notification either by fax, e-mail or correspondence

April 6, 2018 - Agenda Packages delivered to Town Council Members

April 6, 2018 - Public Notice posting - Town's Kiosk outside of the Town Hall area

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### **Welcome:**

Mayor Smith welcomed all present and thanked them for their attendance. He stated that special guests were present, Mr. Tyler Turman, President of the McCormick High School Student Council, and family members, Tyree, Emily, and mother, Pamela Turman.

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

At approximately 7:01 pm, Mayor Smith called to order the McCormick Town Council's regularly scheduled meeting for April 6, 2018.

### **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, being thankful for a good day and seeking intervention, guidance and governance of the meeting, all to His liking.

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

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

### **Oath of Office – Swearing In**

#### **Newly Elected Council Members & CPW Commissioner**

Mayor Smith called forward Council Elect Members – Dolly Franklin, Calvin Chiles, and Alvin Jennings, and CPW Commissioner Elect – Leonard Bowick who took the Oath of Office for their respective elected positions

### **Oath of Office – Swearing In**

#### **Police Candidate Kendrick Freeman**

Mayor Smith called forward Officer Freeman who took the Oath of Office as Police Officer

Officer Freeman thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve the community.

## **5. Appearance of Citizens:**

Mayor Smith stated no written request for appearance of citizens had been received.

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

Mayor Smith stated Council had received copies of the regular Town Council Business items, Minutes of the regular meeting of Council for March 13, the Budget Workshop of March 22, a copy of the Bills for March, and the monthly Financial Statement for March, all for review prior to the meeting, and called for any discussion or action regarding the regular Town Council business items as presented.

No discussion being offered, Council Member Mr. Chiles made a motion that the Minutes be approved as written, that the Bills be paid in the usual manner, and that the Financial Statement be received as information; said motion was duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jennings, and unanimously approved.

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## **7. Legislation:**

Mayor Smith stated under **Legislation**, there were no **Ordinances** to consider, and that Council had received for review, prior to the meeting, **one Resolution – #R-2018-04-10-01, Amendment to Employee Handbook.**

Mayor Smith stated that the Employee Handbook had recently been adopted, with new employees paying a portion of the health insurance costs. He stated with only one recent new hire, and the Town only having nine fulltime positions, he felt the Handbook needed to be amended to reflect that the Town would pay 100% of the fulltime employee's health insurance benefits. He called for questions or discussion and receiving none, called for action by Council.

Council Member Mr. Chiles made a motion to approve the amendment to the Employee Handbook, with the Town paying 100% of fulltime employees' health insurance, said motion was duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated that no Proclamations had been issued.

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## **8. Reports:**

Mayor Smith stated Council had received copies of the Departmental Reports – Police, Fire, Town Clerk/Treasurer, and Deputy Town Clerk/Treasurer for March - prior to the meeting for review.

Mayor Smith called for questions regarding each of the Reports, Police, Fire, Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. No questions or discussion being offered, he called for action by Council.

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

### **9. Old Business:**

Mayor Smith stated under Old Business Council had received the final copy of the Draft FY 18/19 General Fund Operating Budget for review before it moves to Legislation for action. He stated that the Public Hearing, Introduction and First Reading would be held on May 8. No questions or discussion was held regarding the draft.

Mayor Smith stated that the last item under Old Business was a report from the Town Attorney and called for Attorney Compton to address Council.

Attorney Compton stated he had been given two items to review for the Town, the first being a MOU with the Garden Club for the use of the Dorn House. He stated he didn't see any issues with the MOU. It was stated that the Garden Club was working on obtaining liability insurance.

Attorney Compton stated the second item was an Agreement between the Town and DataMax for business license revenue collections. He stated he felt that the Town Staff did a good job in business license collections and felt an explanation was needed as to what DataMax did, in how they would contact non-business license holders, how often they would contact, how they would identify non-business license holders, and felt that the Town would be delegating authority to a private entity with no Town oversight. He was concerned with the fee – 50 cents on the dollar collected.

Discussion was held as to how many other towns used this type of service, if the agreement was entered into hastily, and the results for those towns. It was stated that it might be good to watch those towns and get information as to the results. Question – legality? Attorney Compton stated Town could legally entered into the Agreement; it was not illegal; he was concerned with delegating authority to a private entity, with no oversight.

Council Member Mr. Chiles stated he would like to have a representative come and speak to Council regarding the matter. He stated he also felt that the 50 cents on the dollar was excessive, a money-making thing.

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### **10. New Business:**

Mayor Smith stated no items were listed under New Business and called for any New Business to come before Council. None was offered.

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Mayor Smith stated he did not have any additional comments, but again thanked the young people in attendance, Mr. Turman and family.

Calling for any other business to come before Council and receiving none, Mayor Smith called for adjournment.

Council Member Mr. Jennings made the motion to adjourn, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra McKinney  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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