

**INMAN CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020
LAKE COOLEY PARK**

The City of Inman City Council held a work session on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the Lake Cooley Park Community Room, 100 Cooley Dock Road, Inman, SC at 10:05 AM. Mayor Huff and Mayor Pro-tem Melvin Fowler were present, along with Councilmembers Kevin Newman, Ginger Morrow-McGuire, and Heather Moore. Also in attendance were City Administrator Missy House and Mr. Trey Eubanks with the Appalachian Council of Governments (“ACOG”).

Mayor Huff called the meeting to order and read the Freedom of Information Act statement concerning notification of this meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fowler offered the invocation.

Councilman Newman made a motion to approve the agenda. Second to the motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Fowler. Motion carried with all voting.

City Administrator Missy House welcomed the group. During her opening discussion, Ms. House updated City Council on the progress that has been made on the nine priorities that we enacted in 2019. There has been significant work done on all but one of the recommendations.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Trey Eubanks from the ACOG. Mr. Eubanks started by providing Council with a brief orientation of their role in the city of Inman and an overview of the benefits of a goal setting session. Mr. Eubanks then explained the process he uses to facilitate retreats with other city councils. His method, he explained, is to go around the table and ask each councilmember to list his or her priorities. As the councilmembers are listing their priorities, Mr. Eubanks will have Ms. House write each item on a large paper easel, which he then posts on the wall for all to see. Mr. Eubanks continues going around the table until each councilmember can't think of anything else to add.

Thus, Trey Eubanks went around the table and asked the mayor and each councilmember in succession what his or her priorities are. As the mayor and councilmembers explained their priorities, Ms. House wrote each one on a large paper easel.

After the mayor and councilmembers went around the room several times and couldn't think of anything else to add, Mr. Eubanks lined up all of the large pieces of paper on the wall next to each other. Mr. Eubanks then handed the mayor and councilmembers a number of circle stickers each. He then directed the mayor and Council to place the stickers next to the goals they wanted to see accomplished the most. The mayor and councilmembers could place as many stickers, or none, next to any item on the list. This gave a prioritized list of goals.

To conclude, Trey Eubanks suggested the city staff compile this list of priorities into a formal resolution for adoption by the city council at its next regular meeting. Trey Eubanks also recommended that city staff, with city council's participation, spell out the steps needed to achieve each priority item that council had identified.

The mayor and city council agreed with these suggestions, and City Administrator Missy House stated that she would have this list of priorities in a format to adopt by resolution at the next regular meeting.

Mayor Huff closed out the meeting by thanking Mr. Eubanks for his help. He then offered Council time to each member. Councilmember Moore took the opportunity to thank everyone in the room for welcoming her onto the Council.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Submitted by:

Missy House
City Administrator