

**INMAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 13, 2017  
6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

MAYOR HUFF OPENED MEETING AND WELCOMED EVERYONE.

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

A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS GIVEN FOR REVEREND EARL HENDRIX OF INMAN FIRST FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH WHO HAD RECENTLY PASSED AWAY FOLLOWED BY THE INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WHICH WAS LED BY POLICE CHAPLAIN BILL HOLLAND.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MORROW-MCGUIRE STATED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO ADD TWO ADDITIONS TO ITEM NUMBER 8, ONE IS RECOGNIZING THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL AND THE OTHER IS RECOGNIZING MR. BOB WALKER, SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER. MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CHANGE WITH MOVING ITEMS NUMBER 11.b AND 12.j TO EXECUTIVE SESSION. COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MS. CHARMAYNE BROWN OF REJOICE MAGAZINE ADDRESSED COUNCIL ABOUT POSSIBLE INCENTIVES TO RELOCATE HER BUSINESS FROM SPARTANBURG TO DOWNTOWN INMAN. MS. BROWN STATED THAT SHE HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS SINCE 2009 AND SHE IS A JOURNALIST AND A PUBLISHER BUT MOST PEOPLE KNOW HER FROM WORKING AT NEWS CHANNEL 7. MS. BROWN ALSO STATED THAT HER MAGAZINE IS PUBLISHED QUARTERLY AND 30,000 COPIES ARE PUT OUT WITHIN THE UPSTATE. MS. BROWN WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE IF INMAN WOULD ADVERTISE IN HER MAGAZINE AND SHE OFFERED PUTTING TOGETHER A VIDEO PRESENTATION THAT COULD BE PLACED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE AS A PROMOTIONAL PIECE FOR THE CITY OF INMAN. MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR WILL GIVE HER A RESPONSE WITHIN 30 DAYS.

MR. BOBBY MONROE, REVENUE ENHANCEMENT CONSULTANT WITH DATAMAX ADDRESSED COUNCIL REGARDING OFFERING HIS SERVICES TO THE CITY OF INMAN IN WHICH THEY HELP CITIES AND TOWNS FIND NEW REVENUE BY LOCATING BUSINESSES THAT OPERATE IN THE CITY WITHOUT A BUSINESS LICENSE. MR. MONROE STATED THAT HIS BUSINESS IS LOCATED IN WINSTON SALEM, NC AND THEY HAVE BEEN IN BUSINESS FOR 128 YEARS AND THEY IDENTIFY THE BUSINESSES AND SEND OUT OUR BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION ON OUR BEHALF AND THEN THE APPLICATION AND THE FEE COMES BACK TO THE CITY OF INMAN. MR. MONROE ALSO STATED THAT THE S.C. STATUTE ALLOWS THEM TO GO BACK THREE YEARS AND THERE IS A 50/50 REVENUE SPLIT WITH THE CITY OF INMAN FOR THE FIRST 2 YEARS AND AFTER THAT A 100% COMES TO THE CITY. MR. MONROE ALSO STATED THAT THEY CAN DO AN AUDIT FOR OUR UTILITIES; WATER, SEWER, AND TELECOM IN WHICH THEY LOOK AT THE CITY'S BILLS TO

SEE IF WE ARE BEING CHARGED THE CORRECT TARIFF AND THIS IS BASED ON TWO YEARS MOVING FORWARD.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AND THE OCTOBER 16, 2017 WORK SESSION, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MORROW-MCGUIRE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF RECOGNIZED THE BOY SCOUTS FROM TROOP 26 WHO WERE IN ATTENDANCE FOR A LOCAL MEETING TO EARN A CITIZENSHIP AND COMMUNITY MERIT BADGE.

MAYOR HUFF RECOGNIZED THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL AND MISS EMORIE REPORTED THAT THEY ARE IN THE EARLY STAGES OF A MURAL TO BE PAINTED ON A WALL DOWNTOWN AND THIS MURAL WILL REPRESENT EVERYTHING THAT CHAPMAN HIGH SCHOOL HAS SUCH AS CLUBS, ATHLETICS, BAND AND ORCHESTRA.

MR. BOB WALKER, SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER STATED THAT THE PENNY SALES TAX WAS A LITTLE STRONGER THAN HE ANTICIPATED AND THEY PASSED THE FINAL RESOLUTION THIS MORNING AND IT WILL BE MAY, 2018 BEFORE THE PENNY WILL BE CHARGED AND TWO YEARS BEFORE CONSTRUCTION STARTS ON A NEW COURTHOUSE IN SPARTANBURG. MR. WALKER STATED THAT HE HAS NOTICED CONSTRUCTION AT INMAN MILLS AND WORK AT THE LEROY MATHIS CITY PARK.

