

**INMAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 11, 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.

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

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

MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO MOVE ITEM 11. a UNDER OLD BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA TO A WORKSHOP ON JANUARY 4, 2018 AND APPROVE THE REST OF THE AGENDA AS IT STANDS, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MISS CLAIRE HIPPI, NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT AND MISS MADISON MORGAN, NEWLY ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL INTRODUCED THEMSELVES AND STATED THAT MISS GRACIE BRYANT WILL BE SERVING AS SECRETARY BUT WAS NOT PRESENT.

COUNCILMEMBER MORROW-MCGUIRE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2017 REGULAR MEETING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

POLICE CHIEF KEITH TUCKER REPORTED 23 CRIMINAL, 40 TRAFFIC AND 4 ACCIDENTS TOTALLING \$14,500 IN DAMAGES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2017. CHIEF TUCKER ALSO REPORTED THAT JURY TRIALS WERE HELD LAST WEEK AND THEY ARE DOWN TO FOUR (4) JURY TRIALS ONLY BECAUSE THEY HAVE ATTORNEYS INVOLVED.

FIRE CHIEF CHRIS COTHRAN APOLOGIZED FOR NOT HAVING A REPORT TO COUNCIL BUT STATED THAT HE TOOK SOME VACATION DAYS LAST WEEK AND TODAY HAS BEEN BUSY BUT HE REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING PUMP TESTS AND LADDER TESTS AND ALL HAVE PASSED AND THEY WILL BE DOING AIR PACK TESTS TOMORROW. CHIEF COTHRAN STATED THAT WHEN WE HAD THE SNOW LAST WEEK THAT A WRECK INVOLVING A TELEPHONE POLE TOOK OUT POWER ALL THE WAY TO LAKE BOWEN AND HE SPENT ALL AFTERNOON TODAY WALKING THRU INMAN MILLS AND CONSTRUCTION IS COMING ALONG VERY FAST WITH THIS PROJECT. MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE FOR THEM TO SCHEDULE A WALK THRU AT INMAN MILLS FOR COUNCIL.

SEWER SUPERINTENDENT JEFF BAILEY REPORTED THE TOP TEN WORK HISTORY SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF 11/14/17 THRU 12/11/17 WITH BELT PRESS AND COLLECTION LINES WITH THE MOST HOURS. JEFF ALSO REPORTED THAT THEY ARE SPENDING A LOT MORE TIME ON SAMPLING BECAUSE THEY ARE HAVING TO SAMPLE DURING RAIN EVENTS WHICH MEETS A QUALIFIED EVENT; THEY HAVE COMPLETED THE

BYPASS PUMPING ON HOLLYWOOD STREET AND THE CULVERT IS IN PLACE AND THERE ARE STILL SOME REPAIRS TO BE DONE TO THE ROAD BUT THE SEWER LINE IS BACK AND IN TACT AND NEW LINES ARE IN SO THE ROAD SHOULD BE OPENED SOON; THE EPA (ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY) WILL BE VISITING THEM FOR A VISIT ON WEDNESDAY ON THEIR PRETREATMENT AND THEY ARE STARTING TO CUT RIGHT-OF-WAYS AGAIN.

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

MR. DENNIS STATON REPORTED THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION MET ON NOVEMBER 27, 2017 AND IN ADDITION TO THE FIVE MEMBERS THEY WERE JOINED BY CITY ATTORNEY LARRY FLYNN AND ADMINISTRATOR JEREMY CAUDLE AND THEY DISCUSSED SEVERAL TOPICS AND ONE OF WHICH HAS RESULTED IN A FORMAL RECOMMENDATION ON THE AGENDA FOR COUNCIL'S REVIEW TONIGHT.

