

**INMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 13, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

MAYOR PRO-TEM MELVIN FOWLER OPENED MEETING AND WELCOMED EVERYONE. MAYOR HUFF WAS PRESENT BY TELEVIDEO DUE TO ATTENDING A SC RURAL WATER CONFERENCE IN MYRTLE BEACH.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION STATEMENT WAS READ BY MAYOR PRO-TEM FOWLER CONCERNING NOTIFICATION OF THIS MEETING.

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

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

COUNCILMEMBER MCGUIRE MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA BY MOVING THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM ITEM NO. 17 TO BETWEEN ITEM NUMBERS 11 & 12, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MR. KYLE RANSAC OF THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTED THAT THEY WENT ON A TRIP TO LAKE CITY, SC THIS PAST WEEK WITH THE MAYOR AND THEY VISITED STUDENTS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AND THEY TALKED TO THEM ABOUT THEIR IDEAS AND WHAT THEY HAVE TO OFFER AND THEY THANKED THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR PROVIDING THEIR TRIP. THE YOUTH COUNCIL ALSO REPORTED THAT IN THE COMING WEEKS THEY ARE GOING TO BE WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN AND MR. & MRS. EMORY BISHOP PUT LIME DOWN AND PLOWED THE GARDEN IT SO IT WILL BE BIGGER THIS YEAR WITH FLOWERS PLANTED ALSO AND FOR SOME UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES THE MURIEL WILL BE MOVED TO A NEW LOCATION BUT THEY ARE NOT SURE AS OF YET.

MS. KIT CLARK, CHAIRPERSON OF THE ACTIVE LIVING OF THE GREATER INMAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND OWNER OF THE BUSINESS IN INMAN CALLED THE "ANEW MASSAGE" ADDRESSED COUNCIL REGARDING THE 3RD ANNUAL OPENING OF THE ACTIVE LIVING INMAN TRAILS TO BE HELD IN THE LEROY MATHIS PARK ON TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017 FROM 5:30 PM TILL 7:30 PM. MS. CLARK STATED THAT ACTIVE LIVING ENCOMPASSES SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS LIKE HIKING, BIKING, HEALTHNESS AND WELLNESS RELATED AND THIS EVENT FOCUSES ON BRINGING PEOPLE TO THE EVENT TO LEARN ABOUT THE INMAN TRAIL. MS. CLARK ASKED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT THIS EVENT AND HELP GET THE WORD OUT.

MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2017 COUNCIL WORKSESSION AND THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2017 REGULAR MEETING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN READ RESOLUTION NO. 17-09, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CHAPMAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS. MAYOR PRO-TEM FOWLER AND COUNCIL PRESENTED RESOLUTION NO. 17-09 TO COACH MARK HODGE, QUARTERBACK COLTON BAILEY AND CAPTAIN DJ TWITTY.

COACH MARK HODGE THANKED COUNCIL FOR THE RESOLUTION AND STATED THAT INMAN IS A GREAT COMMUNITY AND THE WELCOME THEY RECEIVED WHEN THEY GOT BACK FROM THE GAME WAS UNBELIEVABLE.

POLICE CHIEF KEITH TUCKER REPORTED 16 CRIMINAL, 43 TRAFFIC CITATIONS AND 7 ACCIDENTS TOTALLING \$27,500 IN DAMAGES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2017. CHIEF TUCKER THANKED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR HELP IN LOCATING A WOMAN WHO HAD BEEN MISSING ON SATURDAY MORNING AT 7 AM BUT SHE WAS LOCATED AT 1:30 PM.

FIRE CHIEF CHRIS COTHRAN REPORTED 51 CALLS FOR THE PERIOD OF 02/13/17 THRU 03/13/17 WITH 1-COMMERCIAL BUILDING FIRE, 7- BRUSH/GRASS FIRES, 11-MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, 2- OUTDOOR BURNING COMPLAINTS, 3-ASSIST AMBULANCE, 4-COMMERCIAL FIRE ALARMS, 1-TREE DOWN, 6-LINES DOWN, 1-WELFARE CHECK, 1-RESIDENTIAL FIRE ALARM, 1-LINES ARCHING, 1-CHILD LOCKED IN VEHICLE, 3-FALSE CALLS, 1-ASSIST CITIZEN AND 8-LOCKOUTS.

SEWER SUPERINTENDENT JEFF BAILEY WAS ABSENT DUE TO ATTENDING THE S.C. RURAL WATER CONFERENCE IN MYRTLE BEACH.