POLICE CHIEF KEITH TUCKER REPORTED 68 TRAFFIC, 40 CRIMINAL AND 9 ACCIDENTS TOTALLING \$22,600 IN DAMAGES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2017. CHIEF TUCKER ALSO REPORTED THAT THE "BOO ON MILL" WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AND HE THANKED COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, FARMERS MARKET DIRECTOR TIMOTHY "SMITTY" SMITH AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR THEIR HELP. CHIEF TUCKER MADE A REQUEST TO COUNCIL TO CLOSE THE STREETS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017 AT 2 PM IN PREPARATIONS FOR THE INMAN CHRISTMAS PARADE AT 5 PM AND LIGHT UP INMAN AT 6 PM. CHIEF TUCKER SUGGESTED HANDING OUT A LETTER TO ALL DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES INFORMING THEM OF THE STREET CLOSINGS.

FIRE CHIEF CHRIS COTHRAN REPORTED 41 CALLS FOR THE PERIOD OF 10/09/17 THRU 11/13/17 WITH MOTOR ACCIDENTS WITH INJURY WITH THE MOST CALLS. CHIEF COTHRAN ALSO REPORTED THAT THEY HAD A HOUSE FIRE LAST WEDNESDAY ON BOBO STREET AND THE PROBABLE CAUSE WAS AN ELECTRICAL HEATER SO HE ADVISED EVERYONE TO BE CAREFUL WHEN USING HEATERS. CHIEF COTHRAN STATED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING A LOT OF FIRE PREVENTION WITH SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES AND FIREMEN BEN COTHRAN IS ATTENDING THE FIRE ACADEMY IN COLUMBIA THIS WEEK FOR A FIRE INSPECTOR CLASS.

SEWER SUPERINTENDENT JEFF BAILEY REPORTED THAT HOLLYWOOD STREET IS BEING REPAIRED NOW AND HOPEFULLY WILL BE DONE BY THE END OF THE MONTH AND THE TOP TEN WORK HISTORY SUMMARY REPORT FOR 10/10/17 THRU 11/13/17 IS COLLECTION LINES AND SAMPLING WITH THE MOST HOURS. MR. BAILEY ALSO REPORTED THAT TWO OF HIS OPERATORS ATTENDED THE WEASC OPERATORS CONFERENCE IN MYRTLE BEACH AND THEY ARE LOOKING AT TARGET SOLUTIONS WITH AN IN-HOUSE TRAINING PROGRAM SUCH AS BLOOD BORNE PATHOGEN AND THIS TRAINING IS DONE ON-LINE WHICH CAN BE DONE ON THEIR OWN TIME SO HE DOESN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GETTING EVERYBODY TOGETHER FOR A TRAINING CLASS.

MR. PETE MILLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTED THAT THE COMMISSION SPENT MOST OF THEIR TIME LAST MONTH WORKING ON THEIR RESIDENTIAL 6 GUIDELINES AND THEY TOOK FROM R- 4 AND R-8 AND SUBSTITUTED IN

BETWEEN THAT. MR. MILLER STATED THAT THEY HAD A REQUEST TO HAVE SMALLER SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS IN THE CITY AND THEY FEEL THIS WILL BE A BETTER FIT AND BRING IN CONSTRUCTION AND THIS WILL HAVE TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL OR FOR THEM FOR CHANGES.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR JEREMY CAUDLE REPORTED THAT THIS THURSDAY THE CITY WILL HAVE A BID OPENING FOR THE STREETScape PROJECT AT 2 PM; THE COMPANY FOR THE RATE STUDY IS NOW WORKING WITH THE WATER UTILITY TO GET CUSTOMER DATA SO THAT'S COMING ALONG; HE HOPES THAT THEY MAKE PROGRESS ON THE LOGO THIS EVENING FOR THE WEB PROJECT; AND HE MADE A PRESENTATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION COMMITTEE LAST WEEK AT THEIR QUARTERLY MEETING AND THEY GAVE THE CITY A PARTIAL AWARD FOR OUR PARD APPLICATION FOR APPROXIMATELY \$20,000 SO COUNCIL NEEDS TO START THINKING ABOUT LONG TERM FINANCING FOR THIS PROJECT AND HE HAS HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CITY'S FINANCIAL ADVISORS SO HE WILL GET BACK WITH COUNCIL AND HE IS FINISHING UP HIS ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS THAT HE HAS BEEN HAVING WITH CITY EMPLOYEES AND HE WILL COMPILE A REPORT AND HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS WITH COUNCIL AND GO OVER THIS REPORT.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR JEREMY CAUDLE REPORTED THAT MR. RYAN OWENS OF STRATATOMIC, LLC TOOK FEEDBACK FROM THE WORK SESSION THAT HE HAD WITH COUNCIL AND PUT THOUGHTS TOGETHER AND HE HAS SOME NEW DESIGNS EVEN THOUGH IT LOOKS THE SAME HE HAS MIXED IT UP IN SUTTLE WAYS. MAYOR AND COUNCIL DECIDED TO NARROW THE FIFTEEN DESIGNS DOWN TO THREE AND GIVE THEM TO JEREMY BEFORE THE NIGHT ENDS.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE QUOTE FROM CHURCHICH RECREATION FOR PICNIC SHELTERS FOR MATHIS PARK, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR JEREMY CAUDLE REPORTED THAT SINCE THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IS CITY PROPERTY AND IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH OUR PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT AFTER THE PICNIC SHELTERS ARE IN THE PARK THEN WE'LL MOVE ON TO THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE DECLARE THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT SURPLUS PROPERTY AND MR. KEVIN STIENS OF THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION THINKS THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO GET A FEW MORE YEARS OF USE OUT OF THE LARGE PLAYGROUND SO HE HAS PROVIDED OPTIONS: 1. IF THE PLAYGROUND IS MOVED THEY WILL PAY AT THEIR EXPENSE TO HAVE IT MOVED AND HAVE A COMPANY TEST TO SEE IT'S WORTH THE EFFORT AND HE SPELLED OUT TWO OPTIONS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WOULD LIKE IT TO STAY LOCAL IF WE COULD. COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO DECLARE THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT LEROY C. MATHIS PARK SURPLUS PROPERTY, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR., MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SOLICIT COMPETITIVE PROPOSALS FROM COMPANIES PROVIDING GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIER WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOR BUILDING INSPECTIONS SERVICES, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH NEGOTIATIONS WITH DATAMAX TO COME UP WITH A CONTRACT AFTER OUR CITY ATTORNEY REVIEWS IT AND HE MAY PASS ON SOME QUESTIONS YOU CAN ASK HIM IN ORDER TO FINALIZE IT, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 2017-28, A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING A HOLIDAY, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION TO TABLE ITEM 12.g, RESOLUTION # 2017-29, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHECK WRITING POLICY, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH MAYOR HUFF AND COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN VOTE. COUNCILMEMBER MORROW-MCGUIRE OPPOSED THE VOTE.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION TO TABLE ITEM 12. h, RESOLUTION # 2017-30, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GENERAL FUND RESERVE POLICY, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

