

**Town of McCormick, SC
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 12, 2018 – 7:00 PM**

McCormick One Stop Conference Room, 109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC

Attendance:

Mayor:	Roy Smith, Jr.
Council Members Present:	Nathan Jones J. Calvin Chiles Alvin Jennings Ann Seymour
Council Members Absent:	Dolly Franklin - medical Eric Butler – medical
Staff Present:	Police Chief W.D. Bo Willis Fire Chief Mike Barron Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandra McKinney
Town Attorney:	John D. Compton, III
Guests:	Rick Green, Community Services Upper Savannah COG Betty Bagley, Superintendent McCormick School District Kathy Stokes, Resident, East Gold Street Ann Marie Nash Smith Chamber of Commerce June Smith Chuck Cook, Corporate Secretary & Liaison, Public Affairs Committee – Savannah Lakes Village, Inc. & Mrs. Cook Marianella Araya R, Attorney Compton's Guest Mat Hardy, Business Owner Thessa Smith, ED Director, McCormick County Brenda Moore, Resident, Fifth Avenue
News Media:	Kathy Stokes, McCormick Messenger
Appearance of Citizens:	No Written Requests

Public Notification:

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

June 6, 2018 - Posting Public Notice to the Town's website, townofmccormicksc.org.

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

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

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

Welcome:

Mayor Smith welcomed all present and thanked them for their attendance. He stated there was a special guest attending – Mrs. Betty Bagley, Superintendent, McCormick School District, who would be speaking to Council.

1. Call to Order:

At approximately 7:01 pm, Mayor Smith called to order the McCormick Town Council's regularly scheduled meeting for June 12, 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 gave the invocation with humble heart and bowed head, asking for blessings for the assembly, for the community and those gathered, and being thankful for “where we are and not where we have been”.

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. Chiles offered the motion to approve the agenda as written, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Seymour and unanimously approved.

5. Appearance of Citizens:

Mayor Smith called for Mrs. Bagley to address Council.

Mrs. Bagley thanked the Mayor and Council for the invitation stating she was blessed to be in McCormick. Being in McCormick for a month and working with the School District and the Community, she stated there is a lot of hope and potential for McCormick. She stated there was no reason why McCormick could not become a model school district for the State, with students being open and listening attentively, the teachers being eager to try new things, new instructions, and new strategies. Positive notes were given as to the Schools, the recent graduation, with students going to attend Clemson, Duke, and Lander, with over \$6 million in scholarships awarded. She stated she sensed a lot of hope, felt the sense of pride, and with that endless possibilities for the District. She stated that the children needed 21st century skills and she would encourage programs that would get them there. She stated her heart was with small towns, and it is an honor and pleasure to be able to serve in McCormick. No written requests for appearance of citizens had been received.

Mayor Smith called upon Kathy Stokes, resident of East Gold Street, to address Council, she having signed in to speak prior to the meeting.

Mrs. Stokes talked about her recent articles in the Messenger, one being a call to arm. She stated she wanted nothing but the best for McCormick, and most of her articles were positive. She stated she had been attending Council Meetings for two years and she would like to see more of what Council is doing, hear reports from Council of what is being done in their districts, the concerns of people in their districts, one concern being the Railroad Avenue area, and the need for CSX to fix their area; another Dorn Road, and the residents wanting a public road; she asked what were Council's dreams for their districts, why were they on Council, and what did they want to happen in their districts.

Mayor Smith stated that Mrs. Stokes' comments would be taken as information.

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 May 8, a copy of the Bills for May, and the monthly Financial Statement for May, all for review prior to the meeting. He called for any discussion or action regarding the regular Town Council business items as presented.

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

Open Public Hearing – 2018 Revised Comprehensive Plan as published in the McCormick Messenger – Mayor Smith opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. and called for any comments/discussion. Receiving none, he then closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

7. Legislation:

Mayor Smith stated Council had received copies of the legislative items for review prior to the meeting, and under **Legislation, Ordinance O-2018-06-12-01**, FY 18/19 Town General Fund Operating Budget needed to be considered for second reading and adoption.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour stated she did not see any raises in the budget for town employees and staff and questioned why there were none.

