

**INMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

MAYOR CORNELIUS HUFF OPENED MEETING AND WELCOMED EVERYONE.

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

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

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

COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS WRITTEN, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF REPORTED THAT THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL IS EXCUSED FROM THE MEETING TONIGHT BECAUSE THEY ARE OUT OF SCHOOL BUT HE STATED ON THEIR BEHALF THAT THE YOUTH COUNCIL IS GETTING WITH SWOFFORD VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS TO FINISH ERECTING THE OUT BUILDING THAT WAS GIVEN TO THEM AND THEY HAVE A TRIP SCHEDULED TO LAKE CITY, SC ON MARCH 9-10, 2017 TO MEET WITH THE MAYOR THERE AT LAKE CITY HIGH SCHOOL AND SPEND THE DAY WITH CITY COUNCIL AND TAKE A TOUR OF THE TOWN. MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT IT WILL COST ABOUT \$1300 WHICH IS ALREADY IN THE BUDGET FOR THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL BUT HE WILL COME BACK TO COUNCIL IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES AND CHAPMAN HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE SPONSORING THE TRAVEL AND INSURANCE FOR THE TRIP.

MS. SUE DINNISON, PROGRAM MANAGER WITH DUKE ENERGY ADDRESSED COUNCIL REGARDING A NEIGHBORHOOD ENERGY SAVER PROGRAM THAT THEY ARE OFFERING TO CUSTOMERS THAT LIVE IN INMAN TO HELP LOWER THEIR ENERGY BILLS. MS. DINNISON STATED THAT THIS IS A FREE SERVICE THEY OFFER IN WHICH THEY DO AN IN-HOME ASSESSMENT AND WALK THROUGH THEIR HOME TO DETERMINE WHERE THEY CAN HELP TO SAVE ENERGY AND THEY WILL INSTALL FREE PRODUCTS SUCH AS DIGITAL ROOM THERMOMETERS, LIGHT BULBS, FURNACE FILTERS, WATER-SAVING SHOWER HEADS, KITCHEN AND BATHROOM FAUCET AERATORS, WATER HEATER WRAPS/PIPE WRAP, WINDOW UNIT A/C COVERS, CAULKING, WEATHER STRIPPING, AND DOOR SWEEPS AND THEY WILL ALSO LEAVE INFORMATION TO HELP FURTHER REDUCE THEIR ENERGY BILL. MS. DINNISON REPORTED THAT IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE LOCATION IN CITIES THAT THEY GO TO THAT SHE LOOKS AT CENSUS BLOCK DATA AND THEIR CUSTOMER DATA FOR AREAS WHERE PEOPLE NEED IT THE MOST SUCH AS THOSE WITH HIGH ENERGY BURDENS THAT MIGHT HAVE A LITTLE LESS DISPOSABLE INCOME TO SPEND ON THEIR ENERGY BILLS. MS. DINNISON STATED THAT THEIR GOAL IS TO HELP ALL THEIR CUSTOMERS LOWER THEIR ENERGY BILLS BUT REALLY WANT TO HELP THOSE WHO NEED IT. MS. DINNISON ALSO STATED THAT FROM HER DATA THAT SHE HAS ABOUT 1482 HOMES AND THEY WILL BE IN INMAN FOR ABOUT THREE (3) MONTHS STARTING IN FEBRUARY. MS. DINNISON NOTED THAT THEY INITIALLY SENT OUT LETTERS TO THOSE CUSTOMERS TO INTRODUCE THEM TO THE PROGRAM AND THERE WILL BE AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THEM TO ATTEND ON FEBRUARY 2, 2017 IN

THE MABRY MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA WHERE THEY WILL PROVIDE A FREE CATERED MEAL AND ANSWER QUESTIONS ANYONE MIGHT HAVE REGARDING THE PROGRAM.

COUNCILMEMBER MCGUIRE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2016 PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING AND THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2016 REGULAR MEETING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER MCGUIRE READ A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22-28, 2017 AS CITY OF INMAN SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK.

MAYOR HUFF REPORTED THAT DUE TO THE WEATHER THE CATHCART FAMILY WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING SO THE PROCLAMATION WILL BE RESCHEDULED.

POLICE CHIEF KEITH TUCKER REPORTED 21 CRIMINALS, 71 TRAFFIC AND 11 ACCIDENTS TOTTALLING \$49,000 FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2016. CHIEF TUCKER ALSO REPORTED THAT THE TAHOE IS A 2013 MODEL INSTEAD OF 2012 AND SHOULD BE ISSUED OUT BY TOMORROW AND HE INTRODUCED NEW 3RD SHIFT OFFICER RAY MULLINAX WHO GRADUATED FROM THE ACADEMY IN DECEMBER, 2016.

MAYOR HUFF REPORTED THAT FIRE CHIEF CHRIS COTHRAN WAS ABSENT DUE TO HIS WIFE'S ILLNESS.

SEWER SUPERINTENDENT JEFF BAILEY REPORTED THE TOP TEN WORK HISTORY SUMMARY REPORT WITH MANHOLES AND SAMPLING WITH THE MOST HOURS. MR. BAILEY ALSO REPORTED THAT THEY REPLACED ABOUT 110 FEET OF SEWER LINE ON BOMAR STREET.

MR. BAILEY REPORTED ON THE SC HWY 292 SEWER PROJECT AND READ THE PROJECT STATUS MEMORANDUM 18 FROM SUMMIT ENGINEERING WHICH INCLUDED THAT THEY ARE AWAITING WORD FROM MS. DEBRA GREEN ON DATES AND TIMES TO MEET REGARDING USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING.

