

**INMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

MAYOR CORNELIUS HUFF OPENED MEETING.

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 KEVIN NEWMAN, GINGER MORROW AND MELVIN FOWLER WERE PRESENT. COUNCILMEMBERS ROGERS, JR. WAS ABSENT DUE TO AN ILLNESS.

MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO AMEND THE AGENDA WITH REPLACING ITEM 13.a WITH THE ORIGINAL NON SMOKING ORDINANCE, ADDING UNDER NEW BUSINESS THE TRANSFER OF \$2400 IN FUNDS FROM POLICE LINE ITEM SALARIES TO POLICE LINE ITEM EQUIPMENT AND DISCUSSION OF DESTINATION INMAN MAGAZINE. COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MORROW, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WAS A COUPLE IN THE AUDIENCE THAT HAD BEEN TO GREENVILLE AND HAD BEEN TALKING POSITIVE ABOUT THE CITY OF INMAN AND THIS GOT BACK TO THE MAYOR. MAYOR HUFF AND INMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT DAVID GRAYSHOCK PRESENTED AN INMAN FLAG TO RAY AND JOYCE DEWEESE. MRS. DEWEESE STATED THAT SHE WANTED TO THANK THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND EMPLOYEES FOR MAKING HER PROUD THAT INMAN IS HER TOWN.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF a. JANUARY 10, 2015 COUNCIL RETREAT, b. JANUARY 12, 2015 REGULAR MEETING, AND c. JANUARY 26, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR DOUG BURNS INTRODUCED NEW POLICE OFFICER MALCOLM FORD. DOUG STATED THAT OFFICER FORD BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH THE GREENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THEN TRANSFERRED TO SPARTANBURG COUNTY WHERE HE HAS WORKED FOR SEVERAL YEARS. DOUG ALSO STATED THAT HE GRADUATED FROM USCS WITH A DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND IS CURRENTLY BEING TRAINED ON DAY SHIFT BUT WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO NIGHT SHIFT.

OFFICER FORD STATED THAT HE WAS GLAD TO BE WORKING IN INMAN AND LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EVERYONE.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESENTED "CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE" AWARDS TO SENIORS FROM CHAPMAN HIGH SCHOOL WHO ARE VERY ACTIVE IN THEIR SCHOOLS AND THE CITY OF INMAN. EACH COUNCILMEMBER INTRODUCED AND PRESENTED AN AWARD TO EACH STUDENT.

MAYOR HUFF PRESENTED THE CERTIFICATE TO SOPHIE SCHWARTZBAUER. MAYOR PRO-TEM PRESENTED THE CERTIFICATE TO TORI SMITH. COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN PRESENTED THE CERTIFICATE TO TYSHAUN MABRY. COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER PRESENTED THE CERTIFICATE TO DREW COPELAND. MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT WHEN THESE STUDENTS GO OFF TO COLLEGE THAT HE HOPES THEY WILL RETURN HOME TO THIS COMMUNITY.

POLICE CHIEF KEITH TUCKER WAS OUT OF TOWN FOR TRAINING SO NO REPORT WAS GIVEN.

FIRE CHIEF CHRIS COTHRAN REPORTED 22 CALLS FOR THE PERIOD OF 01/12/2015 THRU 02/09/2015 WITH 2-COMMERCIAL BUILDING FIRES, 3- MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS WITH INJURY, 1- CHECK FOR EXPLOSION, 4- MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS WITH PERSONS TRAPPED, 1- GRASS FIRE, 1- COMMERCIAL FIRE ALARM, 2- ASSIST AMBULANCE, 1- RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE, 1- MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT (CAR VS HOUSE), 1- LINES DOWN, AND 5 LOCKOUTS. CHRIS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE INMAN COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT FILMING A VIDEO ABOUT KIDS TEXTING WHILE DRIVING WITH A SIMULATED WRECK CALL.

