

**Town of McCormick, SC  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 8, 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:** Nathan Jones  
J. Calvin Chiles  
Eric T. Butler

**Council Members Absent:** Dolly Franklin - medical  
Alvin Jennings – job emergency  
Ann Seymour - medical

**Staff Present:** Police Chief W.D. Bo Willis  
Fire Chief Mike Barron  
Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney

**Town Attorney:** John D. Compton, III – (dismissed  
due to illness)

**Guests:** Rick Green, Community Services  
Upper Savannah COG  
Adam Hedden, CPW  
Bobby Monroe, DataMax  
Curtis Sibert, Town Planning Commission  
Member  
Kathy Stokes, Resident, East Gold Street  
& Town Planning Commission  
Charlotte Tallent, Chamber of Commerce  
Chuck Cook, Corporate Secretary &  
Liaison, Public Affairs Committee –  
Savannah Lakes Village, Inc.  
& Mrs. Cook  
Kent Kelly, Resident, McCracken Street  
Kimberly Bland

**News Media:** Kathy Stokes, McCormick Messenger

**Appearance of Citizens:** No Written Requests

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### **Public Notification:**

May 4, 2018 - News Media notified of the meeting by e-mail

May 4, 2018 - Posting Public Notice to the Town's website, [townofmccormicksc.org](http://townofmccormicksc.org).

May 4, 2018 - All other parties requesting notification either by fax, e-mail or correspondence

May 4, 2018 - Agenda Packages delivered to Town Council Members

May 4, 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 there would be several presentations, Adam Hedden, CPW, Rick Green, Upper Savannah, and Bobby Monroe, DataMax.

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

At approximately 7:00 pm, Mayor Smith called to order the McCormick Town Council's regularly scheduled meeting for May 8, 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 the day and point in time, seeking intervention, guidance and governance of the meeting, and watch care for health of those with health issues and not present.

### **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 Mr. Butler offered the motion to approve the agenda as written, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

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

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

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## **Presentations**

Mayor Smith called Adam Hedden, General Manager, McCormick Commission of Public Works to address Council.

Mr. Hedden gave an update on the activities/projects of CPW – the pump station, water plant construction, new billing system and several other small projects.

Discussion was held with Council Member Mr. Chiles asking several questions as to the new billing system and the need to move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the new electric provider – NTE – and the relationship between the Town and the CPW when applying for grants and loans for projects.

**Mr. Hedden stated that the new electric service provider was NTE, that there several advantages for CPW to go with this company and that the prices were competitive. He stated that SCANA's contract was coming to an end and CPW sought to obtain better prices in providing electric service to its customers.**

**As to the relationship between the Town and CPW, Mayor Smith stated he hoped to have at least two joint meetings with CPW to help keep both informed of activities, projects, and needs of each entity.**

**Kathy Stokes, resident, asked regarding possibly natural gas to the area.**

**Kent Kelly, resident, spoke to the need of hardship in paying utility bills and asked if there were any plans to start a program to assist those with hardships.**

**Chuck Cook asked about water rates as there had been no discussion.**

**Mr. Hedden stated there would be an increase in water rates, over a three-year period, both for residents and users and that new water meters would be put in as part of the water plant project.**

**Mayor Smith then called Rick Green, Community Services Director, Upper Savannah Council of Governments.**

**Mr. Green handed out to Mayor and Council, the 2018 Comprehensive Plan Update/draft. He stated that the draft contained the latest census information from 2014 and recommendations from the Town's Planning Commission.**

**It was stated that the draft could be reviewed and that the public hearing on the draft would be held June 12. Mr. Green stated he could attend that meeting if there were further questions/discussions.**

**Mayor Smith gave an update on the Town's Streetscape Project, He stated that all items had been done with regard to begin the project, working with the engineer, with that the survey being 100% complete, the design and approval phase being 75% complete, encroachment permits submitted to DOT and CSX, and hopefully the bid phase beginning June 1.**

**Mayor Smith called forward Bobby Monroe, DataMax to speak to Council.**

**Mr. Monroe handed out information on his Company, DataMax, a revenue recovery company. He gave a brief history of the Company and stated they were currently working with several towns in business license collection revenue. He stated his Company did all the work. He stated this would not affect local businesses, but vendors for the Schools, the Prison, and those type of vendors. He stated his Company would come in, identify businesses, and work with the Town. He stated that they would do 100% of the work, bring the vendor current, going back three years, and after two years, the process would be the Town's.**

Discussion was held as to the process, the fee, and other towns participating.

Mr. Monroe stated that the process was performance based, if no businesses found, no fees paid. He also indicated that several towns had just come no board with the program, Laurens being one. He stated other towns were Ware Shoals, Gaffney, Cowpens, North Augusta, Union, and others.

It was asked if Greenwood was on board, and Mr. Monroe stated no.

Mayor Smith then called for other questions and receiving none, closed the presentation section of the meeting.

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#### **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 April 10, a copy of the Bills for April, and the monthly Financial Statement for April, 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. Butler made a motion that the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement be approved as written, said motion was duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

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**Open Public Hearing – FY 18/19 General Fund Operating Budget as published in the McCormick Messenger – Mayor Smith opened the public hearing and called for any comments/discussion. Receiving none, he then closed the Public Hearing.**

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

Mayor Smith stated under **Legislation**, there were two **Ordinances** to consider, and that Council had received copies of those ordinances for review, prior to the meeting.

**Ordinance No. O-2018-06-12-01 - FY 18/19 General Fund Operating Budget** was introduced by Mayor Smith, and he called for any question, comments, or discussion. Receiving none, he called for first reading. Council Member Mr. Butler made a motion to give first reading to Ordinance No. O-2018-06-12-01, FY 18/19 General Fund Operating Budget, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

**Ordinance No. O-2018-06-12-02 – 2018 Revised Comprehensive Plan** was introduced by Mayor Smith. As Council had just received the draft from Mr. Green, it was stated that the Ordinance adopting could be introduced in title only, with first reading being given. It was stated that the Council would have until the June meeting to review the draft, with the public hearing for comments from the public being held at the June meeting. Council Member Mr. Chiles offered the motion to give first reading, title only, to Ordinance No. O-2018-06-12-02, 2018 Revised Comprehensive Plan, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Butler, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated no Resolutions had been issued, and stated that one **Proclamation** had been issued, **Alcohol Awareness**. He stated that he had issued at the request of Cornerstone, and had presented the Proclamation to Dana Brock, Cornerstone, the Sheriff and Deputy Brock.

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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 April prior to the meeting for review.

Mayor Smith called for questions regarding each of the Reports, Police, Fire, Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

Chief Willis addressed Council, stating that Officer Fisher had resigned due to pregnancy, knowing that she would not be able to pass the Academy.

No further questions or discussion being offered, Mayor Smith 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

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

Mayor Smith stated under Old Business Council, council action was needed with regard to the DataMax presentation.

Council Member Mr. Chiles stated he would like the matter tabled and requested that more information be given as to the success with other towns.

Council Member Mr. Chiles asked that additional information to be compiled and brought to the June meeting.

Council Member Mr. Jones seconded Council Member Mr. Chiles motion to table, with the motion unanimously approved.

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

Mayor Smith stated one item was listed under New Business, the 2018 MASC annual meeting information; any members attending would need to complete the forms and return them to the Town Clerk/Treasurer who would register those attending May 29.

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Mayor Smith stated he did not have any additional comments, but wanted to let Council know about several events;

Mental Health Drop in on May 16

Memorial Day Program, May 28 in the MACK Park.

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

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

Council adjourned at approximately 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra McKinney  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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