

Inman City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 10, 2022
6:00 pm
Council Chambers, City Hall

Invocation was given by Council Member Heather Moore.

Council Member Heather Moore called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Odalis Chavez from the Mayor's Youth Council and Mayor Huff read the Civility Pledge.

Freedom of Information Statement was read by Council Member Moore concerning notification of this meeting.

Council Member Kathy Dittmore, Heather Moore, Kevin Newman, Melvin Fowler, and Mayor Cornelius Huff were present.

Council Member Dittmore made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Fowler, motion carried with all voting.

Council Member Dittmore made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022, Public Hearing on Zoning Amendment and September 12, 2022, Regular Meeting, seconded by Council Member Newman, motion carried with all voting.

Police Chief Keith Tucker introduced two new officers, Isaiah Poitevien and Shaun Snow. Responded to 119 calls. He discussed a traffic flow report on traffic speeds on Bobo and Hollywood Streets discussing complaints on speeding vehicles, using camera and radar system. Council had no questions and thanked him for working on that request. Chief Tucker stated that the device will be moved around each week or so to obtain more documentation for council. He also stated that all "CARE" kits have been given out to officers and members of the fire department.

Fire Chief Chris Cothran reported that he didn't receive the number of calls from dispatch this month. He stated some of the loose equipment for the firetruck has arrived, but it will be October 2023 before the new firetruck comes. They received the new sign for the fire department and there was a good turn-out for Harvest Day. There were so many people that the popcorn machine burned up and have another one ordered for Boo on Mill.

Maintenance Supervisor Heath Fowler reported working on electrical updates to poles for Christmas decorations and lights. He is working on roadway and sidewalk tree trimming, getting ready for festivals and Christmas decorations. There will also be a new full-time employee starting on October 17, 2022.

Public Works Director Lee Inman showed Council new signage for the Wastewater plant that will go up in the next week or so. Stated that everything is flowing well at the plant.

Planning Director April Williams reported that she has submitted the Main Street SC Application and heard back from them on setting up a visit. Between August and September, sent out 25 hazardous conditions letters and will be writing citations for those that have not completed by the due date. Three new appointees on the Planning Commission and all have received their orientation training and ready for the first meeting in October. Working on updating ordinances for submission to council in November. Working on updating the city website with pictures.

Mayor's Youth Council member Adam Moore reported they had 17 members help with the Harvest Day 5K Race and will be working at Boo on Mill and brainstorming for the Inman Christmas Parade float. Mayor Huff thanked the entire team for everything they have been doing for the community.

With no old business or new business, City Administrator Joe Lanahan discussed his report. The city hosted a visit from members of One Spartanburg, Inc. and it went well. City staff is working to be a pilot city for programs and opportunities for minorities and women owned businesses. The Jeff Bailey Fishing Tournament went well and there were 15 boats and over 50 people for the awards ceremony. Scholarships will be awarded in the spring to a football player and a member of the fishing team. Harvest Day was a huge success and wanted to thank the Inman Chamber, Mayor's Youth Council, Street, Fire, and Police Departments for all their hard work. There were 70 finishers for the Harvest Day 5K race and great prizes given. Cartoberfest went well and had 250 cars this year with hopes of making it even bigger next year.

Under Public Comments:

Deb Davis of Culp Street has an issue with traffic and speeding from Zaxby's and Hardee's and is worried about her grandchildren playing and someone going too fast. Would like to request speed bumps or lower speed limit in that area. 9 Culp Street has tree limbs hanging low and over the neighbors and would request those be trimmed.

Jessica and Brandon Durham of Holly Springs Road is excited to be a part of the Inman community and would like to accentuate a presence on the Saluda Grade Rail Trail. They are looking at opening a bike rental shop in downtown Inman with the possibility of repair in the future. They have met some challenges in finding a facility that would fit their prospective business, lack of a biking culture in Inman, signage, and engagement of families. They are looking to "Recharge Inman" for today and future generations.

Bob Connell with the Inman Chamber of Commerce wanted to thank everyone for their help during Harvest Day. They had 185 vendors with hopes of expanding to 225 and will start planning in January 2023. Pleased with how it turned out and all the help they received from City employees.

Under Council Time:

Council Member Fowler had nothing to say.

Council Member Newman was excited to see how Cartoberfest went and thanked all departments for helping make it so successful and thanked Caleb Hightower with AutoWerks, SC for promoting it so well. Boo on Mill on October 29th from 6-9 pm with rides, candy, 100 booths, food vendors and DJ.

Council Member Dittmore thanked all department heads and the Inman Chamber for all their hard work behind the scenes making all events so successful.

Mayor Huff echoed thanks to everyone for being team players, helping with all events and proud of the Youth Council for all they are willing to do.

Council Member Moore stated that there will be a Shop-n-Stroll on Thursday, October 13, 2022, from 6 pm to 8 pm sponsored by Jack & Co. with many downtown businesses participating. Market on Mill is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2022, from 12 pm to 4 pm as well with food vendors, petting zoo, and rides. Inman Clean-up Day is scheduled for November 19 at 9 am at city hall and everyone is invited to come help.

With no other business, Council Member Moore adjourned the meeting at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mandy Shaw, Assistant City Clerk