Mayor Smith stated that during the Budget Workshop, a discussion of salary ranges was discussed with certain salaries being maxed out. He stated he had contacted the Municipal Association, and other towns, regarding maxed out salaries, and one recommendation was to give a stipend instead of a raise and that was what he presented at the budget workshop; Council Member Mrs. Seymour being absent.

Discussion followed with regard to the increase costs in health insurance, retirement and

taxes. Statements followed: with regard to police officers a decrease in pay would have a negative affect which would cause them to seek other employment which had been done numerous times over the years; the town providing employees 100% health insurance coverage and other benefits such as uniforms, training; town salaries being competitive and, in some instances, higher than other towns; and the question of who sets the salary ranges, with council setting the ranges of salaries for employees.

Calling for further discussion, with comment that the budget was balanced as presented, and that the Town needed to adopt a balance budget, Mayor Smith called for a motion.

Council Member Mr. Chiles made a motion to adopt the FY 18/19 Town General Fund Operating Budget with leave to review the salary ranges, 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 for second reading and adoption.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour offered the motion to give second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. O-2018-06-12-02, 2018 Revised Comprehensive Plan, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jennings and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated Resolution – **R-2018-06-12-01, Multi-jurisdictional Law Enforcement Agreements** – McCormick Police Department needed to be considered and called upon Chief Willis for comment.

Chief Willis stated that during his insurance assessment with the Municipal Association, it had been recommended that the Town had in place, by resolution, formal agreements with other agencies for assistance. Chief Willis stated that this was not only a recommendation but was a legislative change which would allow agencies to assist each other legally and by state statute. He stated that his assessment of 90% would go to 100% with the adoption of the Resolution.

Council Member Chiles questioned regarding wasn't this in place already and covered the distance allowed.

Chief Willis stated distance was governed by departmental policy which was a three-mile radius outside town limits. He stated that would not change. He stated under the Multi-jurisdictional Agreement, he would be able to assist other agencies, the main one being the Sheriff's Department. Chief Willis stated that each agency had to approve the Resolution in order to be able to assist one another.

No further discussion being conducted, Council Member Mr. Chiles made a motion to approve R-2018-06-12-01, said motion duly seconded by Council Members Mrs. Seymour and Mr. Jennings, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated he had issued two **Proclamations for May** - Mental Health Month and Teen Pregnancy Month – Step Up and Be Safe.

8. Reports:

Mayor Smith stated Council had received copies of the Departmental Reports – Police, Fire, Town Clerk/Treasurer, and Deputy Town Clerk/Treasurer for May 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, 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. Jones, and unanimously approved

9. Old Business:

Mayor Smith stated under Old Business Council, council action was needed with regard to the DataMax presentation from May, and the additional correspondence which had been requested and sent to Council regarding other towns who used DataMax's services.

Council Member Mr. Chiles asked if there had been any negative comments, seeing that the correspondence showed only positive comments. It was stated that there had been no negative comments.

Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion to enter into the agreement with DataMax, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

10. New Business:

Mayor Smith stated one item was listed under New Business, the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement – information coming from the McCormick County EMS. Mayor Smith called for discussion/comments.

Discussion was held with regard to the Statewide Agreement, it being one that would provide for a statewide directory to be on file, listing available resources in times of disaster. It was stated that the Mayor, Police Chief and Fire Chief would be the contacts for the Town.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion to adopt by Resolution – R-2018-06-12-02, the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement, said motion was duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Chiles, and unanimously approved.

11. Adjournment:

Mayor Smith stated the final item was adjournment and called for a motion.

Council Member Mrs. Seymour made the motion to adjourn, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

Council adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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