

INMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022
6:00 PM

Due to a problem with the air conditioning in City Hall this meeting was held in the training room of the Inman City Fire Department.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Melvin Fowler.

Mayor Cornelius Huff called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

Freedom of information statement was read by Mayor Huff concerning notification of this meeting.

Councilmembers Melvin Fowler, Kevin Newman, Heather Moore and Kathy Dittmore were present.

Councilmember Newman made a motion to approve the agenda, second to the motion was made by Councilmember Moore, motion carried with all voting.

Councilmember Dittmore made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2022 Public Hearing on Zoning Amendment; May 9, 2022 Regular Meeting; and May 26, 2022 Budget Workshop/Special Meeting, second to the motion was made by Councilmember Moore, motion carried with all voting.

Mr. Jeff Shacker, SC Municipal Association Field Services Manager presented the Mayor and Councilmembers an award for the Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government 2022 Honor Roll to recognize the mayor and all councilmembers as graduates of the Institute.

Councilmember Newman made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-07; An Ordinance to Amend the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022, second to the motion was made by Councilmember Fowler, Motion carried with all voting.

Councilmember Fowler made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-08; An Ordinance to Provide for the Levy of Property Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022 and Ending June 30, 2023; To Adopt a Budget Appropriating Revenues for Specified Purposes; and to Set Compensation for the Mayor and City Council, second to the motion was made by Councilmember Moore, motion carried with all voting.

Councilmember Dittmore made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-09; An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$1,500,000 Hospitality Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2022 of the City of Inman, South Carolina; Providing for the Issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes; and Other Matters

Relating Thereto, second to the motion was made by Councilmember Moore, motion carried with all voting.

Councilmember Newman made a motion to approve the Façade Improvement Program Application for #4 Mill Street for \$3,000, second to the motion was made by Councilmember Dittimore, motion carried with all voting.

Councilmember Moore made a motion to approve the Hospitality Tax Fund Request of \$15,000 from the Inman Chamber of Commerce for Harvest Day 2022, second to the motion was made by Councilmember Dittimore, motion carried with all voting.

City Administrator Joe Lanahan was away on vacation and Planning Director April Gibson reported that the biggest highlight on the Administrator's Briefing is that the restriping and repaving is still on the books within the next month and there are plans for public awareness thru Facebook, social media and signage.

Police Chief Keith Tucker introduced new Police Officer Cedric Herbert who was a former employee with the Easley Police Department and the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department and he lives in Inman. Officer Herbert stated that he was also in the military for seven years and looks forward to working in Inman.

Fire Chief Chris Cothran reported responding to 25 calls for the month of May, 2022; providing fire prevention to the 1st thru 3rd grade at the elementary school, participated in career day and working on the firetruck that was just purchased to get it in service.

Street supervisor Heath Fowler reported working with Duke Energy to get the lights ready for the upcoming Mill Street pavilion and working with David Blanton to get the Christmas lights re-done and to hang more lights on Asheville Highway this year.

Sewer Superintendent Lee Inman reported that they are at DHEC with the plans for the wastewater expansion.

Under Public Comments:

Chief Keith Tucker stated that he would like to see if a classroom at the armory could be used for a place where people can donate gently used items for example if someone's house burned down.

Under Council Time:

Councilmember Dittimore wanted to thank everyone for what they are doing for Music on Mill because it has been great and she attended the Inman Chamber of Commerce meeting the other night and was impressed.

Councilmember Moore stated that she has been working on the Mill Street mural and she just an email from Claudine so she will share that information at the next council meeting.

Councilmember Newman stated that Music on Mill is in full swing and they had to postpone the Inman Ignites the first night but he heard that they had good weather

the second night but they were in New York for his wife's grandmothers funeral. He asked for prayers while he has surgery on June 30 and will be out of commission for awhile.

Councilmember Fowler stated that we continue to have problems with dilapidated buildings and vehicles and he spoke to the Chief and we need to strengthen our ordinance and put some teeth in it to eliminate or remove some vehicles because right now we can't do it. Planning Director April Gibson responded that we do have an ordinance but we don't have anyone to cite those violations but that is coming with the new budget, a new codes enforcement officer that once he is trained and certified will be able to write tickets and bring those people to court. Chief Tucker stated that our ordinance does need to be re-written because it does not allow for vehicles to be pulled off private property.

Councilmember Fowler also stated that he was approached two years ago from the residents on Bobo Street requesting a speed bump and he has been approached again about a speed bump and he doesn't want a kid to get killed unless we do something about it so he told them he would bring it up to council again.

Mayor Huff asked that everyone get out and vote because we need some changes.

With no other business, Mayor Huff adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Henderson
City Clerk