MR. BAILEY STATED THAT THE MAILO PROPERTY THAT THEY WERE LOOKING AT FOR A POSSIBLE PUMP STATION IS NOT FAVORABLE AT THIS TIME SO THEY ARE GOING TO RE-VISIT THE GREEN CREEK PUMP STATION.

MR. HEATH FOWLER OF THE STREETS/MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REPORTED THAT HE HAS BEEN BUSY GETTING DOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND PICKING UP LEAVES, HE WAS ABLE TO TRY OUT THE SALT/SAND SPREADER WITH THE RECENT SNOW AND IT REALLY WORKS GOOD, AND HE WILL BE GETTING THE PLANTERS UP WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.

MR. DENNIS STATON, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORTED THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION DID NOT MEET FOR THEIR REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 26, 2016 BECAUSE THERE WERE NO PRESSING ITEMS.

MR. STATON REPORTED ON THE ZONING REPORT THAT HE APPROVED THREE (3) NEW CONSTRUCTION PERMITS, ONE (1) RENOVATION PERMIT, AND ONE (1) NEW BUSINESS AND STATED THAT SINCE THE FIRST OF THE 2016 YEAR THAT THERE HAVE BEEN THIRTEEN (13) NEW BUSINESSES, 27 NEW HOME CONSTRUCTIONS, AND FOR YEAR 2017 THERE WILL BE A NEW DENTIST OPENING IN THE RETIRED DR. HALLMAN'S OFFICE AND PROJECTING FOR HOUSING THERE WILL BE 43 NEW HOUSES BEHIND BI-LO.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR JEREMY CAUDLE REPORTED THAT ON THE STREETScape PROJECT THAT HE IS MEETING WITH MR. JIM LONGSHORE WITH SUMMIT ENGINEERING AT 9:00 AM TOMORROW MORNING TO GO OVER THE DETAILS OF PICKING OUT PATTERNS AND COLORS FOR THE STAMPED ASPHALT AND ON JANUARY 20, 2017 HE AND MR. LONGSHORE ARE GOING TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE STATE'S DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO START DISCUSSING WHAT THEY NEED TO DO TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY PERMITS TO START WORKING ON THE ROADS AND SIDEWALKS. MR. CAUDLE ALSO REPORTED THAT HE AND MAYOR HUFF MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM MARY BLACK FOUNDATION AND THEY AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN A "WALK WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS" ON THE 21ST OF JANUARY, 2017 AT 10:00 AM.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NO. 17-01, 100 PERCENT PETITION METHOD FOR TAX MAP# 2-41-12-001.00, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE NO. 17-02, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 16-11 FOR FY 2016-2017, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR JEREMY CAUDLE REPORTED THAT SOME OF THE MAJOR ITEMS INCLUDED ON THE LIST ARE CONSULTING FEES, ATTORNEY FEES AND THE WEBSITE UPGRADE PROJECT.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR JEREMY CAUDLE REPORTED THAT COUNCIL HAS AN APPLICATION FROM MR. DONALD LANDRUM FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND MR. LANDRUM IS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HUFF. MR. CAUDLE STATED THAT HE TALKED WITH MR. LANDRUM WHO ALSO SUBMITTED A RESUME AND MR. LANDRUM WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING TONIGHT BUT HE RECOMMENDS THAT COUNCIL APPOINT HIM TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN QUESTIONED IF WE HAVE RECEIVED ANY OTHER APPLICATIONS AND MR. CAUDLE STATED THAT HE DID RECEIVE OTHER APPLICATIONS BUT THERE IS ONLY ONE SEAT AVAILABLE AND THIS IS HIS RECOMMENDATION.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. QUESTIONED IF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN ON THIS APPLICATION AND MR. CAUDLE REPLIED NO.

COUNCILMEMBERS ROGERS, JR. STATED THAT HE FELT LIKE THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION AND GIVE COUNCIL SOME FEEDBACK.

PC CHAIRMAN PETE MILLER STATED THAT THEY WOULD FEEL GOOD ABOUT TALKING TO THE PERSON AND SEEING THE INFORMATION THAT MR. CAUDLE HAS ON HIM.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS APPOINTMENT UNTIL THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAS A CHANCE TO REVIEW THIS BUT NO SECOND WAS MADE.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT MR. DONALD LANDRUM TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING BUT COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. WHO OPPOSED THE VOTE.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. NOTED THAT HIS OPPOSING VOTE DID NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO MR. LANDRUM.

UNDER COUNCIL TIME:

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN REPORTED THAT ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017 AT 10:00 AM THAT THERE WILL BE A PARADE FOR THE CHAPMAN FOOTBALL TEAM.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. STATED THAT THE CITY CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS THE BEST HE HAS ATTENDED AND THANKED EVERYONE FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

MAYOR HUFF ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WILL BE A RETREAT IN HARTSVILLE, SC THIS WEEKEND FOR ALL COUNCILMEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS TO GO AWAY AND LEARN FROM OTHER CITIES AND GET THEIR GAME PLAN TOGETHER.

AT 6:55 PM COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-4-70(2) OF THE S.C. CODE OF LAWS, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

AT 7:39 PM COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO GO OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND BACK INTO THE REGULAR MEETING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR., MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF REPORTED THAT DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION THAT NO DECISIONS WERE MADE.

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
ROBIN HENDERSON, CITY CLERK