

**APPROVED**

**Minutes**

McCormick Town Council  
Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, June 11, 2024 - 7:00 PM**

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

**Welcome & Comments**

1/9/24

**Mayor Smith**

**Mayor Smith welcomed all those in attendance, stating that several council members would be absent – Mr. Jones, due to work schedule, and Mrs. Franklin, due to illness.**

**1. Call to Order – Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7 p.m. and called for:**

**Quorum Confirmation** – Mrs. McKinney stated that with the mayor as a voting member, a quorum was present.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – all present stood and gave the pledge in a patriotic manner.

**Invocation** – Mayor Smith gave the invocation, being thankful for the dawn of a new day; asking for blessings on all those present and the community, asking that hearts be opened, the Spirit be among us, and for preparation of minds, thoughts, and tongues in the conduct of the meeting.

**\*2. Approval of Agenda as Written – Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve, with Council Member Mr. Chiles offering the motion, said motion duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.**

**Presentation of Plaque of Appreciation** – Mayor Smith called forward Mrs. Charlotte Tallent, Executive Director, McCormick County Chamber of Commerce and presented her with a plaque for her service, thanking her for her dedication and service to the community, for going above and beyond her duties, for being a “true champion” for McCormick, leaving the community better than when she began her duties, and leaving a legacy which would be hard to follow.

Mrs. Tallent thanked Mayor Smith and Council, stating that she hoped she had made a difference, that in her leaving she was leaving the Chamber in good health, and that she would have great memories.

**David McGhee – SITEC – Update on Streetscape Project, Phase II** – Mayor Smith called forward Mr. McGhee who gave an update on the Streetscape Project, relaying to council reasons for the delays in discovering underground water issues and other items that was not known at the time of the beginning of the project. He stated that construction was moving along on the parking area and he was hoping to have it at 95% completion. He stated that there was concrete work that needed to be done which would take time to “cure”. He stated there would be times of shut down in front of Town Hall and Michelle’s during the construction on the park area and the sidewalks, roads. He stated his intent was to complete the parking area and

then move to the park.

Mayor Smith stated that the Town had also received an EEG grant for two electric charging stations which would be going in the parking area and Mr. McGhee pointed out the location in the parking area toward the side of the fire station off of South Main.

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**3. Appearance of Citizens** – No citizens had requested to appear.

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**\*4. Regular Town Council Business Items – May –**

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

Council had received copies for review prior to the meeting and Mayor Smith called for questions or comments regarding; no questions or comments being offered, he called for a motion.

**Council Member Mr. Dansby made the motion to approve the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mrs. Hood, and unanimously approved.**

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***Public Hearings:***

***Ordinance 2024-06-11-01 – General Funding Operating Budget, Capital Projects Budget, & American Rescue Plan Funding Budget as published in the Lincoln Journal Messenger***

***Citizens desiring to make comments may request or review a copy of the Budget documents on file at Town Hall***

*Mayor Smith opened the public hearing at approximately 7:20 pm and called for any comments; receiving none, he then closed the public hearing at approximately 7:20 pm.*

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**\*5. Legislation** – Council had received copies of the legislative documents for review prior to the meeting.

- A) Ordinances – Two –

**Ordinance-2024-06-11-01 - Second Reading/Adoption**  
FY 24/25 General Fund Operating Budget, Appendix A, Schedules of Revenue & Expenditures, Capital Projects, and American Rescue Plan Funding Budgets

Mayor Smith called for any questions regarding Ordinance 2024-06-11-01 and receiving none, called for a motion.

**Council Member Mr. Jennings made the motion to adopt the General Operating**

**Budget, Capital Projects Budget, and the American Rescue Plan Budget, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.**

**Ordinance – 2024-06-11-02 – Introduction/First Reading – Ordinance Language Change due to error in previous Ordinance**

Mayor Smith stated that Ordinance 2024-06-11-02 was reissued from the May meeting due to an error in language and called for a motion.

**Council Member Mr. Jennings made a motion to approve the ordinance, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.**

B) Résolutions – None for considération

C) Proclamations – None for consideration

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**\*6. Reports -**

A) Police -

B) Fire

C) Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Smtih called for questions or comments regarding the Police Report, asking Chief Willis to talk to Council regarding the recent grant that had been received.

**Chief Willis stated that a grant for new vests in the amount of \$2,700 had been received from DPS which would be for new officers and also replace an older vest.**

Mayor Smith stated that the Fire Chief was absent and if there were any questions regarding his report that would be done later.

Regarding the Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk Treasurer's reports, Mayor Smith called for questions or comments.

Mayor Smith called for a motion approving the reports.

**Council Member Mr. Jennings made the motion to approve the Reports, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, with said motion being unanimously approved.**

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**7. Old Business** - Council had received information in their agenda packages for review prior to the meeting.

