

**INMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2016
6:00 P.M.
INMAN CITY HALL**

MAYOR HUFF OPENED MEETING AND WELCOMED EVERYONE.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION STATEMENT WAS READ BY MAYOR HUFF CONCERNING NOTIFICATION OF THIS MEETING.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY POLICE CHAPLAIN BILL HOLLAND.

COUNCILMEMBERS MELVIN FOWLER, KEVIN NEWMAN, GINGER MORROW MCGUIRE AND RAY ROGERS, JR. WERE PRESENT.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MCGUIRE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

SUSAN HALL AND CASEY NUNNAMAKER OF THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE BUSY THIS SUMMER BECAUSE THE PRODUCE HAS BEEN STEADILY COMING IN AT THE COMMUNITY GARDEN WITH ALL THE RAIN THAT WE HAVE HAD AND SHOULD HAVE PRODUCE FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER MONTH.

MS. NUNNAMAKER INTRODUCED MRS. MOLLY BLACKWELL WHO IS THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL'S CONNECTION TO THE INMAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOOD BANK. MRS. BLACKWELL STATED THAT SHE TEACHES AT CHAPMAN HIGH SCHOOL SO SHE IS AWARE OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND SHE REPORTED THAT INMAN FIRST BAPTIST HAS TWO (2) FOOD PANTRIES AND SHE HAS BEEN MORE INVOLVED WITH THE YOUTH FOOD PANTRY. MRS. BLACKWELL STATED THAT THE FOOD PANTRY USUALLY CONSISTS OF CAN FOODS SO IT WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE DOZENS OF PEOPLE WITH FRESH PRODUCE LIKE ZUCCHINI, CUCUMBERS, TOMATOES, AND EGGPLANT.

MRS. HALL REPORTED THAT THE GRANT MONEY CAME THROUGH AND A LOWE'S TRUCK DELIVERED A BUILDING, TILLERS, AND SOIL TO THE COMMUNITY GARDEN SITE ON BISHOP STREET.

MR. JEFF MITCHELL OF MEP ENGINEERING ADDRESSED COUNCIL REGARDING THEIR STUDY ON THE OLD ARMORY LOCATED AT 45 PARK ROAD AND REPORTED THAT THEY WERE REVIEWING IT FOR POTENTIAL ADAPTIVE REUSE AND HOW THE FACILITY CAN BE USED. MR. MITCHELL STATED THAT THEIR FINDINGS ARE IN THEIR REPORT PROVIDED TO COUNCIL WHICH ARE: THE ARMORY BUILDING STRUCTURE IS IN EXCELLENT SHAPE FOR ITS AGE, HOWEVER IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE USED IT NEEDS A NEW ROOF AND INSULATION; CHANGES TO PARKING AND ENTRANCE; CHANGES TO HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE; AND REPLACEMENTS TO ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, HVAC SYSTEMS, AND PLUMBING FIXTURES ALONG WITH OTHER WORK TO BE DONE.

MR. MITCHELL STATED THAT THEY APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST THE CITY WITH THIS STUDY AND LOOKS FORWARD TO ASSISTING US FURTHER AS THE CITY DEVELOPS IDEAS AND CONCEPTS WITH THIS FACILITY.

MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT COUNCIL WILL PLAN TO HOLD A WORKSHOP AT A LATER DATE AND INVITE MR. MITCHELL FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE ARMORY STUDY.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING, JULY 11, 2016 REGULAR MEETING, JULY 13, 2016 COUNCIL WORKSHOP, JULY 14, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING, JULY 18, 2016 PUBLIC HEARING, JULY 18, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING, AND JULY 29, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MCGUIRE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

POLICE CHIEF KEITH TUCKER REPORTED 20 CRIMINAL, 52 TRAFFIC, AND 4 ACCIDENTS TOTALLING \$16,000 IN DAMAGES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2016. CHIEF TUCKER REMINDED EVERYONE THAT SCHOOL STARTS NEXT WEEK AND THE SPEED TRAILER WILL BE OUT SO BE CAREFUL WITH THE SCHOOL TRAFFIC AND THEY WENT TO FORT BRAGG, NC AND PICKED UP TWO (2) GATORS WHICH WILL BE USED BY HIS DEPARTMENT.

FIRE CHIEF CHRIS COTHRAN REPORTED 32 CALLS FOR THE MONTH OF 07/11/2016 THRU 08/08/2016 WITH 3-RESIDENTIAL FIRES, 1-SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT, 1-RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE, 3-BRUSH/GRASS FIRES, 6-MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, 3-COMMERCIAL FIRE ALARMS, 2-ASSIST AMBULANCE, 3-OUTSIDE STRUCTURE FIRES, 8-LOCKOUTS, AND 2-FALSE CALLS. CHIEF COTHRAN ALSO REPORTED DOING SOME RENOVATIONS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

SEWER SUPERINTENDENT JEFF BAILEY REPORTED THE TOP TEN WORK HISTORY SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF 07/11/16 THRU 08/08/16 WITH THE BELT PRESS AND SAMPLING WITH THE MOST HOURS. JEFF ALSO REPORTED THAT HE ATTENDED A S.C. RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY GRANT WORKSHOP IN COLUMBIA ON JULY 19, 2016 AND HE STATED THAT THERE IS A HALF OF MILLION DOLLARS AVAILABLE FOR EACH PROJECT WITH A TEN OR TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT MATCH (\$125,000) SO HE ALONG WITH A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE ENGINEERING FIRM PLAN TO GO TO COLUMBIA TO FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF GRANT THEY CAN APPLY FOR WITH THE SC HWY 292 SEWER PROJECT. JEFF STATED THAT THEY HAVE PURCHASED ALL THE EASEMENTS EXCEPT FOR THE MILLIKEN PROPERTY AND HE HAS AGREEMENT FOR A PUMP STATION SITE SO THE NEXT STAGE IS FUNDING.

