

INMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022
6:00 PM

INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY MR. KEN DITTEMORE.

COUNCILMEMBER KATHY DITTEMORE OFFICIATED THE MEETING AND CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CIVILITY PLEDGE WAS LED BY MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL JULIANNA COATES.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MELVIN FOWLER AND KEVIN NEWMAN WERE PRESENT AND MAYOR CORNELIUS WAS PRESENT ON ZOOM DUE TO BEING OUT OF TOWN. COUNCILMEMBER HEATHER MOORE WAS ABSENT DUE TO ILLNESS.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE ITEM 10A UNDER NEW BUSINESS FROM THE AGENDA, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING AND THE OCTOBER 10, 2022 REGULAR MEETING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

POLICE CHIEF KEITH TUCKER STATED THAT THEY RESPONDED TO 394 CALLS WITH 21 OF THOSE CALLS BEING ACCIDENTS AND THEY HAVE PUT UP A SPEED MONITOR SIGN ON MILL STREET AND SHOULD HAVE RESULTS BY NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

FIRE CHIEF CHRIS COTHRAN STATED THAT THEY RESPONDED TO 43 CALLS THIS PAST MONTH AND HE HAS APPLIED FOR 2 GRANTS WHICH ONE WILL BE FOR STAFFING AND ONE WILL BE FOR EQUIPMENT AND THEY ARE RECEIVING THE NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW FIRETRUCK THAT WE WILL GET NEXT YEAR SO THEY ARE USING IT WHERE THEY CAN. AT BOO ON MILL THEY POPPED A LOT OF POPCORN AND LAST MONTH HE HAD A LOT OF STAFFING ISSUES.

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR HEATH FOWLER STATED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND SHURBUTT COMPANY HAS COME IN AND PUT UP A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT IN THE CITY. THEY HAVE PUT UP SNOWFLAKES AND CHRISTMAS TREES ON THE LIGHT POLES ON ASHEVILLE HWY FROM THE JAPAN HOUSE TO MABRY MIDDLE SCHOOL, THE CHRISTMAS TREE IS UP AND HE INTRODUCED NEW FULLTIME EMPLOYEE GAGE KIRBY.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE INMAN WAS NOT PRESENT DUE TO BEING AT A CONFERENCE SO NO REPORT WAS GIVEN.

PLANNING DIRECTOR APRIL GIBSON STATED THAT SHE HAS A COUPLE OF UPDATES ONE OF WHICH COUNCILMEMBERS DITTEMORE AND MOORE WILL BE JOINING HER ON WEDNESDAY WHERE SHE WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION FOR THE HUGHES INVESTMENT

GRANT FROM THE TEN AT THE TOP AND WE HAVE BEEN NAMED ONE OF THE FIVE FINALISTS FOR THE \$5,000 GRANT.

ALSO, THIS PAST WEEK SHE ALONG WITH MAYOR HUFF AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOE LANAHAN ATTENDED THE SC AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE AND IRENE FROM BOUDREAUX AND JOE DID AN EXCELLENT PRESENTATION IN WHICH HE GAVE AN OPEN ENDED INVITATION TO ANY CITY IN THE STATE TO COME AND LOOK AT ALL THE WORK THAT WE HAVE DONE AND WE ALREADY HAVE PEOPLE REACHING OUT TO US SO THEY WILL BE SCHEDULED VISITS. APRIL ALSO READ A PRESS RELEASE WHICH WILL BE GOING OUT IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE REGARDING THAT INMAN HAS BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE STATEWIDE MAIN STREET NETWORK TO BRING RENEWED ECONOMIC PROSPERITY TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH ACCOMODATION OF PUBLIC INPUT AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2023. INMAN WILL BE THE ONLY MAIN STREET COMMUNITY IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY WITH THE CLOSEST MAIN STREET COMMUNITY IS MAIN STREET LAURENS. THIS IS A PROMISING STEP NOT ONLY FOR INMAN BUT FOR SPARTANBURG COUNTY AS A WHOLE. THIS PRESS RELEASE WILL BE WIDELY PUBLISHED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND NEWSPAPER.

MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL'S SAVANNAH CANTRELL STATED THAT ON OCTOBER 26, 2022 TWO OF THEIR YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN AN INTERVIEW DISCUSSION WITH THE MAIN STREET PROJECT GROUP DURING THEIR SITE VISIT, THEY HELPED WITH BOO ON MILL WITH ORGANIZING THE CHILDREN AND THE COSTUMES CONTEST, THIS SATURDAY THEY WILL BE HELPNG OUT WITH THE CITY WIDE CLEANUP AT 9AM AND THEY WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE LIGHT UP INMAN WITH PLANS TO WORK ON THEIR FLOAT AFTER THANKSGIVING. THEY WILL BE SUPPORTING A SOCK DRIVE AT THEIR SCHOOL WHERE ALL THE SOCKS WILL BE DONATED TO A LOCAL SHELTER AND SOCKS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE SCHOOL'S GUIDANCE OFFICE.

MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-19; A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS EVE A HOLIDAY, 2022, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT MR. TAYLOR DEMINT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOE LANAHAN STATED THAT HE WAS ON A FAMILY TRIP AND WAS NOT HERE FOR BOO ON MILL BUT IT HAS GROWN TO BOO EVERYWHERE AND IT IS A TESTAMENT TO THE COMMUNITY SUPPORTING THESE EVENTS. HE MENTIONED THAT LAST WEEK THAT HE WITH THE MAYOR AND APRIL ATTENDED THE APASC AMERICAN PLANNER'S ASSOCIATION SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTERS CONFERENCE AND THEY WERE ASKED TO GO BY THE COMPANY BOUDREAUX WHICH IS THE COMPANY THAT OVERSAW OUR DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN AND THAT CHAPTER GIVES OUT AWARDS EVERY YEAR FOR DIFFERENT CATEGORIES AND WE WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO WIN THE 2022 AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING REGIONAL PLANNING FOR OUR DOWNTOWN PLAN. IT WAS A GOOD TO NIGHT TO HEAR GOOD THINGS ABOUT INMAN AND HE WILL BE CELEBRATING HIS 2ND ANNIVERSARY HERE THIS MONTH.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS.

UNDER COUNCIL TIME:

COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER STATED THAT ON NOVEMBER 17, 2022 THERE WILL BE AN EVENT (GOOD NEWS IN THE PARK) AT THE INMAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TO CELEBRATE THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 45 WITH OVER 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AND THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO SERVE. WE WERE UNLUCKY TODAY

BECAUSE DUE TO THE RAIN WE HAD TO CANCEL THE VETERANS PARADE FOR THE SECOND YEAR BUT HE HOPES THAT THERE WILL BE A GOOD TURNOUT FOR THE EVENT.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN STATED THAT EVEN THOUGH HE IS STEPPING BACK FROM THE PLANNING OF THE LIGHT UP INMAN THAT THE CHRISTMAS PARADE AND LIGHT UP INMAN WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022 AT 5 -9 PM WITH LOTS GOING ON. HE IS GLAD TO BE HOME AFTER BEING IN EUROPE FOR 10 DAYS.

MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT HE IS GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL FOR ALL THAT IS GOING ON AND HE THANKED COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE FOR HANDLING THE MEETING.

COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE REMINDED EVERYONE OF THE CITY WIDE CLEANUP THIS SATURDAY AT 9AM. NOVEMBER 20 WILL BE THE LAST MARKET ON MILL FROM 2-4 AND THE INMAN LIBRARY GRAND OPENING IS DECEMBER 1, 2022 AT 10AM. THE VETERANS PARADE DID GET RAINED OUT BUT COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER IS A VETERAN AND SHE RECOGNIZED HIM.

AT 6:25 PM MAYOR HUFF 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 NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

AT 7:09 PM MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO GO OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND BACK INTO THE REGULAR MEETING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ON PROPERTY, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CLAYTON BUILDERS FOR OUR PAVILION AND RESTROOM PROJECT, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS COUNCILMEMBER DITTEMORE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:10 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
ROBIN HENDERSON, CITY CLERK