

INMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 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, RAY ROGERS, JR. AND GINGER MORROW-MCGUIRE WERE PRESENT.

MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO ADD 10.A DISCUSSION OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AND TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTED THAT THEY HAD THEIR "MOVE NIGHT IN THE PARK" AND IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AND THEY PLAN TO DO ANOTHER ONE IN THE SPRING EITHER ON MARCH 2 OR MARCH 9, 2019 AND ON MARCH 26, 2019 THEY WILL BE TAKING A TRIP TO AIKEN, SC TO TOUR THEIR HIGH SCHOOL AND SPEAK AT THEIR COUNCIL MEETING.

STUDENTS FROM THE CHAPMAN HIGH AND LANDRUM HIGH SCHOOLS (MILLIE HATCHETT, KIRBY BROWN, HALEY FARMER, BAILEY SUMNER, AND JACKSON HALL) ADDRESSED COUNCIL REGARDING A REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP FOR THE DISTRICT 1 SCHOOLS 6TH ANNUAL "COLOR US ONE" RUN WHICH BE HELD ON SATURDAY MAY 4, 2019 AT THE LANDRUM MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK. THE STUDENTS REPORTED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE RACE IS TO EMPHASIZE HEALTHY LIVING, RAISE CANNED FOODS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE THE CHARLES JUDGE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. THE STUDENTS STATED THAT THE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS ARE: PLATINUM -\$1,000, GOLD - \$500, SILVER - \$250 AND BRONZE - \$100.

COUNCILMEMBER MORROW-MCGUIRE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING AND THE REGULAR MEETING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF AND COUNCIL PRESENTED THE 2018 "EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR" AWARDS TO: WASTEWATER OPERATOR STEWART CASON; FIREMAN AJ WALL; POLICE OFFICER MALCOLM FORD AND SRO JIMMY BOBO.

POLICE CHIEF KEITH TUCKER REPORTED 23 CRIMINAL, 32 TRAFFIC AND 5 ACCIDENTS TOTALING \$16,950 IN DAMAGES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2018. CHIEF TUCKER ALSO REPORTED THAT THEY ARE STILL TAKING DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS AND THEY HAD A CALL TONIGHT WHERE NARCAN WAS USED TO SAVE SOMEONE'S LIFE.

FIRE CHIEF CHRIS COTHRAN REPORTED 31 CALLS FOR THE PERIOD OF 12/10/18 TO 01/14/2019 WITH "OTHER" WITH THE MOST CALLS. CHIEF COTHRAN ALSO REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE

RECEIVED THE RADIOS FROM THE INMAN MILLS LOFTS PROJECT AND HAVE BEEN PUT INTO SERVICE.

SEWER SUPERINTENDENT JEFF BAILEY REPORTED THE TOP TEN WORK HISTORY SUMMARY REPORT WITH SAMPLING AND BELT PRESS WITH THE MOST HOURS. MR. BAILEY ALSO REPORTED THAT WE RECEIVED OVER 9 INCHES OF RAIN IN NOVEMBER AND OVER 10 INCHES IN DECEMBER; GREENE CREEK PUMP STATION PROJECT IS COMPLETE AND A REVIEW WITH RIA, RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 31, 2019; SOUTHFIELD PUMP STATION IS COMPLETE; AND RECEIVED PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM THE CORMIX STUDY AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL HELP WITH TESTING FOR WATER FLEAS TO PREVENT COMPLIANCE ISSUES.

STREET SUPERVISOR HEATH FOWLER REPORTED THAT HE SPENT ALL LAST MONTH KEEPING THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS GOING BECAUSE A POWER SURGE CAUSED A PROBLEM WITH THE LIGHTS ON THE TREE; 26 MILL STREET PROPERTY HAS BEEN TORN DOWN AND HE HAS SPOKEN WITH EHG ABOUT REPAIRING THE SIDEWALK AT THAT LOCATION; WORKING TO GET THE OLD CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ON GOVDEALS TO SELL; TAKING DOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND GETTING UP LEAVES; AND HE HAS RECEIVED A MORE DETAILED QUOTE FOR THE CITY HALL ROOF REPAIR.

MR. PETE MILLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTED THAT THEY DIDN'T MEET LAST MONTH BECAUSE IT WAS CHRISTMAS EVE BUT THEY HAD A SPECIAL MEETING LAST MONDAY TO TAKE UP SEVERAL ISSUES OF WHICH 2 ARE ON THE AGENDA WHICH IS TO BRING IN THE INMAN MILLS LOFTS INTO THE CITY AS A PDD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND 3 HOUSES ON SOUTHFIELD STREET INTO THE CITY AS A R-6, SINGLE FAMILY HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. MR. MILLER STATED THAT THEY HAVE REVIEWED SOME PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT OFF SOUTHFIELD STREET AND THE PLANNING SESSION FOR RECERTIFICATION FOR ALL MEMBERS WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2019 HERE AT CITY HALL.

INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR TREY EUBANKS REPORTED THAT HE ALONG WITH MAYOR HUFF AND COUNCILMEMBER KEVIN NEWMAN MET WITH SPARTANBURG COUNTY LIBRARIAN TODD STEPHENS AND THE INMAN BRANCH IS WORKING ON PLANS TO STAY IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND EXPAND; THE INMAN MILLS LOFT PROJECT IS PLANNING TO START LEASING BY THE END OF THE MONTH AND PLANS TO HAVE A GRAND OPENING IN MARCH AND WILL BE INVITING INMAN CITY COUNCIL, SPARTANBURG COUNTY, HUD AND ALL THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN A PART OF THIS PROJECT SO THAT THEY CAN BE RECOGNIZED; CHARLES PARKER WITH RETAIL COACH COULD NOT BE HERE TONIGHT BUT IS MEETING WITH THE MAYOR TOMORROW; THE DEMOLITION OF 26 MILL STREET IS COMPLETE; THERE ARE A FEW ISSUES WITH THE STREETScape PROJECT BUT OUR ENGINEERS ARE TAKING CARE OF THAT; NEW CARPET FOR CITY HALL HAS BEEN INSTALLED; THE PAVING OF THE PUBLIC PARKING AREA AND CONNECTOR TRAIL AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 45 IS COMPLETE AND AN AGREEMENT IS ON THE AGENDA TONIGHT; AND INTERACTIVE MEDIA AWARDS (IMA) HONORED STRATATOMIC WITH THE "2018 BEST IN CLASS" AWARD IN THE GOVERNMENT CATEGORY FOR THE CITY OF INMAN WEBSITE.

COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT MISSY HOUSE AS NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CITY OF INMAN CONTINGENT UPON THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER MORROW-MCGUIRE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2018-25, "AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A 100 PERCENT ANNEXATION PETITION AND TO APPLY A ZONING DESIGNATION TO THE ANNEXED PROPERTY", SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER MORROW-MCGUIRE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2018-27, "AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A 100 PERCENT ANNEXATION PETITION AND TO APPLY A ZONING DESIGNATION TO THE ANNEXED PROPERTY", SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2018-28, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INMAN MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING ARTICLE VI "PURCHASING" TO IMPLEMENT NEW PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY'S PURCHASING ACTIVITIES", SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2018-29,"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INMAN MUNICIPAL CODE BY UPDATING ARTICLE IV "PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION" TO REFLECT THE CHANGE TO THE COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND THE ADDITION OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION", SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MORROW-MCGUIRE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A HOSPITALITY TAX GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE DISTRICT ONE SCHOOLS 6TH ANNUAL "COLOR US ONE" RUN FOR THE PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP OF \$1,000, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MORROW-MCGUIRE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN STATED THAT DUE TO THE WEATHER CONDITIONS THAT THE CITY WAS NOT ABLE TO HAVE THE CHRISTMAS PARADE NOR "LIGHT UP INMAN" SO HE WAS LOOKING AT THE MONEY THAT WAS NOT SPENT ON THE EVENTS TO BE USED TO PURCHASE MORE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DURING THE OFF SEASON WHEN THEY ARE LESS EXPENSIVE AND TO HELP WITH ELECTRICAL UPGRADES AT THE POLES. INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR TREY EUBANKS REPORTED THAT THE BUDGET FOR THE EVENTS HAS \$5500 LEFT.

COUNCILMEMBER KEVIN NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO USE THE \$5500 AND ADD \$4500 FOR A TOTAL OF \$10,000 OF HOSPITALITY TAX FUNDS TO BE USED TO PURCHASE NEW CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND TO UPGRADE THE ELECTRICAL POLES AROUND TOWN, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MORROW-MCGUIRE. MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE AMOUNT TO \$15,000 TO INCORPORATE LIGHTS ON ASHEVILLE HIGHWAY, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 45, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MORROW-MCGUIRE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL OF ENGAGING THE S.C. APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO UPDATE THE CITY OF INMAN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND COMMITTING \$12,500 FOR THE COST IN THE FY2020 BUDGET,

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

COUNCILMEMBER MORROW-MCGUIRE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET CALENDAR FOR FY 2020, 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 INVITED EVERYONE FROM THE CITY TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET TOMORROW NIGHT AT STARRY NIGHTS.

UNDER COUNCIL TIME:

MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT HIS WIFE'S GRANDMOTHER PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING SO HE WILL BE LEAVING TOMORROW AFTER HIS MEETING WITH RETAIL COACH AND WILL RETURN NEXT TUESDAY AND HE'S VERY PLEASED TO HAVE MISSY ACCEPT THE POSITION.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. STATED THAT ONE ITEM ON THE AGENDA THAT WE DIDN'T TALK ABOUT WAS THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THERE WAS AN APPLICANT THAT DIDN'T MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS SO HE HAS ASKED TREY TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE WHOLE PLANNING COMMISSION ORDINANCE AND COME BACK TO COUNCIL WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO FILL THESE POSITIONS.

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS MAYOR HUFF ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:07 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
ROBIN HENDERSON, CITY CLERK