MR. LONNIE MATHIS OF SUMMIT ENGINEERING IN PLACE OF MR. JIM LONGSHORE ADDRESSED COUNCIL REGARDING THE STREETScape PROJECT. MR. MATHIS REPORTED THAT THE CITY HAS THE CDBG FUNDING AND THE ARC GRANTS FUNDING AND THE PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR FUNDING ARE PHASE I AND PHASE II WHICH INCLUDES CITY HALL TO LITTLEFIELD STREET AND DOWN MILL STREET AND THEY ARE 75 PERCENT THROUGH WITH SURVEYING. MR. MATHIS STATED THAT THEY STILL HAVE TO WORK THINGS OUT WITH THE RAILROAD BECAUSE THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN RIGHT OF WAY COMES ALL THE WAY UP TO THE STORE FRONTS SO ANYTHING WE DO WE WILL HAVE TO GET THEIR GUIDANCE AND PERMISSION. MR. MATHIS ALSO STATED THAT THEY HAVE SENT THEM THE PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS AND JUST RECENTLY GOTTEN A NAME AND PHONE NUMBER WITH SOMEONE AT NORFOLK SO THIS PROCESS WILL BE ON GOING FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS UNTIL THEY GET THINGS WORKED OUT. MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT COUNCIL WILL HOLD A WORKSHOP AT A LATER DATE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THE STREETScape PROJECT.

MR. HEATH FOWLER OF THE STREETS/MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT WAS ON AN EXCUSED ABSENCE.

MR. DENNIS STATON, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORTED THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON FIVE (5) PROJECTS:

1. RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO THE SIGN FEE STRUCTURE
2. REQUESTED CHANGE IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR NON-DOMESTICATED ANIMALS – A RESIDENT IN THE CITY HAS HENS AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION IS REVIEWING HER REQUEST TO KEEP THE HENS

3. PARKING REGULATIONS
4. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION BEHIND BI-LO
5. ELECTRONIC SIGNS –THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE DOES NOT APPROVE THEM.

MR. STATON ALSO GAVE A ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT AND STATED THAT TWO (2) NEW HOMES ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE BUSHFORK SUBDIVISION, ONE NEW HOME (MODULAR HOME) APPROVED ON BOMAR STREET, AND ONE NEW BUSINESS (A NEW MASSAGE) HAS OPENED AT 11064 ASHEVILLE HWY, STE 105A.

MAYOR INTRODUCED MR. JEREMY CAUDLE, NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR WHO WILL BEGIN FULLTIME ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2016.

COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE APPROVAL FOR A SPONSORSHIP FOR THE INMAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION DUE TO THE FACT THAT A REPRESENTATIVE WAS NOT PRESENT TO EXPLAIN THE REQUEST, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER MCGUIRE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE NO. 16-20, TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 12-11, ARTICLE XIV SECTION 1401 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF INMAN, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

WENDY MCCARTY, INMAN RESIDENT AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER WITH THE SUSTAINING UNIVERSAL NEEDS FOUNDATION ADDRESSED COUNCIL REGARDING CREATING A SUN SUSTAINABILITY THEME PARK IN THE CITY OF INMAN TO TEACH PEOPLE ABOUT SUSTAINABLE LIVING SUCH AS RENEWABLE ENERGY, ORGANIC GREEN, AND GOING BACK TO THE WAY TO THE ROOTS OF HOW WE USED TO LIVE WITH GROWING OUR OWN FOODS WITHOUT USING PESTICIDES AND BUILDING CONCRETE DOMES WHICH CAN BE USED AS A COMMUNITY STORM SHELTER. MS. MCCARTY REPORTED THAT THE SUSTAINABLE THEME PARK CAN CREATE JOBS AND BRING TOURISTS TO THE CITY OF INMAN.

MS. MCCARTY INVITED THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS TO COME AND LEARN MORE ABOUT SUSTAINABLE LIVING AT A BARBECUE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016 AT A LAKE HOUSE IN SALUDA, NC.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER BOB WALKER REPORTED THAT IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE THE GRAND OPENING OF THE REMODELED “MABRY PARK” AND HE THANKED THE AMERICAN LEGION AND COACH SKINNER FOR THEIR WORK AT THE INMAN MILLS PARK.

UNDER COUNCIL TIME:

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. STATED THAT THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION HAVE DONE A FANTASTIC JOB THIS FIRST YEAR WITH ONLY A COUPLE OF BUMPS IN THE ROAD AND THE AMERICAN LEGION FINISHED 4TH IN THE STATE THIS YEAR.

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS MAYOR HUFF ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:47 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
ROBIN HENDERSON, CITY CLERK