

INMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021
6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS GIVEN BY MR. VAUGHN WIMBERLY.

A POEM WAS READ BY POLICE CHIEF KEITH TUCKER IN REMEMBRANCE OF K-9 OFFICER RHEA WHO PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 8, 2021. CHIEF TUCKER STATED THAT SHE WAS A GREAT OFFICER AND PARTNER FOR SGT. MALCOLM FORD AND SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.

COUNCILMEMBER HEATHER MOORE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION STATEMENT WAS READ BY COUNCILMEMBER MOORE REGARDING NOTIFICATION OF THIS MEETING.

COUNCILMEMBERS KEVIN NEWMAN, MELVIN FOWLER, HEATHER MOORE AND KATHY DITTEMORE WERE PRESENT. MAYOR CORNELIUS HUFF WAS NOT PRESENT DUE TO NOT FEELING WELL.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 7, 2021 BUDGET WORK SESSION, JUNE 14, 2021 PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING AMENDMENT, JUNE 14, 2021 REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 29, 2021 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND JUNE 29, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MR. TODD STEPHENS, SPARTANBURG COUNTY LIBRARIAN ADDRESSED COUNCIL REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE NEW INMAN BRANCH LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION. MR. STEPHENS STATED THAT THE INMAN LIBRARY HAS A LONG HISTORY IN INMAN AND THE LAST ONE WAS BUILT IN 1991 IN WHICH THEY HAVE OUTGROWN SO THEY WILL BE GOING FROM A 6,900 SQUARE FOOT BUILDING TO A 12,000 SQUARE FOOT BUILDING. HE SAID THAT RIGHT NOW THEY ARE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH TWO ATTORNEYS ON THE FINAL CONTRACT BUT THEY HOPE TO BE TURNING DIRT IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AND IT WILL TAKE NINE MONTHS TO CONSTRUCT THE NEW LIBRARY IF ALL THINGS WORK OUT.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER BOB WALKER WAS PRESENT AND STATED THAT TOMORROW MORNING AT 10AM THERE WILL BE A GROUND BREAKING FOR THE NEW SPARTANBURG COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON MAGNOLIA STREET BUT IT WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO OR THREE YEARS TO BUILD BUT THEY HAVE COMPLETED THE 600 CAR PARKING GARAGE AND ONCE THE NEW COURTHOUSE IS BUILT THEN THE OLD ONE WILL BE TORN DOWN.

DOMINIQUE DAWKINS OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADDRESSED COUNCIL REGARDING AN EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. SHE STATED THAT THIS IS A US TREASURY FUNDED INITIATIVE FOR SPARTANBURG COUNTY RENTERS WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO PAY RENT AND UTILITIES DUE TO THE PANDEMIC. RESIDENTS CAN APPLY AT

SPARTANBURG HOUSING, MIDDLE TYGER COMMUNITY CENTER AND THE UPSTATE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER AND A FAMILY OF FOUR WITH A SALARY UP TO \$54,300 CAN APPLY. IN INMAN THEY HAVE ONLY RECEIVED THREE APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE.

COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-13, AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE IV- DISTRICT REGULATIONS SECTION 406 CBD – CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT SECTION 406.3 CONDITIONAL USES, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOE LANAHAN REPORTED THAT OUR MUNICIPAL JUDGE JIMMY HENSON HAS BEEN OUR MUNICIPAL JUDGE FOR ABOUT 10 YEARS AND HE HAS STEPPED AWAY FROM HIS POSITION AS A SPARTANBURG COUNTY MAGISTRATE. THE CITY HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE A COUNTY MAGISTRATE JUDGE HERE IN THE CITY WHICH HELPS BRIDGE THAT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY AND THE COUNTY WITH REGARDS TO SERVING WARRANTS AND SIGNING PAPERS SO WHEN JUDGE HENSON TOLD US THAT HE WOULD BE LEAVING THEN MAGISTRATE JUDGE TINA MCMILLAN WAS TALKED ABOUT AND POLICE CHIEF KEITH TUCKER AND CLERK HENDERSON MET WITH HER AND SHE WILL BE A GOOD FIT.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT TINA MCMILLAN OUR NEW MUNICIPAL JUDGE, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

INMAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBER WANDA BALLENGER STATED THAT THEY ASK FOR FUNDS TO PAY FOR ENTERTAINMENT WHICH WILL BE A LITTLE MORE THIS YEAR AND MARKETING AND THEY DIDN'T ASK FOR ANY MONEY LAST YEAR DUE TO THE PANDEMIC BECAUSE THEY DID NOT HAVE HARVEST DAY.

COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A HOSPITALITY TAX FUND REQUEST FROM THE INMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR \$15,000 FOR THE 2021 HARVEST DAY, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-14, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE IV, SECTION 10-71 "MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES" OF THE 2015 SEWER USE ORDINANCE, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR 12 SOUTH MAIN STREET FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

DUE TO CONFLICT WITH THE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR 28 MILL STREET COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN STEPPED OUT OF THE ROOM.

COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR 28 MILL STREET FOR \$5,600, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL THREE VOTING.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOE LANAHAN STATED THAT COUNCIL HAS HIS REPORT IF THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS BUT HE DID WANT TO HIGHLIGHT ONE THING THAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT AND THAT WAS THE HIRING OR PROMOTION OF MR. LEE INMAN TO OUR WASTEWATER SUPERINTENDENT POSITION. JOE STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN WITH THE CITY

ABOUT 7 MONTHS AND HE HAS BEEN VERY IMPRESSED WITH MR. INMAN AND HE IS EXCITED FOR HIM TO ASSUME THAT POSITION AND WOODRUFF CITY ADMINISTRATOR LEE BAILEY WAS A HUGE ASSET IN THIS PROCESS WITH HIS EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF WASTEWATER.

MR. LEE INMAN STATED THAT THE LAST YEAR HAS BEEN VERY BUSY AND A HUGE LEARNING EXPERIENCE AND THE CITY'S GROWING FASTER THAN WE KNOW IT. HE MET WITH THE ENGINEERS ABOUT THE EXPANSION AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND WE ARE WAY BEHIND DUE TO THE PANDEMIC BUT THEY ARE HOPING TO GO TO DHEC AT THE END OF THE MONTH AND 60 -120 DAYS AFTER THAT HE HOPES THEY GO OUT FOR BID. HE SAID THAT THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES HAVE REALLY STEPPED UP TO DO THEIR JOB BUT THEY MISS JEFF AND THE SEWER SYSTEM IS GROWING FASTER THAN THEY CAN SEE IT.

UNDER COUNCIL TIME:

COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER STATED THAT HE WISHED THE COOLER WEATHER WE ARE HAVING WOULD CONTINUE.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN STATED THAT THEY ARE GEARING UP FOR THE ANNUAL S.C. MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION MEETING AND ALL ARE GOING TO SEE THE PRESIDENT OF THE SC MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION MR. CORNELIUS HUFF GIVE HIS LAST SPEECH AS PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL ALWAYS LEARN A LOT FROM THE CLASSES THAT HELP OUR CITY AND ALSO, KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR A BIG EVENT ON OCTOBER 2 FOR A CARTOBREFEST WHERE WE WILL HAVE A HUGE CAR MEET AND SOME SORT OF MUSIC AND MORE STUFF WILL BE COMING OUT ON FACEBOOK AND BANNERS.

COUNCILMEMBER MOORE STATED THAT TOMORROW AT 7PM SHE WILL BE PART OF A LIVE PANEL BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CALLED READY, SET, RUN AND IT WILL BE A FACEBOOK LIVE EVENT IN WHICH SHE WILL SHARE WHY SHE RAN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE AND SHE WILL BE REPRESENTING INMAN AND THEY ARE HAVING THIS EVENT TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO RUN FOR OFFICE.

COUNCILMEMBER MOORE REPORTED THAT WE HAVE A NOTICE OF FILING FOR OFFICE FOR TWO (2) COUNCIL SEATS AND FILING OPENS ON NOON ON JULY 19, 2021 AND ENDS AT NOON ON AUGUST 13, 2021.

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS, COUNCILMEMBER MOORE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:59 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
ROBIN HENDERSON, CITY CLERK