

**INMAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 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, MELVIN FOWLER AND RAY ROGERS, JR. WERE PRESENT.

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

LANDRUM HIGH STUDENT HUNTER ROSSI AND CHAPMAN HIGH STUDENT BODY VICE PRESIDENT MARISSA NORRIS ADDRESSED COUNCIL REGARDING THE UPCOMING DISTRICT WIDE 5K COLOR RUN TO BE HELD MAY 9, 2015 IN LANDRUM. MR. ROSSI AND MISS NORRIS PRESENTED A PROMOTIONAL VIDEO AND STATED THAT THE 5K COLOR RUN HELD LAST YEAR IN INMAN WAS A GREAT SUCCESS SO THEY ARE WANTING TO DO IT AGAIN. MISS NORRIS REPORTED THAT THERE WILL BE TWO RUNS – A FUN RUN AND A WALK AND A SERIOUS RUN WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 9AM AND REGISTRATION WILL BE ONE (1) CAN OF FOOD PER RUNNER TO BE DONATED TO FOOD BANKS. MISS NORRIS STATED THAT DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED WHICH WILL GO TO A PROGRAM CALLED “HEALTHY SMILES”, AN ORGANIZATION THAT HELPS CHILDREN WITH DENTAL CARE AND ALSO TO MR. STEADINGS, A MABRY JR. HIGH TEACHER WHO WAS HURT IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT AND WHO IS CURRENTLY IN THE SHEPHERD REHABILITATION CENTER IN ATLANTA, GA. MISS NORRIS STATED THAT THEY ARE ASKING FOR SPONSORS WITH PLATINUM FOR \$1000, GOLD FOR \$500, SILVER FOR \$250 AND BRONZE FOR \$100.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. REPORTED THAT OVER THE YEARS THE HOLLYWILD ZOO HAS HAD SOME POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE PUBLICITY BUT THEY HAVE PUT THE NEGATIVE BEHIND THEM AND ALL THE CLAIMS AGAINST THEM HAVE BEEN PROVEN INCORRECT. ROGERS STATED THAT HOLLYWILD ZOO WILL BE KICKING OFF THEIR WEEKEND PROGRAM AND WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS IN MARCH, 2015 AND THE OFFICIAL 2015 SEASON WILL START APRIL 4, 2015. ROGERS NOTED THAT THE CITY WANTED TO RECOGNIZE THE FORTY PLUS YEARS THAT THE HOLLYWILD ZOO HAS BEEN THERE AND THE FANTASTIC LIGHTING DISPLAY THEY HAVE AT CHRISTMASTIME SO A PROCLAMATION HAS BEEN PUT TOGETHER TO PRESENT TO HOLLYWILD ZOO ON MARCH 30, 2015. MAYOR HUFF READ THE “HOLLYWILD ANIMAN PARK PROCLAMATION”.

COUNCILMEMBER MORROW MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2015 PUBLIC FORUM, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2015 REGULAR MEETING, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

MAYOR HUFF ANNOUNCED THAT A SPECIAL GUEST WAS IN THE AUDIENCE AND INTRODUCED MISS BETHANY JETT – MISS INMAN TEEN. MISS JETT STATED THAT SINCE SHE WAS CROWNED MISS INMAN TEEN SHE HAS MADE APPEARANCES AT SCHOOLS READING TO CHILDREN, MENTORING TO YOUNGER GIRLS IN THE MISS SC PAGEANT PROGRAM AND SUPPORTS HER PLATFORM OF “BRIDGING THE GENERATION GAP” WITH SPEAKING AROUND THE COMMUNITY OF HOW TO BETTER HELP OUR ELDERLY CITIZENS. MISS JETT REPORTED THAT WHEN SHE IS NOT WEARING THE CROWN SHE IS A SOPHMORE AT LANDRUM HIGH SCHOOL WHERE SHE IS A CHEERLEADER, ACA WORSHIP LEADER AND PARTICIPATES ON THE TRACK TEAM. MISS JETT ALSO STATED THAT SINGS AT LOCAL EVENTS AND IS A MEMBER OF HOLSTON CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE SHE ALSO SINGS AND PLAYS THE GUITAR IN THE PRAISE BAND. MISS JETT NOTED THAT SHE IS HONORED TO SERVE THIS WONDERFUL TOWN FULL OF WONDERFUL PEOPLE AND TO LET HER KNOW HOW SHE CAN BE OF SERVICE AS OUR MISS INMAN TEEN.

CHIEF OF POLICE KEITH TUCKER REPORTED 16 CRIMINAL, 36 TRAFFIC AND 12 ACCIDENTS TALLING \$38,850 IN DAMAGES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2015. KEITH ALSO REPORTED THAT THE NEW BODY CAMERAS HAVE COME IN AND ARE IN PLACE AND WORKING GREAT, THE NEXT COMMUNITY CRIME WATCH MEETING WILL BE HELD MARCH 31, 2015 AT THE INMAN FIRST BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 6 PM, AND HE INTRODUCED THE NEW SRO AT CHAPMAN HIGH SCHOOL – OFFICER GREG IRWIN. OFFICER IRWIN STATED THAT HE WAS A 1992 GRADUATE OF CHAPMAN HIGH SCHOOL AND IT’S A PLEASURE TO SEE CHILDREN OF PEOPLE THAT HE WENT TO SCHOOL WITH AND HE APPRECIATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE.

