

INMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 10, 2019
6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

MAYOR CORNELIUS HUFF CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

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

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

COUNCILMEMBERS MELVIN FOWLER, KEVIN NEWMAN AND RAY ROGERS, JR. WERE PRESENT.
COUNCILMEMBER GINGER MORROW-MCGUIRE WAS ON AN EXCUSED ABSENCE.

CITY ATTORNEY LARRY FLYNN WAS PRESENT.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO ADD TO THE AGENDA UNDER 6. APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS 6b. RETAIL COACH, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MR. REINALDO SOTO, PRESIDENT OF THE LSA, LION SOCCER ACADEMY AND HIS SON JOHNATHAN SOTO ADDRESSED COUNCIL ABOUT A PROJECT THAT WAS STARTED FIVE YEARS AGO AFTER A MEETING WITH THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY SHERIFF INVOLVING CRIME ACTIVITY GROWING IN AN AREA AND AFTER PRAYER, GOD LED THEM TO START THIS PROJECT OF SPORTS AS A MEANS TO DETER CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

MR. SOTO STATED THAT IN THE BEGINNING THEY HAD 5 CHILDREN BUT NOW THEY HAVE GROWN TO 50 TO 60 CHILDREN AGES 5 TO 12 YEARS OLD EACH SEASON AND RIGHT NOW THEY ARE RENTING A CHURCH BUT THEY HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO HAVE FOUND PROPERTY IN INMAN AT 991 MEADOW FARM ROAD WHICH IS 12 ACRES AND THEY WERE ABLE TO PURCHASE THE LAND FOR \$50,000 AND MAKING MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF \$500 WITH HOPES OF GETTING THE WORD OUT WITH ANY HELP THAT THEY CAN GET FROM THE COMMUNITY TO HELP DEVELOP THE LAND WHICH WILL ATTRACT SOCCER TOURNAMENTS AND BENEFIT THE CHILDREN IN THE AREA.

MR. CHARLES PARKER OF RETAIL COACH ADDRESSED COUNCIL WITH AN UPDATE ON THE RETAIL TRADE ANALYSIS AND AFTER 9 MONTHS HE REPORTED THAT HE HAS 14 PROSPECTS, 6 QUICK SERVE RESTAURANTS INTERESTED, AND 2 FRANCHISES LOOKING FOR A SITE IN INMAN. MR. PARKER STATED THAT HE SHOULD HAVE SOMETHING ON A DOTTED LINE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCILMAN BOB WALKER WAS PRESENT AND STATED THAT THE COUNTY HAS ONE MORE READING FOR THE COUNTY'S 2019-2020 BUDGET.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2019 BUDGET WORK SESSION; MAY 13, 2019 PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING AMENDMENT; MAY 13, 2019 REGULAR MEETING; AND MAY 29, 2019 BUDGET WORK SESSION, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR., MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MR. CHARLES TAPP, COMMANDER OF THE INMAN AMERICAN LEGION POST 45 ACCEPTED THE AWARDS FOR THE PALMETTO BOYS AND GIRLS STATE: AARON MOSS, ENAJAH MCCLUNEY, DAVID BLANTON, VICTORIA CONNER AND ANNA SPEARS. MR. TAPP STATED THAT THESE GIRLS AND BOYS ARE IN CAMP THIS WEEK AND WILL ACCEPT THESE AWARDS ON AUGUST 3, 2019 AND MAYOR HUFF WILL ATTEND THE LEGION MEETING AND PRESENT THE AWARDS TO THEM.

POLICE CHIEF KEITH TUCKER REPORTED 36 CRIMINAL, 61 TRAFFIC AND 5 ACCIDENTS TOTALLING \$13, 250 IN DAMAGES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2019. CHIEF TUCKER ALSO REPORTED THAT SCHOOL IS OUT AND ASKED THAT EVERYONE BE CAREFUL WHEN DRIVING.

FIRE CHIEF CHRIS COTHRAN REPORTED TO RESPONDING TO 22 CALLS FOR THE PERIOD OF 05/12/2019 THRU 06/10/2019 WITH ASSIST A CITIZEN AND ASSIST AMBULANCE WITH THE MOST CALLS. CHIEF COTHRAN STATED THAT HE HAS ALSO BEEN HELPING WITH BRUSH PICKUP.

SEWER SUPERINTENENT JEFF BAILEY REPORTED THE TOP TEN WORK HISTORY SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF 05/13/19 THRU 06/10/19 WITH SAMPLING AND CUTTING GRASS WITH THE MOST HOURS. MR. BAILEY ALSO REPORTED THAT THEY REPLACED THE FRONT STEPS OF THE OFFICE.

STREET SUPERVISOR HEATH FOWLER REPORTED PICKING UP BRUSH, PLANTING FLOWERS AND PUTTING OUT MULCH ON MILL STREET WITH HELP FROM CLERK MANDY SHAW, CLEANING FIRE DEPT PARKING LOT FOR CAR SHOW, AND GRASS CUTTING.