MR. HEATH FOWLER OF THE STREETS/MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REPORTED THAT LEAF PICKUP IS DONE EXCEPT FOR A FEW PLACES; GETTING READY FOR SPRING CLEAN-UP AT THE END OF APRIL AND WILL BE CUTTING GRASS SOON. COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR STATED THAT THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ABOUT LEAVING THE FAÇADE LIGHTS ON AT NIGHT AND COULD THIS BE DONE. HEATH FOWLER AND CHIEF COTHRAN RESPONDED THAT THEY WOULD NEED TO GET A TIMER FOR THE LIGHTS TO GO ON AND OFF SO THEY WILL CHECK INTO IT AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL. HEATH FOWLER ALSO REPORTED THAT ADMINISTRATOR CAUDLE HAS BEEN TALKING WITH UNIVERSAL CONCEPTS GREG FULBRIGHT AND THEY HAVE COME TO AN AGREEMENT IN THAT THEY ARE GOING TO GIVE THE CITY BRAND NEW CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS THAT THEY CAN PUT ON THE POLES AROUND TOWN SUCH AS SNOWFLAKES AND REINDEERS WHICH WILL BE LED AND MATCH THE FAÇADE LIGHTS.

MR. PETE MILLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE SPENT A LOT OF TIME RESEARCHING THE ELECTRONIC SIGN LIGHTING OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES AROUND US AND THEY ARE BRINGING TO COUNCIL TONIGHT A PROPOSAL FOR RE-ZONING OF 40 N. HOWARD STREET WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY A DWELLING BUT HAS BEEN A DENTIST OFFICE FOR MANY YEARS SO THE PROPOSAL IS FROM RESIDENTIAL, R-10 TO NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT.

ADMINISTRATOR JEREMY CAUDLE REPORTED THAT WITH THE BUDGET CALENDAR HE HAS PROVIDED THAT DEPARTMENT HEADS SHOULD HAVE THEIR BUDGET REQUESTS TURNED INTO HIM BY THE END OF MONTH AND HE HAS STARTED HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ON THEIR BUDGET PRIORITIES AND HIS GOAL IS TO SPEND THE MONTH OF APRIL WORKING ON A BUDGET RECOMMENDATION TO BRING TO COUNCIL IN MAY. MR. CAUDLE ALSO REPORTED THAT HE HAS BEEN ASKING COUNCIL TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERVIEWS, DEMONSTRATIONS, MEETING, ETC., AND THAT'S HIS WAY OF GETTING COUNCIL INVOLVED IN WHAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF ARE UP TO AND COUNCIL HAS DONE A GOOD JOB STEPPING UP TO THAT. MR. CAUDLE STATED THAT ON MARCH 25, 2017 AT CITY HALL AT 10:00 AM THAT THERE WILL BE THE SECOND QUARTERLY "WALKING WITH OUR OFFICIALS" AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE INVITED TO COME OUT AND WALK WITH THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND HEAR ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON.

COUNCILMEMBER MCGUIRE MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC HEARING ON AN AMENDMENT TO BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 16-11 AMENDING THE FY 16-17 BUDGET

ORDINANCE BY INCREASING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR HUFF, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING. COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. STATED THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE HAS SEEN A PUBLIC HEARING BEING INCORPORATED INTO A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AND FOR HIS BENEFIT AND THE PEOPLE HERE HE WOULD LIKE FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXPLAIN WHAT WE ARE SUPPOSE TO DO. MR. CAUDLE EXPLAINED THAT TO ACCOMMODATE THE WORKSESSION WITH THE FARMERS MARKET THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS INCORPORATED INTO THE REGULAR MEETING IN ORDER TO SATISFY STATE LAW SO THIS IS THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AMENDED BUDGET.

MR. RICHARD BURCH, INMAN RESIDENT QUESTIONED HOW MUCH THE BUDGET WILL BE INCREASED BY. COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN RESPONDED THAT IT WILL BE UP TO THE OPTION THEY VOTE FOR BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN FOUR (4) OPTIONS. MR. RICHARD BURCH STATED THAT HE WANTED TO REPHRASE HIS QUESTION TO HOW MUCH MORE REVENUE CAME IN THAN WAS WHAT WAS ANTICIPATED. MAYOR PRO-TEM FOWLER STATED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOUR (4) OPTIONS AND THEY WILL DISCUSS THESE OPTIONS IN CLOSED SESSION. ADMINISTRATOR CAUDLE STATED THAT HE RECOMMENDS THAT COUNCIL TAKE THE PUBLIC COMMENT, CLOSE OUT THE PUBLIC HEARING AND WHEN THEY GO TO THE AGENDA ITEMS HE WILL BE GLAD TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW FOR COUNCIL. COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. STATED THAT THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH DISCLOSING THE NUMBERS ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET. COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN REPORTED THAT WITH REGARDS TO THE FOUR (4) OPTIONS PROVIDED THAT THE AMOUNT IS ANYWHERE BETWEEN \$75,000 TO \$100,000 AND WE ARE AMENDING OUR BUDGET TO INCREASE THE BUDGET OVER THE INITIAL BUDGET. MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR., MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

