

**INMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2014
6:00 P.M.**

MAYOR CORNELIUS HUFF CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION WAS LED BY INMAN POLICE CHAPLAIN BILL HOLLAND.

COUNCILMEMBERS GINGER MORROW, RAY ROGERS, JR, KEVIN NEWMAN, AND MELVIN FOWLER WERE PRESENT.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MORROW MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2014 REGULAR MEETING, 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 28, 2014 SPECIAL MEETING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

POLICE CHIEF KEITH TUCKER REPORTED 26 CRIMINAL, 99 TRAFFIC, AND 14 ACCIDENTS TOTALLING \$36,400 IN DAMAGES. KEITH ALSO REPORTED THAT THE "BOO ON BLACKSTOCK" WENT GOOD WITH PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENT FOR NEXT YEAR, CONFISCATED 1.2 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA ON A TRAFFIC STOP LAST WEEK, RECEIVED LEN (LAW ENFORCEMENT NETWORK) AWARD FOR FIVE (5) BODY CAMERAS AND THEY WILL BE DOING THEIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AGAIN THIS YEAR TO HELP NEEDY FAMILIES FOR CHRISTMAS SO IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TOYS, CLOTHES, BLANKETS, AND GIFT CARDS FOR FOOD OR IF ANYONE KNOWS OF A NEEDY FAMILY TO LET THEM KNOW.

FIRE CHIEF CHRIS COTHRAN REPORTED 24 CALLS FOR THE PERIOD OF 10/13/2014 THRU 11/10/2014 WITH 2-CHILD LOCKED IN VEHICLE, 2-ASSIST AMBULANCE, 3-MOTOR VEHICLE WITH INJURY, 1-LINES DOWN, 1-SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT, 1-BRUSH FIRE, 1-MOTOR VEHICLE WITH ENTRAPMENT, 2-COMMERCIAL FIRE ALARM, AND 10 LOCKOUTS. CHRIS ALSO REPORTED THAT ISO WILL BE COMING ON NOVEMBER 25, 2014 FOR A REVIEW BUT HE DOES NOT EXPECT AN INCREASE IN RATES, THEY WILL BE HAVING PUMP TESTS AND LADDER TESTS DONE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND THE INMAN CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, INMAN COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CAMPOBELLO FIRE DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH THE S.C. STATE FORESTRY WILL BE HOSTING A "FIRE WISE" PROGRAM AT CHAPMAN HIGH SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 18, 2014 AT 6:00 PM.

SEWER SUPERINTENDENT JEFF BAILEY REPORTED THE TOP TEN WORK HISTORY SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF 10/13/14 THRU 11/10/14 WITH

PRETREATMENT WITH THE MOST HOURS AND COLLECTION LINES IN SECOND. JEFF ALSO REPORTED THAT HE MET WITH DHEC LAST MONTH AND THE BIG TOPIC IS EBOLA WITH THE HOSPITALS DISCHARGING INTO SEWER SYSTEMS SO THIS IS A NEW CONCERN FOR WASTEWATER SYSTEMS. JEFF STATED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE "SEWER USE ORDINANCES" AND MAKING CHANGES AND UPDATES SO THIS WILL BE BROUGHT TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL IN THE NEXT MONTH ONCE IT IS APPROVED BY DHEC.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS ASKED THAT JEFF BAILEY GIVE A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE ENGINEERING OF THE SEWER SERVICE GOING OUT ON HIGHWAY 292 IN FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS. JEFF STATED THAT THE SURVEYOR'S HAVE BEEN OUT ON HIGHWAY 292 SURVEYING THE ROAD RIGHT OF WAYS AND THEY ARE LOOKING AT PUMP STATION LOCATIONS.

MAYOR HUFF ANNOUNCED THAT MR. HEATH FOWLER OF THE STREETS/ MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT IS OUT DOING CITY BUSINESS SO HE IS EXCUSED FROM THE MEETING.