MR. DENNIS STATON ALSO GAVE THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 2017 IN THAT HE ISSUED 5 NEW HOUSE CONSTRUCTION PERMITS (2 IN BUSHFORK & 3 IN EUFAULA); 3 RENOVATION PERMITS (2 RESIDENTIAL & 1 AT IFBC) AND NO NEW BUSINESSES WERE OPENED.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR JEREMY CAUDLE REPORTED THAT HE HAD MORE THAN ONE COUNCILMEMBER TO ASK HIM TO WORK ON A GRANT PROGRAM THAT CAN HELP US INCENTIVISE PROPERTY OWNERS TO IMPROVE THE APPEARANCE OF THEIR BUILDINGS, TO ASSIST WITH OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENDEAVOURS AND OUR BUSINESS ATTRACTION & RETENTION AND THERE ARE TONS OF MODELS TO GO BY SO WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS HE HOPES TO HAVE A WORKING MODEL FOR COUNCIL TO START WORKING ON.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING APPROVAL OF BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #2017-31 TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$10,000 IN OFFICER REIMBURSEMENT REVENUES AND TO INCREASE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET BY \$10,000, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER MORROW MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE \$1,060,776 BID FROM CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE CAROLINAS, LLC FOR THE STREETScape PROJECT, CONTINGENT ON APPROVAL BY THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING. COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. QUESTIONED IF THE MONEY IS THERE AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR JEREMY CAUDLE REPLIED YES THAT THE ONLY DISCREPANCY IS THE EXTRA \$60,776 BECAUSE THE BID CAME OVER MORE THAN WHAT OUR GRANT AWARD WAS BUT HE THINKS WE CAN EASILY COVER THAT LIKE A LOT OF OTHER CITIES THAT HAVE FINANCED STREETScape PROJECTS WITH HOSPITALITY TAX REVENUES WITH THE IDEA THAT THESE IMPROVEMENTS WILL DRAW IN TOURISTS SO THIS IS WHAT HE RECOMMENDS.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A "LETTER OF AGREEMENT" WITH DATAMAX FOR REVENUE CONSULTING SERVICES WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR TO REVIEW THE DRAFT OF THE AGREEMENT BY THIS FRIDAY PRIOR TO BOTH PARTIES SIGNING THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER AND MAYOR HUFF'S VOTE. COUNCILMEMBER MORROW-MCGUIRE OPPOSED THE VOTE.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING APPROVAL OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #2017-32, AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INMAN FOR R-6, "SINGLE FAMILY HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT", SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

UNDER PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MR. LEE THOMPSON ADDRESSED COUNCIL REGARDING A REQUEST FOR CHARTER SPECTRUM INTERNET SERVICE AT HIS ADDRESS OFF PEN DEL ROAD. MR. THOMPSON STATED THAT CHARTER TOLD HIM THAT WINDSTREAM HAS BOUGHT THE RIGHTS FOR INTERNET SERVICE IN HIS AREA AND THAT HE SHOULD CONTACT INMAN CITY COUNCIL. MAYOR HUFF RESPONDED TO HIM THAT HIS ADDRESS IS NOT IN THE JURISDICTION IN THE CITY LIMITS OF INMAN AND THAT HE SHOULD CONTACT SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER BOB WALKER.

UNDER COUNCIL TIME:

COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER STATED THAT WE SHOULD GIVE COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN A PAT ON THE BACK FOR THE OUTSTANDING CHRISTMAS PARADE AND LIGHT UP INMAN.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN STATED THAT IT WAS THE LARGEST CROWD HE HAD SEEN FOR LIGHT UP INMAN AND HE COULD NOT HAVE IT DONE IT ALL WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE POLICE CHIEF, FIRE CHIEF, HEATH FOWLER, THE FRONT OFFICE, TIMOTHY "SMITTY" SMITH AND ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND NEXT YEAR WILL REQUIRE MORE HELP. COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN ALSO STATED THAT HE HAS HEARD NOTHING BUT GOOD COMMENTS ABOUT CHANGING IT TO A NIGHT PARADE.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. STATED THAT HE WANTED TO PUT THE FAKE NEWS TO REST BECAUSE CHESNEE DOES NOT HAVE THE TALLEST TREE.

JEFF BAILEY WANTED TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THE CROWD THAT WAS HERE WHEN THE CHAPMAN HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS FOOTBALL TEAM RETURNED HOME FROM COLUMBIA AFTER PLAYING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.

MAYOR HUFF THANKED EVERYONE AND WISHED THEM "HAPPY HOLIDAYS" AND REMINDED THEM TO BE MINDFUL OF THE REASON FOR THE SEASON WHICH IS JESUS.

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS MAYOR HUFF ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:37 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
ROBIN HENDERSON, CITY CLERK