**\*A) Youth Empowerment – Consideration of Donation; Motion to approve**

Mayor Smith stated that Mr. Hall was to attend the meeting, give information regarding the Youth Empowerment event and seek funding from Council, but Mr. Hall, living in the Atlanta area and

could not be present. Mayor Smith stated that he felt that this program was good for the community in that it offered scholarships to students, school supplies, and things to the youth of the community. Mayor Smtih stated that the past donation given was \$500, and he was recommending the same.

**Council Member Mrs. Hood made the motion to approve the \$500 donation, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.**

B) MASC Annual Meeting Information; Council Members to received brochure in mail with Registration & Reservation Information (Worksheets required by Clerk/Treasurer to register attendees)

Mayor Smith asked that anyone wanting to attend, please get their information in to the Clerk/Treasurer. He urged Council Members to try to attend in that the meeting provided valuable information as well as connecting with other officials.

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**8. New Business** – Council had received information in their agenda packages for review prior to the meeting.

**\*A) Order & Recommendation from the Municipal Election Commission regarding a Special Election for Council Member District 4; Motion to Accept & Order Creation of an Ordinance to Conduct the Special Election**

Mayor Smith called for a motion regarding the recommendation from the Election Commission.

**Council Member Mr. Jennings made the motion to accept the recommendation and for an ordinance to conduct the special election be considered, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.**

**B) Audit Work on FY 23/24 to begin June 18 –**

Mayor Smith called upon Mrs. McKinney to address council. Mrs. McKinney stated that auditors would be in to do preliminary work looking at paid bills, ledgers, and leaving a listing to be completed of audit items required. She also stated that this year's audit would be a different in that a single audit was required in that the Town had expended over \$750,000 in federal funding.

**C) Consideration of Architect for creation of a Master Plan for Renovations to Town-owned facilities; Motion to authorize Mayor to work with Architect to create said Plan**

Mayor Smith stated that he needed Council to authorize him to work with the Architect to create a Master Plan of Improvements for the Town's owned properties. He stated funding would be used from the American Rescue Funds. He stated that only one firm, JLA, had responded, and that the Town was working with JLA on the Streetscape project.

Council Member Mr. Chiles asked if it was known what would be needed by way of improvements.

Mrs. McKinney stated that in requesting qualifications for architects, that a request for proposals was also done which called for improvements such as electrical, plumbing, and other interior

renovations.

**Council Member Mr. Jennings made a motion to approve for the mayor to work with the Architect, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Dansby, and unanimously approved.**

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**Mayor's Report -**

Energy (EEG) Grant for \$50,000 for an electric charging station

DPS Grant – Police Department for \$2,700 for Body Armor

Valor Luncheon held May 29 at the Methodist Church – Mayor Smith stated that this was well attended, and thanked Mrs. Tallent and the Chamber for hosting.

Mental Health Cookoff – May 18 – Mayor Smith stated that he participated in this event, it being for a great cause, and a great time was had by all attending. He stated that the Town issued a Proclamation for Mental Health Month which was presented to Linda Kidd, who was actively involved in mental health services.

Mims Foundation – Events & Parade of May 25 – Mayor Smith stated that he attended several of the three-day events sponsored.

Up-coming Juneteenth Celebrations

McCormick High School Graduation – May 31- Mayor Smith stated he attended, and that the Chief's son was one of the graduates.

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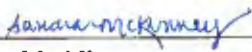
**\*9. Adjournment**

Mayor Smith stated he didn't have anything else and called for other business to come before council; none was offered, so he called for a motion to adjourn.

**Council Member Mrs. Hood made the motion to adjourn, said motion being duly seconded by Council Members Dansby and Jennings, and unanimously approved.**

Council adjourned at approximately **7:35 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Sandra McKinney  
Clerk/Treasurer

**Attendance Schedule**  
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**Distribution Schedule**

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Mayor	Roy Smith, Jr.
Town Council Members	Calvin Chiles Curt Dansby Alvin Jennings Faye Hood
Town Council Members Absent	Dolly Franklin Nathan Jones
Attorney	James Graham Padgett, III
Department Heads Absent	Police Chief W.D. (Bo) Willis Fire Chief Mike Barron
Town Clerk/Treasurer	Sandra McKinney
News Media	McCormick Messenger – John Stone
FOIA Notifications	Chuck Cook – County Council Member, District 3 Charlotte Tallent, Executive Director – Chamber of Commerce John Stone, Editor The Lincoln-McCormick Journal-Messenger-Reporter Scott Wharram, SLV Public Affairs Liaison
Others	David McGhee, SITEC Construction Mrs. Cook Lorna Hill Ms. Lovejoy
Public Posting	Town Kiosk, 117 W. Augusta St. & Rear Entrance to the One Stop Conference Room

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- "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)