AT 6:39 PM COUNCILMEMBER MCGUIRE MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION BRIEFLY FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY BEFORE VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING THINGS, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR HUFF, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

AT 7:36 PM COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION TO GO OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND BACK INTO THE REGULAR MEETING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MCGUIRE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

ADMINISTRATOR CAUDLE STATED THAT HIS RECOMMENDATION AFTER COMING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION IS FOR COUNCIL TO VOTE ON THE CONTRACT THAT WAS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION FOR STEPHENS, INC., MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL ADVISORS. MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL ADVISORS, STEPHENS INC., SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE 17-02 (A), AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 16-11 FOR FY 2016-2017, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR HUFF. ADMINISTRATOR CAUDLE STATED THAT HE RECOMMENDS FOR THE SAKE OF FLEXIBILITY THAT THEY CONSIDER AMENDING THE COUNCILMEMBERS MOTION BY DELETING \$2000 FOR THE COLOR RUN AND CHAPMAN ADVERTISEMENTS AND CHANGING IT TO \$2,000 FOR ADVERTISEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO AMEND 17-02 (A) SECTION 4 TO REMOVE THE COLOR RUN EVENT AND CHAPMAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TO ADVERTISEMENTS FOR \$2,000, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR HUFF, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE NO. 17-07, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INMAN MUNICIPAL CODE BY CHANGING THE REGULAR ELECTION DATE TO THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER OF OFF-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS CURRENTLY SERVING ON THE CITY COUNCIL TO ACCOMMODATE THE CHANGE IN THE REGULAR ELECTION DATE, 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. 17-08, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO RE-ZONE PROPERTY FROM R-10, SINGLE FAMILY MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO NBD, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR HUFF, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE \$1,200 OF HOSPITALITY TAX FUNDS FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER MCGUIRE STATED THAT SHE MET WITH ADMINISTRATOR CAUDLE REGARDING BUDGET PRIORITIES AND SHE DISCUSSED WANTING COUNCIL TO BE PROACTIVE IN THEIR FINANCIAL PLANNING AND SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE COUNCIL SETTING STANDARDS FOR WHAT OUR RESERVE FUND WOULD HAVE TO BE BEFORE WE TAKE MONEY FROM IT AND PLACE GUIDELINES SO THAT WE DON'T OVER SPEND AND ADMINISTRATOR CAUDLE RECOMMENDED CREATING A FINANCIAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(MAYOR HUFF WAS EXCUSED FROM THE MEETING AT THIS TIME)

ADMINISTRATOR CAUDLE STATED THAT IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNCILMEMBER MCGUIRE ABOUT BUDGET PRIORITIES THAT LONG TERM STRATEGIC FINANCIAL POLICIES WAS SOMETHING THEY DISCUSSED AND IF WE GET COUNCIL INVOLVED IN DRAFTING THESE POLICIES THEY WILL BE MORE MEANINGFUL TO THEM AND IT WILL BE EASIER FOR THEM TO ACT UPON IT SO WHAT THEY THOUGHT ABOUT IS FOR COUNCIL TO APPOINT TWO OF ITS MEMBERS ALONG WITH HIMSELF AND ROBIN TO BRING TO THE ENTIRE COUNCIL POLICIES TO CONSIDER ON COUNCIL'S TARGET FOR GENERAL FUND RESERVES AND WHAT WE WANT THAT TO BE AND WHEN IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO DIP INTO IT FOR EMERGENCIES AND OTHER POLICIES FOR VISIONS AND GOALS FOR THE COUNCIL TO ENSURE OUR FINANCIAL ASTAINABILITY.

COUNCILMEMBER MCGUIRE STATED THAT SHE JUST WANTS TO SEE COUNCIL COMING AT IT FROM THE FRONT END INSTEAD OF PLAYING CATCH-UP.

COUNCILMEMBER MCGUIRE MADE A MOTION FOR COUNCIL TO APPOINT A FINANCIAL POLICY ADVISORY, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN. COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE COUNCILMEMBERS MOTION TO INCLUDE APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER MCGUIRE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCIAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR., MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

UNDER COUNCIL TIME:

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. REPORTED THAT HE ACCOMPANIED THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL TO LAKE CITY, SC AND HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE COLLABORATION WITH THE STUDENTS AND WILL PROBABLY SEE A MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL FORMED IN LAKE CITY, SC.

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:02 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
ROBIN HENDERSON, CITY CLERK