MAYOR HUFF ANNOUNCED THAT CITY ADMINISTRATOR DOUG BURNS IS EXCUSED FROM THE MEETING DUE TO HAVING SOME MINOR SURGERY.

MAYOR HUFF READ RESOLUTION #14-22, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH UNIVERSAL CONCEPTS FOR THE REMOVAL OF EXISTING FAÇADE LIGHTING AND INSTALLATION OF NEW FAÇADE LIGHTING AS ORIGINALLY SPECIFIED IN THE RFP DEVELOPED BY THE CITY OF INMAN AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$23,500 AND PAYABLE BY HOSPITALITY TAX REVENUES. COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #14-22, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF READ RESOLUTION #14-23, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PAYMENT OF HOSPITALITY TAX MONEY TO UNIVERSAL CONCEPTS FOR THE REMOVAL OF EXISTING FAÇADE LIGHTING ALONG MILL AND MAIN STREETS AND THE REPLACEMENT OF SAID LIGHTING WITH 2000'+ FAÇADE LIGHTING AS SPECIFIED IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) PREPARED BY THE CITY OF INMAN. COUNCILMEMBER MORROW MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 14-23, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF READ RESOLUTION #14-24, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A \$25.00 GIFT CARD FROM BI-LO FOR ALL FULL TIME CITY EMPLOYEES FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #14-24, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF READ RESOLUTION #14-25, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY EMPLOYEES TO HAVE THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING AS AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY FOR THE CITY OF INMAN. COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 14-25, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING. MAYOR HUFF NOTED THAT COUNCIL WANTED TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD AND THEY APPRECIATE WHAT THE EMPLOYEES ARE DOING.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS QUESTIONED IF THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE EVERY YEAR OR CAN WE LOOK AT THIS IN THE FUTURE. MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT THIS WILL BE LOOKED AT IN THE FUTURE.

MAYOR HUFF READ RESOLUTION #14-26, A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE RECOMMENDATION FORWARDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION REGARDING THE INMAN TRAIL KIOSK, BENCH, ETC., BE TABLED PENDING THE PREPARATION OF AN OVERLAY ZONE FOR THE AREA IN QUESTION WITH THE APPROPRIATE STANDARDS FOR SAID NEW ZONING DISTRICT. COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #14-26, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF READ RESOLUTION #14-27, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PAYMENT OF HOSPITALITY TAX MONEY FOR THE CHRISTMAS DAY PARADE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTRACTING TOURISTS TO THE CITY OF INMAN. COUNCILMEMBER MORROW MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #14-27, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT THERE WERE THREE (3) APPLICATIONS FOR A SEAT ON THE CITY OF INMAN PLANNING COMMISSION- MR. LARRY BAGWELL, MRS. CATHY SMALL, AND MR. RICHARD BURCH. COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT MRS. CATHY SMALL TO THE CITY OF INMAN PLANNING COMMISSION, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MORROW. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING. MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT HE AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR DOUG BURNS WOULD MEET WITH MRS. CATHY SMALL TO DISCUSS HER RESPONSIBILITIES ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

UNDER COUNCIL TIME:

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. REPORTED THAT COUNCIL MET ON OCTOBER 28, 2014 IN A SPECIAL MEETING AND APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 40' CHRISTMAS TREE WHICH WILL BE MARKETED AS THE LARGEST CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE UPSTATE AND HOPES THIS TREE WILL EXTEND THE ONE NIGHT EVENT OF "LIGHT UP INMAN" TO 30 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AND PAST NEW YEARS. ROGERS STATED THAT HE HOPES THAT PEOPLE WHO COME TO SEE THE TREE WILL ALSO SHOP IN OUR STORES, GO TO THE HOLLYWILD ZOO, AND DRIVE THROUGH THE LAKE EMORY DEVELOPMENT TO SEE THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS. ROGERS REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE A COUPLE OF PLACES FOR THE LOCATION OF THE TREE -ON THE MAIN STREET STAGE AND IN THE TRIANGLE ACROSS FROM CITY HALL. ROGERS PRESENTED A DRAWING THAT A FRIEND OF HIS MADE OF WHAT THE TREE WOULD LOOK LIKE IN THE TRIANGLE AND STATED THAT WHEN THE TREE IS GONE IN JANUARY HE HAS A PLAN TO PUT A 16' DIAMETER CIRCULAR WATER FOUNTAIN THAT WOULD STAY THERE THE WHOLE YEAR THROUGH AND THE WATER COULD BE MULTI-COLORED (RED, WHITE, BLUE AND GREEN) FOR DIFFERENT EVENTS SUCH AS FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL GAMES, VALENTINES DAY AND ST PATRICKS DAY. ROGERS ALSO STATED THAT IF THE TREE COULD NOT GO IN THE TRIANGLE THIS YEAR THEN THEY WOULD WORK ON IT FOR NEXT YEAR.

COUNCILMEMBER MORROW REMINDED EVERYONE THAT THE INMAN CHRISTMAS PARADE WILL BE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2014 AT 10:00 AM AND LINE UP IS IN FRONT OF INMAN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN REPORTED THAT THE 2ND ANNUAL SANTA 5K RUN WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014. POLICE CHIEF KEITH TUCKER STATED THAT IT WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 AM AT MABRY JR. HIGH AND WILL BE THE SAME ROUTE AS LAST YEAR AND REGISTRATION IS A NEW TOY. COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN ALSO REPORTED THAT THE 9TH ANNUAL "LIGHT UP INMAN" WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2014 FROM 6:00 TILL 8:00 WITH THE LARGEST CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE UPSTATE ALONG WITH 25 LIVE TREES, CARRIAGE RIDES, BOUNCY GYM, AND THE 5TH ANNUAL SNOWBALL DROP WHERE KIDS CAN CATCH A SNOWBALL AND WIN A BICYCLE. COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN THANKED ALL THE CITY EMPLOYEES INVOLVED WITH THE CITY VIDEO THAT HIS BROTHER BENJI NEWMAN CREATED FOR THE EVENT "A NIGHT OUT WITH MAYOR HUFF" AT CHAPMAN HIGH SCHOOL.

COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER REMINDED EVERYONE THAT THE INMAN VETERANS PARADE WILL BE HELD TOMORROW, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2014 AT 11:00 AM.

MAYOR HUFF THANKED EVERYONE THAT ATTENDED THE EVENT "A NIGHT OUT WITH MAYOR HUFF" AT CHAPMAN HIGH SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 29, 2014. MAYOR STATED THAT IT WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL NIGHT WITH A LOT OF INFORMATION GIVEN OUT AND A HOST SURVEYS WERE TAKEN. MAYOR HUFF ALSO STATED THAT COUNCIL WILL HAVE ANOTHER RETREAT IN JANUARY, 2015 TO DISCUSS NEW GOALS.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS REPORTED THAT THE MAGAZINE "DESTINATION INMAN" WILL BE COMING OUT DECEMBER 1, 2014.

MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT COUNCIL WILL BE GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS TWO (2) CONTRACTS AND ON DISCUSSION OF ONE OF THE CONTRACTS THEY WILL BE EXCLUDING COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN AND MORROW AND HE HAS A COPY OF THEIR EXCUSION LETTERS BECAUSE THE PROPERTY TO OBTAIN IS CLOSE TO THEIR FAMILIES BUSINESS. AT 6:43 PM COUNCILMEMBER MORROW MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING. AT 7:20 PM MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO GO OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND GO BACK INTO THE REGULAR MEETING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING. MAYOR HUFF ANNOUNCED THAT COUNCIL DISCUSSED TWO (2) CONTRACTS AND AT THIS TIME THEY WILL TABLE BOTH CONTRACTS FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS UNTIL THEY CAN GET SOME MORE INFORMATION.

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:21 PM.
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
ROBIN HENDERSON, CITY CLERK