MR. PETE MILLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTED THAT 4 OF THEIR 5 MEMBERS WERE PRESENT TONIGHT AND THEY HAVE SEVERAL THINGS ON THE AGENDA FOR COUNCIL TO APPROVE. MR. MILLER STATED THAT THEY DID A COURTESY REVIEW OF ABOUT A 100 LOT SUDDIVISION BEHIND E. MAIN STREET AND WE'VE GOT A LOT OF RESIDENTIAL GROWTH COMING TO THE AREA.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR MISSY HOUSE REPORTED THAT WE HAD OUR SECOND BUDGET WORKSHOP AND SECOND READING IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 24, 2019, THE SEWER DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A RIA, RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY GRANT FOR \$500,000, FARMERS MARKET AND MUSIC ON MILL IS GOING ON, MET WITH SPARTANBURG COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COLE ALVERSON AND JIM HIPPI REGARDING FIRE SERVICE SO SHE WILL GET MORE INFORMATION AND GET BACK WITH COUNCIL, AND SHE WAS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR THE INMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEET AND GREET ON MAY 16, 2019.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2019-07, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-09, AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A 100 PERCENT ANNEXATION PETITION AND TO APPLY A ZONING DESIGNATION TO THE ANNEXED PROPERTY FOR 22 B STREET, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-10, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF INMAN FOR 176 BOMAR

STREET, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-11, AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A 100 PERCENT PETITION AND TO APPLY A ZONING DESIGNATION TO THE ANNEXED PROPERTY FOR A 10' STRIP FROM TAX MAP NO. 1-44-03-153.01 TO 1-44-03-154.03, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-12, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF INMAN ON CULBRETH STREET, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN. MAYOR HUFF OPPOSED THE VOTE.

PETE MILLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTED THAT THE RESTAURANT "LAW DOGS" WANTS TO BE ADA COMPLIANT AND TO BE ABLE TO GET A WHEELCHAIR INTO THE BUILDING THEY WILL NEED TO ENCROACH THE ALLEY THAT THE CITY OWNS WITH A 3 FOOT RAMP AND THERE ARE AWNINGS ON BUILDINGS UP THE ALLEYWAY NOW THAT EXCEED THE 3 FEET. CHAIRMAN MILLER STATED THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION SEES NO PROBLEM WITH THIS AFTER TALKING WITH THE FIRE AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENTS.

CITY ATTORNEY LARRY FYNN ASKED IF THEY WERE LOOKING FOR A WRITTEN EASEMENT BECAUSE HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOMETHING THAT WOULD SAY THAT THE CITY HAS SOME CONTROL OVER WHAT IS GOING TO BE BUILT AND HOW ITS GOING TO BE THERE AND IF WE HAD TO MAKE ANY CHANGES AT SOME POINT. MR. FLYNN STATED THAT HE WOULD GET WITH THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND COME UP WITH SOMETHING IN WRITING.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ENCROACHMENT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF LEGAL COUNSEL, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

UNDER PUBLIC COMMENTS:

TOM PLEMMONS OF THE INMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GAVE AN UPDATE ON THEIR PROJECTS: HAD A SUCCESSFUL MEET & GREET WITH ABOUT 70 PEOPLE; HAD A MEETING WITH A LADY FROM THE SPARTANBURG REGIONAL FOUNDATION ABOUT LOOKING FOR A PLACE FOR A POSSIBLE SENIOR CENTER IN INMAN; MET WITH RAY ROGERS, JR ABOUT USING THE INMAN ARMORY AS A POSSIBLE BUSINESS INCUBATOR FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES, A SENIOR CENTER AND A UNIVERSITY LOOKING TO SPREAD THEIR FACILITIES; HARVEST DAY IS COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER; MET WITH THE MARKETING DIRECTOR FOR THE TRYON INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTER ABOUT CO-BRANDING SOME EVENTS WITH THE CITY OF INMAN AND THEY ARE ALLOWING THE CHAMBER TO HAVE A BOOTH THERE AT SOME OF THEIR EVENTS TO PROMOTE AND MARKET INMAN; SPONSORING A STONE MASON TO GO TO PARIS, FRANCE TO HELP REBUILD THE NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL; AND LOOKING AT GOING TO SOME OF THE LOCAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES LOOKING FOR A MARKETING INTERNSHIP POSITION AND THEY COULD HELP DEVELOP THE MATERIALS NEEDED FOR SOME OF THESE THINGS ALONG WITH GRANT WRITING AND TRY TO GET FUNDS FOR THE INCUBATOR AND SOME OF THE OTHER PROJECTS WITH A MINIMAL COST THAT WILL GIVE THEM EXPERIENCE TO SHOW ON THEIR RESUME.

UNDER COUNCIL TIME:

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. STATED THAT HE ATTENDED THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION MEETING AND THE TOPIC THERE WAS 2020 CENSUS AND IT WAS A GOOD MEETING.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN STATED THAT THERE ARE A COUPLE MORE WEEKS OF "MUSIC ON MILL" AND THEY HAD TO CANCEL LAST WEEK DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS BUT THE CAR SHOW WILL BE THIS WEEK.

AT 7:18 PM MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

AT 8:10 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 FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT THEY DISCUSSED 2 CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY BUT NO DECISIONS WERE MADE.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. STATED THAT THEY DISCUSSED THE "LAW DOGS" ENCROACHMENT OF THE RAMP INTO THE ALLEY AND THIS IS CONTINGENT UPON HIM GOING FORWARD WITH HIS PROJECT AND OWNER, DARRELL SHERBERT HAS APPLIED FOR A FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT. COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE FAÇADE GRANT APPLICATION (WHICH THE MONEY COMES OUT OF HOSPITALITY TAX FUNDS) CONTINGENT UPON THAT HE GET 3 QUALIFIED BIDS INSTEAD OF THE ONE THAT HE CURRENTLY HAS AND THAT SPARTANBURG COUNTY BUILDING PERMIT DEPARTMENT WILL REVIEW THE PLANS AND ISSUE THE BUILDING PERMIT TO EXECUTE THE WORK, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS MAYOR HUFF ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:11 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
ROBIN HENDERSON, CITY CLERK