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*Minutes
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2024 - 7:00 PM
109 W Augusta Street, McCormick, SC*

Mayor Smith

Welcome & Comments – Mayor Smith stated before calling the meeting to order he wanted to announce to the audience and make a request that when meetings concluded that the audience - please do not “hang around and discuss other matters” in that Mrs. McKinney had to lock and secure the building; he stated that sometimes, himself included, the tendency was to gather to have other conversations and that put Mrs. McKinney to having to stay behind which put her at a later time leaving, sometimes after dark.

He also stated that a guest was present, Ms. Naomi Reed, Field Service Representative of the Municipal Association, and welcomed her to the meeting.

Ms. Reed, speaking to council, let them know that Scott Slatton, who was with the Municipal Association, was no longer with them and that Casey Fields had taken his position, as the Regional Advocacy liaison with regard to legislative issues, house and senate, activities. She stated that Scott had taken the position of Town Manager for Summerville.

1. Call to Order – 7:00 pm – Mayor Smith called for:

- A) **Quorum Confirmation** – Mayor Smith called for the Clerk/Treasurer to verify that a quorum was present; Mrs. McKinney stated a quorum was present.
- B) **Pledge of Allegiance** – All present stood and offered the Pledge in a patriotic manner.
- C) **Invocation** – Mayor Smith offered the invocation, being thankful for the day, food, and shelter; hearts be opened to look at the matters at hand, and not to the world.

2. Approval of Agenda as Presented –

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Council Member Mr. Jennings made said motion, it being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

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Swearing In of **Police Officer Candidate:**
Brionne Pratt

Mayor Smith called forward Police Candidate Brionne Pratt and Oath of Office was taken.

Ms. Pratt thanked the Mayor, the Police Chief, and Council, for giving her another chance and invited them all to her graduation.

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3. Appearance of Citizens – Mayor Smith stated that there were no requests to appear before council by the Wednesday, September 4 deadline, but that Ms. Latonya Leverette would address council as to the Breast Cancer Walk.

Ms. Leverette handed out information regarding the various funding levels for the event, stating that this was the second year for the walk, the first walk raising approximately \$10,000 and she hopes that the event this year would raise even more which would be donated to the Self Regional Foundation. She stated the walk would be October 12 in the MACK Park beginning at 8 AM. deadline; no public comments were received from those attending. She stated as council had helped with a donation in the previous year, she was hoping that they would consider doing the same this year.

Mayor Smith thanked her, and asked that council consider the platinum donation of \$1,000 toward this event, stating everyone present was somehow affected by cancer.

Council Member Mrs. Hood made the motion to give the platinum donation of \$1,000.00, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

4. Regular Town Council Business Items – August –

Mayor and Council had received copies of the regular business items to come before council prior to the meeting for review, and Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments and receiving none, called a motion to approve the:

- A) **Minutes**
- B) **Bills**
- C) **Financial Statement** – stating that
Audit work has begun for the FY 23/24 Fiscal Year.

Council Member Jennings made the motion to approve the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement for August, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Dansby and unanimously approved.

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Mayor Smith also recognized Council Member Mr. Chiles, and welcomed him back to the meeting, Mr. Chiles having been absent for sometime due to illness.

5. Legislation –

- A) **Ordinances – None:**
- B) **Resolutions – None –**

C) Proclamations – Two – Constitution Week – September 17-23; POW/MIA Recognition Day – September 20

Mayor and Council had received copies of the Legislative items to come before council prior to the meeting for review, and Mayor Smith stated that there were no Ordinance or Resolutions to consider, and that two Proclamations had been issued, one for Constitution Week – September 17-23; and one for POW/MIA Recognition Day – September 20.

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6. Reports –

- A) **Police** – No questions or comments offered.
- B) **Fire** – No questions or comments offered.
- C) **Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer** – No questions or comments offered.

Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments regarding each report, and none being offered, called for a motion to approve all Reports.

Council Member Mr. Jennings made the motion to approve all Reports, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

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7. Old Business – Mayor Smith stated there was no Old Business to consider.

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8. New Business – Mayor Smith stated there was several items of New Business to consider.

- A) - **Review and Discussion** - Opening of **the FY 24/25 Business Incentive Program** – Grant Period: October – December

Mayor Smith called for a motion to proceed with the opening of the FY 24/25 Business Incentive Grant Period – October to December.

Council Member Mr. Jennings made the motion, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

- B) **Request to Pay - FY 2024/25 Inter Agency Funding** in September Accommodations Tax Revenue – Tourism Related & Non-Tourism Agencies – Action Item

Mayor Smith called for a motion to pay the FY 24/25 **InterAgency Funding** from Accommodations Tax funds.

Council Member Mr. Jennings made the motion, duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.

C)2025 LOST Tax Credit Calculation Report –

Mayor Smith stated that this was an information report, no action required.

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Mayor's Comments –

Mayor Smith emphasized the Breast Cancer Walk Event for October 12, MACK Park, starting at 8 AM.

A reception for retiring J.R. Robinson, CPW, would be held September 19, from 1 to 3 pm.

Mayor Smith then called for any other business to come before Council.

Council Member Mr. Dansby asked the status for the Gold Rush Committee, and Mayor Smith stated he may want to check with Al Bell who was the Chairman.

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Calling for a motion to adjourn –
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9. Adjournment –

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

Council adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McKinney, Town Clerk/Treasurer

M-09-10-2024

Attendance Schedule
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Mayor	Roy Smith, Jr.
Council Members	Calvin Chiles Curt Dansby Alvin Jennings Faye Hood
Absent	Dolly Franklin Nathan Jones
Attorney	Douglas Bell
Departments	Police Chief Willis Fire Chief Barron
News Media	Messenger – John Hilton Reporter
For FOIA Notifications:	Chuck Cook, McCormick County Council Member, District 4 Scott Wharram, SLV Public Liaison

Others:

Ms. Naomi Reed, FSR, MASC
Ms. LaTonya Leverette, Breast Cancer Walk Committee
Marge Elmore
Mrs. Cook
Brionne Pratt, Police Officer Candidate

– “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)