

INMAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022  
6:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY PASTOR SEAN FORTNER AND INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY MR. JOHN ANDERSON.

MAYOR CORNERLIUS HUFF CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

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

COUNCILMEMBERS KATHY DITTEMORE, HEATHER MOORE, KEVIN NEWMAN AND MELVIN FOWLER WERE PRESENT.

COUNCILMEMBER MOORE MADE A MOTION TO DISMISS 6a (MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL) FROM THE AGENDA AND REPLACE WITH SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCILMAN BOB WALKER AND UNDER 8 ADD ITEM b TO INTRODUCE NEW POLICE CHAPLAIN, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2021 REGULAR MEETING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCILMAN BOB WALKER STATED THAT THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN POPULATION IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY SO THEY WILL BE REDISTRICTING SIX SEATS ON COUNCIL.

MS. KANDI FREDERE, SCDHEC UPSTATE REGION HEALTH DIRECTOR PRESENTED CITY COUNCIL WITH A SMOKE-FREE PALMETTO STATE CERTIFICATE IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO CLEAN AIR PROTECTION AND STATED THAT INMAN IS ONE OF THREE CITIES IN THE UPSTATE THAT HAS RECEIVED THIS AWARD.

CHIEF KEITH TUCKER INTRODUCED PASTOR SEAN FORTNER OF INMAN FIRST FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH AND RECOMMENDED THAT COUNCIL APPOINT HIM AS THE NEW INMAN CITY POLICE CHAPLAIN.

MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT PASTOR SEAN FORTNER AS INMAN'S NEW POLICE CHAPLAIN, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

PASTOR SEAN FORTNER STATED THAT HE'S 46 YEARS OLD AND HAS BEEN THE PASTOR FOR 13 YEARS AND THE CHAPLAIN FOR SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOR 5 YEARS. HE'S BEEN MARRIED FOR 20 YEARS AND HAS 2 CHILDREN AND APPRECIATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES a-c; ORDINANCE NO. 2021-21; AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF INMAN; ORDINANCE NO. 2021-22; AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND

THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF INMAN; AND ORDINANCE NO. 2021-23; AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF INMAN, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MOORE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF RECUSED HIMSELF FROM THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02 DUE TO BEING PROFESSIONALLY EMPLOYED BY OR UNDER CONTRACT WITH PRINCIPAL AND COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE RECUSED HERSELF DUE TO HER SPOUSE BEING EMPLOYED BY THE PRINCIPAL.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$775,000 RELATING TO THE LEASING AND PURCHASING OF CERTAIN VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT, AND PERSONAL PROPERTY; THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CLOSING PAPERS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MOORE, MOTION CARRIED WITH MAYOR PRO-TEM MELVIN FOWLER VOTE WITH COUNCILMEMBERS NEWMAN AND MOORE.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOE LANAHAN REPORTED THAT WE HAVE OFFICIALLY ADDED OUR PLANNING DIRECTOR APRIL GIBSON WHO HAS BEEN WITH US FOR A WEEK AND DOING A GREAT JOB AND WE HAVE HAD TWO OFFICIAL VISITS FROM TOOL DESIGN TO TALK ABOUT THE RESTRIPING OF MAIN STREET AND ADDING 30 TO 40 PARKING SPOTS TO THE BUSINESS SIDE OF MAIN STREET.

UNDER PUBLIC COMMENTS:

INMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TERRI NEWMARK REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2022- MR. CARL HALL WHO OWNS THE IRON POWER HORSE AND INMAN ROADHOUSE WILL BE THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CHAIRPERSON AND DEBBIE VOTTA WILL BE THEIR TREASURER AND THEY HAVE A NEW SEAT IN WHICH CLIFF NEWMARK WILL TAKE FOR A TOTAL OF 9 MEMBERS. THEY ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE EVENTS IN 2022 AND WORKING WITH THE CITY OF INMAN.

UNDER COUNCIL TIME:

COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE STATED THAT SHE'S GLAD TO WELCOME PLANNING DIRECTOR APRIL GIBSON AND CHAPLAIN SEAN FORTNER AND IT'S GOOD TO SEE PEOPLE TAKING INTEREST IN INMAN BUT SHE'S SORRY THAT SHE MISSED THE CLEAN UP DAY.

COUNCILMEMBER MOORE WELCOMED APRIL AND SEAN AND STATED THAT THEY HAD A CLEANUP DAY ON SATURDAY AND IT WAS 27 DEGREES BUT THEY PICKED UP OVER 13 LARGE BAGS OF TRASH AND A COUCH ALONG 292 GOING TOWARDS LYMAN AND SHE THANKED THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL FOR THEIR HELP.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN WELCOMED APRIL AND SEAN AND ASKED IF ANYONE KNOWS A GOOD BAND FOR MUSIC ON MILL TO CONTACT HIM.

COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER ASKED THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR IF THERE WOULD BE A CROSSWALK ACROSS MAIN STREET. MR. LANAHAN STATED THAT IT WILL BE PART OF THE RESTRIPING.

AT 6:29 PM COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN 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 FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

AT 7:10 PM COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER MADE A MOTION TO GO OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND BACK INTO THE REGULAR MEETING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DITEMORE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO WRITE A RESOLUTION USING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS TO PAY ALL FULLTIME STAFF A ONE TIME PAYMENT OF UP TO \$7,500; THIS MAXIUM PAYMENT WOULD GO TO ALL FULLTIME STAFF WHO WORKED FOR THE CITY DURING THE PERIOD OF MARCH 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 2021 AND ALL OTHER STAFF OVER THAT TIME WOULD GET A PRORATED AMOUNT DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF MONTHS THEY WERE EMPLOYED WITH THE CITY; SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS BY COUNCILMEMBER MOORE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS MAYOR HUFF ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:13 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
ROBIN HENDERSON, CITY CLERK