SEWER SUPERINTENDENT JEFF BAILEY REPORTED THE TOP TEN WORK HISTORY SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF 01/12/15 THRU 02/09/15 WITH SAMPLING WITH THE MOST HOURS. JEFF ALSO STATED THAT THEY ARE WORKING ON COLLECTION LINES ON CHURCH AVENUE REPLACING 1200 FEET OF SEWER LINES AND 5 MANHOLES FROM A CAVE IN THAT HAPPENED LAST WEEK. JEFF ALSO REPORTED THAT THEY RECEIVED THEIR PRETREATMENT LETTER AND THEY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY FOR CHLORINE SAFETY. JEFF ALSO PRESENTED AN UPDATE FROM SUMMIT ENGINEERING REGARDING THE SC 292/I-26 SEWER PROJECT.

MR. HEATH FOWLER OF THE STREETS/MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REPORTED VANDALISM AT THE INMAN MILLS PARK, PICKING UP LEAVES, PURCHASED SALT FOR BAD WEATHER AND CLEANED A STORM DRAIN WITH THE HELP OF THE GUYS WITH THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR DOUG BURNS REPORTED THAT THE SPARTANBURG VISITORS GUIDE HAS COME OUT AND COUNCIL AGREED TO PURCHASE ADVERTISING SO THE CITY OF INMAN IS ADVERTISED ON THE BACK PAGE OF THIS MAGAZINE WHICH WILL BE LOCATED AT REST STOP AND TRADE SHOW AREAS. DOUG STATED THAT THIS MAGAZINE WILL SHOW WHAT EVENTS CITY OF INMAN HAS TO OFFER ALONG WITH WHAT IS GOING ON IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY ALL YEAR LONG.

DOUG ALSO REPORTED THAT ONE OF THE BIGGEST PROJECTS THAT COUNCIL HAS PUT FORWARD IS THE STREETScape PROJECT AND PHASE ONE IS TO RESOLVE EVERYTHING WITH THE PROPERTY ACROSS THE STREET WHICH CONSISTS OF BURYING POWER LINES AND RELOCATING PHONE LINES. DOUG STATED THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHEN ALL THIS WOULD TAKE PLACE BUT

COUNCIL'S INTEREST IS TO PUT A WATER FIXTURE OR PLANTING FIXTURE WITH PLANS TO PUT THE NEW CHRISTMAS TREE ON TOP OF IT DURING THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES. DOUG ALSO REPORTED THAT HE HAD A YOUNG MAN NAMED LEVI TO SHADOW HIM FOR A DAY AND HE APPRECIATED WORKING WITH HIM EVEN THOUGH LEVI'S PLAN IS TO BE A VETERNARIAN.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR DOUG BURNS REPORTED THAT IN THE LAST 6 OR 7 MONTHS THAT COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED PRESENTATIONS FROM INTERIM DIRECTOR MR. JAMES CAMPBELL WITH THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION ABOUT THE CITY OF INMAN JOINING THE REC COMMISSION AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THEIR SERVICES THEY PROVIDE. DOUG STATED THAT COUNCIL STILL HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT SPARTANBURG COUNTY CAN OFFER AND WHEN THEY CAN MAKE THAT OFFER. DOUG REPORTED THAT HE FELT LIKE COUNCIL WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL THE NEW DIRECTOR COMES ON BOARD SO THEY WILL KNOW WHAT DIRECTION THAT DEPARTMENT IS GOING, WHAT MONEY IS AVAILABLE AND WHAT THEY HAVE TO OFFER BEFORE THE CITY OF INMAN JOINS THE RECREATION COMMISSION.

MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE #15-01, AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SMOKING IN ALL WORKPLACES IN THE INCORPORATED PORTIONS OF THE CITY OF INMAN, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER. COUNCILMEMBER MORROW QUESTIONED WHICH NON-SMOKING ORDINANCE THAT COUNCIL WAS VOTING ON WHICH WAS AMENDED ON THE AGENDA. CITY ADMINISTRATOR DOUG BURNS STATED THAT THE SECOND ONE PREPARED BY ATTORNEY LARRY FLYNN TAKES THE E-CIGARETTE OUT AND HAS SIX (6) MONTHS TO COMPLY WHILE THE FIRST ONE GOES INTO EFFECT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. COUNCILMEMBER MORROW QUESTIONED ARE WE VOTING ON THE FIRST ONE AND MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT IS CORRECT. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF READ RESOLUTION NO. 15-03, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UPSTATE WARRIOR SOLUTION TO UTILIZE A SMALL PORTION OF THE CITY OF INMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT ONCE PER MONTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACHIEVING ITS OPERATIONAL GOAL. CITY ADMINISTRATOR DOUG BURNS REPORTED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE UPSTATE WARRIOR SOLUTIONS TO USE A SMALL PORTION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ONCE A MONTH TO HOLD A MONTHLY MEETING. DOUG STATED THAT THIS IS A GROUP OF EXISTING VETERANS THAT HELPS RETURNING VETERANS IN TERMS OF OUTREACH AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. DOUG ALSO STATED THAT THE MAJOR CONDITION OF THIS RESOLUTION IS THAT THIS GROUP MUST COORDINATE THEIR MEETINGS WITH THE FIRE CHIEF. MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 15-03, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING. FIRE CHIEF CHRIS COTHRAN STATED THAT HE WAS ALL FOR HELPING VETERANS.

MAYOR HUFF READ RESOLUTION NO. 15-04, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PAYMENT OF HOSPITALITY TAX MONEY FOR THE MUSIC ON MILL PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTRACTING TOURISTS TO THE MUSIC ON MILL PROGRAM. MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 15-04 AND INCLUDE \$3500 FOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR

THE FARMERS MARKET COUNCIL HAS BEEN DISCUSSING FOR A TOTAL OF \$31,750, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MORROW, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN REPORTED THAT THIS IS THE 6TH YEAR FOR “MUSIC ON MILL” WHICH INCLUDES EIGHT (8) WEEKS OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF BANDS WITH ONE OF THE WEEKS BEING A CAR SHOW. COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN INTRODUCED TIM LAWTER WHO OWNS THE RECORDING STUDIO ON MILL STREET AND BOOKS THE BANDS FOR THE EVENT.

MR. LAWTER STATED THAT IT IS A GOOD FESTIVAL COMPARED TO OTHER BIGGER FESTIVALS WITH GREAT REMARKS.

MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTION OF THE “DESTINATION INMAN” MAGAZINE BY 2000 COPIES. CITY ADMINISTRATOR DOUG BURNS REPORTED THAT COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND IT INTO NORTH CAROLINA AND WITH THE LAST TWO EDITIONS OF THE MAGAZINE WE HAVE RUN OUT SO COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO UP THE COPIES FROM 4000 TO 6000.

MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AN EXTRA 2000 COPIES AND CONTRACT WILL BE AGREED UPON BY OUR CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND SCOTT SMITH OF SS MEDIA, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR DOUG BURNS REPORTED THAT THE CHIEF OF POLICE WANTED TO TRANSFER \$2400 OF FUNDS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT LINE ITEM FOR SALARIES TO THE LINE ITEM FOR EQUIPMENT AND THE REASON IS TO PURCHASE CAMERAS FOR OFFICERS BECAUSE THE CAMERAS THEY ARE CURRENTLY USING ARE NOT GOOD QUALITY AND NOT DOING A GOOD JOB. DOUG STATED THAT THE CAMERAS COST ABOUT \$295 AND THEY NEED ABOUT EIGHT (8) OF THEM AND WITH TODAY’S SOCIETY THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS NEEDED SO HE IS REQUESTING FROM COUNCIL THE TRANSFER OF \$2400 FROM SALARIES TO EQUIPMENT. MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT THERE IS A BILL IN THE HOUSE THAT WILL MANDATE CAMERAS FOR ALL POLICE OFFICERS AND TOWNS WILL GET REIMBURSED FOR CAMERAS ALREADY PURCHASED.

MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$2400 FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT LINE ITEM FOR SALARIES TO THE LINE ITEM FOR EQUIPMENT, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MORROW, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

AT 6:39 PM MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL AND CONTRACTUAL MATTER, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

AT 7:04 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 NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF ANNOUNCED THAT COUNCIL DISCUSSED A CONTRACTUAL AND PERSONNEL MATTER BUT NO DECISIONS WERE MADE. WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:05 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
ROBIN HENDERSON, CITY CLERK