

Minutes
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2024 - 7:00 PM
McCormick One Stop Conference Room
109 W. Augusta St., McCormick, SC

APPROVED
6/11/24
[Signature]
Mayor Smith

Welcome & Comments – Mayor Smith welcomed all those in attendance to the Town’s May regular Town Council meeting thanking them for their attendance.

Call to Order –

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 pm, and called for

A) **Quorum Confirmation** – Town Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. McKinney announced a quorum was present

B) **Pledge of Allegiance** – all present stood and gave the Pledge in a patriotic manner

C) **Invocation** - Mayor Smith gave the invocation, being thankful for the dawn of another day, asking for blessings for family and community; open mind and clarity of thoughts and tongue regarding the conduct of and direction for the meeting.

Approval of Agenda as Presented – Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Council Member Mr. Jones offered the motion, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

Appearance of Citizens – Public Comments – Mayor Smith stated Ms. McNally had asked to give a project presentation to Council and called upon her to do so.

Ms. McNally brought Council up to date on the MACK (Keturah Hotel – the Arts Council) project which is now in Phase II, stating that she appreciated Council’s support. She briefed Council on Phase I and items that were to be completed in June/late summer/and early fall of 2024, full renovations to first and second floors, fire suppression system and ceiling finishes, and 2nd floor HVAC (handouts were given to Mayor and Council). The handout also showed proposed Phase II renovations, a copy of which is attached and made a part of these Minutes.

Two other items for presentation were regard to the SC Abandoned Building Tax Credit and for ARPA funding of \$64,658.42, which Ms. McNally, as her presentation indicated, were essential to fund the balance of the renovation project. Ms. McNally stated that as these two items progressed, she would be back in touch with Council as a resolution would need to be considered by the Town and County.

Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments from Council; he then thanked Ms. McNally for her presentation and that the information given would be given consideration.

No further public comments were offered.

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Moving to - Regular Town Council Business Items –for April (copies of which were given to Council prior to the meeting for review) – Mayor Smith called for questions or comments regarding the

- A) **Minutes**
- B) **Bills**
- C) **Financial Statement**

No questions or comments were offered, Mayor Smith called for a motion.

Council Member Mr. Dansby offered the motion, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

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Moving to - Legislation for consideration – Mayor Smith stated two Ordinance were to be considered for approval – (Council had received copies of the legislative documents for review prior to the meeting.)

A) Ordinances – Two – Mayor Smith stated there two ordinances to be considered:

- (1) O-2024-04-09-01 – Compensation for Elected Officials - second reading/adoption; Mayor Smtih called for a motion.

Council Member Mr. Jones made the motion to give second reading/adoption to the ordinance amending the compensation of the Mayor and Members of Council; said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

- (2) O-2024-06-11-01 – FY 24/25 General Fund Operating, Capital Outlay, and American Rescue Funding Budgets – introduction/first reading; Mayor Smith called for a motion.

Council Member Mr. Chiles made the motion to give first reading to the budget ordinances; said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

B) Resolutions – One – Mayor Smith called for the Clerk/Treasurer to address Council regarding the Addendum Resolution to be considered.

Mrs. McKinney stated in reviewing the Addendum and noting that when the Town joined the State Insurance Program in June 2011, and in doing so, it was done by Resolution; she stated as such and with Resolutions requiring Council action and signatures, the Resolution was placed back on the May agenda.

Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments and receiving none, called for a motion to approve the Addendum Resolution.

Council Member Mrs. Hood made the motion to approve the Resolution, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

C) Proclamations – Two – Mayor Smith stated two Proclamations had been issued - McCormick Garden Club in celebration of their 75th Anniversary, and Mental Health Month; he stated that there would be a “Celebrity Cookoff in regard to the Mental Health Proclamation on May 18, at the EMS building.

(Council Signatures were obtained for Compensation for Elected Officials ordinance and the Addendum Resolution)

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Moving to – Reports – (council had received copies for review prior to the meeting). Mayor Smith called for questions or comments regarding

- A) **Police Report – no questions or comments offered**
B) **Fire – no questions or comments offered**

C) Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer – no questions or comments offered

He then called for a motion regarding Reports.

Council Member Mr. Jones made the motion to approve all reports, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

Council Member Mr. Dansby asked with regard to the old patrol units, what was being considered. Chief Willis stated that two units were going to be taken out of commission and offered for sale, especially the old Taurus's as they were the older units.

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Under Old Business –

Mayor Smith stated no old business was listed for consideration.
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Under New Business – Mayor Smith stated information had been sent out in the agenda packages regarding the Municipal Association's annual meeting which would be held in Greenville July 17 through the 21st.

Executive Session: FOIA – Section 30-4-70(a)(2) Contract Negotiations - Discussion of Contractual Matter (Action May or May Not be Taken)

Mayor Smtih called for a motion to hold the Executive Session. Council Member Mrs. Hood offered said motion, motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

Executive Session from approximately 7:35 pm to 7:55 pm.

Upon return to open session, Council Member Mr. Dansby made a motion to return to regular session, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones and unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith stated that discussion only was held in Executive Session, and no action was required.

Moving to -

Mayor's Report:

Trunks of Gold – April 6 – this event was well attended

Certificate of Appreciation for the MES Students – April 12

Participation in Local Food Drive – the students were given the Certificate for their efforts in collection can goods

Shred Day/Prescription Drug Take Back – April 27; called for Chief Willis to comment, with Chief Willis stating that the Shred unit was very active, but there was not a lot of drugs turned in

May 4 – Ag/Art Trot – well received and attended despite the rainy weather

Mims Foundation Events – Friday, May 24 – 7 PM - Reception – Mims Foundation Building;

Saturday, May 25 - 10 AM – Parade Downtown; Saturday afternoon – 2 PM – May Day Celebration – The MACK Park & Saturday night – 7 PM – May Day Banquet – School Cafeteria - restated these events for any of council wishing to attend

Mayor Smith called for other items to come before council, and receiving none, he called for a motion to adjourn.

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Adjournment - Council Member Mr. Dansby offered the motion to adjourn, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Hood, and unanimously approved.

Council Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted -



Sandra McKinney
Town Clerk/Treasurer

Attendance Schedule
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Mayor	Roy Smith, Jr.
Council Members	Nathan Jones Calvin Chiles Curt Dansby Faye Hood
Absent Council Members	Dolly Franklin Alvin Jennings
Attorney	James G. Padgett, III
Department Heads	Police Chief W.D. (Bo) Willis Fire Chief Mike Barron
Clerk/Treasurer	Sandra McKinney
News Media	Journal-Messenger-Reporter John Stone
FOIA Notifications	Chuck Cook, County Council Member, District 3 Charlotte Tallent, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce John Stone, Lincoln-McCormick-Journal- Messenger Reporter Scott Wharram, SLV Liaison
Others	Marge Elmore, Resident of Washington Street Mrs. Chuck Cook
Public Comment/Project Presentation	Ms. Heather McNally, MACK – McCormick Arts Council
Appearance of Citizens	None

– “In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 4, Title 30, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, an agenda was posted on the rear entrance door to the McCormick One Stop, 109 W Augusta St and in the kiosk in front of Town Hall, 117 W Augusta St, posted on the Town’s website, townofmccormicksc.org, and sent to the news media.”

- This is a meeting defined under S.C. Code Ann. Section 30.4-20(d) - ('Meeting' means the convening of a quorum of the constituent membership of a public body, whether corporal or by means of electronic equipment, to discuss or act upon a matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.' (emphasis added)

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