POLICE CHIEF KEITH TUCKER STATED THAT WE RECEIVED OVER \$13,000 FOR A CONTRACT REPAYMENT FOR ACADEMY CERTIFICATION FROM THE WELLFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE HE HAD AN EMPLOYEE TO LEAVE AND THEY PAID US BACK SO HE THOUGHT ABOUT USING THE MONEY TO UPDATE THE EQUIPMENT AND HE FOUND A CAR IN CHICAGO FOR \$9,400.00 TO REPLACE AN EXISTING CAR. COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #2017-31, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MORROW-MCGUIRE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT OUR VOTING PRECINCTS IN THE CITY OF INMAN HAVE BEEN SPREAD AND HE DOESN'T KNOW WHY SOMEONE WHO LIVES BEHIND BI-LO HAS TO GO TO BOILING SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL TO VOTE AND IT IS CAUSING A HARDSHIP. MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL AND COUNCIL AGREED TO SEND A LETTER TO HENRY LAYE OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY VOTERS REGISTRATION THAT ANYONE THAT LIVES IN THE CITY LIMITS OF INMAN TO VOTE AT EITHER THE CHAPMAN PRECINCT OR THE GREATER ST. JAMES PRECINCTS.

MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT HE TALKED WITH DISTRICT ONE SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT DR. RON GARNER ABOUT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINES AND THERE IS A PROBLEM BEHIND BI-LO WITH ONE STREET HAVING THREE DIFFERENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THIS WILL HAVE TO GO TO LEGISLATORS SO HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL AND COUNCIL AGREED TO DRAFT A LETTER AND SPEAK AT THE NEXT DELEGATION MEETING TO REQUEST THAT IF YOU LIVE IN THE CITY LIMITS OF INMAN THEN MAKE IT ALL DISTRICT ONE.

**UNDER PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

REVEREND ROY MONTGOMERY ADDRESSED COUNCIL REGARDING OPENING UP A MISSION HOME FOR THE HOMELESS, VETERANS AND OUTCASTS TO PROVIDE FOOD AND SHELTER. REV. MONTGOMERY STATED THAT HE WANTS TO WORK WITH THE CITY TO SEE WHAT HE CAN OFFER. MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT OUR CITY ADMINISTRATOR WILL GET BACK WITH HIM.

UNDER COUNCIL TIME:

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN STATED THAT ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017 THE INMAN PARADE WILL START AT 5PM AND LIGHT UP INMAN WILL START UP AT 6 PM.

AT 7:32 PM COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE OF LAWS SECTION § 30-4-70(a) (2) FOR DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND 11b & 12j, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGERS, JR., MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

AT 8:41 PM MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO GO OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND BACK INTO THE REGULAR MEETING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A CHRISTMAS BONUS OF \$300 TO PERMANENT FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AND \$150 TO PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR., MOTION CARRIED WITH MAYOR HUFF AND COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN VOTE. COUNCILMEMBER MORROW-MCGUIRE OPPOSED THE VOTE.

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS MAYOR HUFF ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:50 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
ROBIN HENDERSON, CITY CLERK