FIRE CHIEF CHRIS COTHRAN REPORTED 37 CALLS FOR THE PERIOD OF 02/09/15 THRU 03/09/15 WITH 3-LINES DOWN, 2-MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS WITH PERSONS TRAPPED, 3- MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS WITH INJURIES, 4-ASSIST AMBULANCE, 3-ASSIST CITIZENS, 6-SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS, 3-BRUSH/WOODS FIRE, 1-OUTDOOR BURNING, 1-GAS ODOR, 1-COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FIRE, 3-RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRES, 1-ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT, 1-FUEL SPILL, AND 5-LOCKOUTS. CHRIS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED RUNNING AUTOMATIC AID WITH INMAN COMMUNITY AND THE VIDEO THEY WORKED ON WITH INMAN COMMUNITY WHICH STAGES A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT FROM TEXTING AND DRIVING HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND WILL EVENTUALLY BE SEEN AS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

SEWER SUPERINTENDENT JEFF BAILEY WAS ON AN EXCUSED ABSENCE SO NO REPORT WAS GIVEN.

MR. HEATH FOWLER OF THE STREETS/MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE HAD PROBLEMS PICKING UP THE LEAVES BECAUSE THE LEAF VAC WAS IN DISREPAIR AND NOW THE DUMP TRUCK HAS BRAKE PROBLEMS WHICH IS BEING FIXED SO THEY HOPE TO FINISH THE LEAF PICKUP UP SOON. HEATH ALSO REPORTED ANOTHER VANDALISM AT THE INMAN MILLS PARK BATHROOM.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR DOUG BURNS REPORTED THAT BUDGET PACKETS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT TO ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS, THE QUESTIONAIRES HAVE BEEN SENT OUT TO ALL THE EMPLOYEES FOR THE COMPENSATION AND CLASS STUDY WHICH WILL BE SENT TO A CONSULTANT TO PULL TOGETHER JOB DESCRIPTIONS IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY PAY THE EMPLOYEES AND THE STREET DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE TRUCK WAS TOTALLED DUE TO A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT AND THE INSURANCE COMPANY PAID ALMOST \$25,000 FOR THE 2008 PICKUP TRUCK AND TO BUY A NEW PICKUP TRUCK THE COST WILL BE \$32,000 SO HE IS ASKING COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE THE DIFFERENCE IN THE COST TO PURCHASE THE NEW TRUCK FOR THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE AND PURCHASE THE VEHICLE ACCORDINGLY AS STATED, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING. COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN QUESTIONED SINCE WE HAVE LEASE PURCHASED VEHICLES IN THE PAST WAS HE SUGGESTING THAT THE CITY PAY FOR THE WHOLE VEHICLE UP FRONT. CITY ADMINISTRATOR DOUG BURNS STATED THAT SINCE THE DIFFERENCE WAS \$7,000 IT DIDN'T SEEM APPROPRIATE TO DO A LEASE PURCHASE OR FINANCE FOR THREE YEARS.

MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE NO. 15-01, AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SMOKING IN ALL WORKPLACES IN THE INCORPORATED PORTIONS OF THE CITY OF INMAN-(100% SMOKE FREE), SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS NEWMAN AND MORROW'S VOTES. COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. OPPOSED THE VOTE.

COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR. STATED THAT HE WAS OUT THE LAST MEETING AND MISSED THE PUBLIC FORUM DUE TO AN ILLNESS BUT HE WANTS TO EXPLAIN WHY HE HAS TO VOTE AGAINST THIS ORDINANCE. ROGERS REPORTED THAT COUNCIL ENACTS LAWS THAT AFFECT OUR BUSINESSES AND OUR COMMUNITY ALONG WITH OUR VISITORS THAT COME TO OUR CITY. ROGERS NOTED THAT WHEN IT HIT THE DESK IN JANUARY THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO TAKE IT OFF THE AGENDA AND HE WAS GLAD HE HAD THIRTY DAYS TO GO OUT AND TALK TO PEOPLE AND TRY TO GET A FEEL FOR HOW THIS WAS GOING TO PLAY OUT IN OUR CITY. ROGERS STATED THAT HE FOUND OUT THAT MOST BUSINESSES ALREADY HAD A NO SMOKING POLICY AND A COUPLE OF BUSINESSES DO HAVE DESIGNATED AREAS INSIDE THEIR BUSINESS OR OPENED AN OUTDOOR AREA FOR SMOKING BUT HIS CONCERN WAS MAKING IT SPECIFICALLY FOR INMAN SO HE HAD THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR SEND THE ORDINANCE TO OUR CITY ATTORNEY BECAUSE HE HAD CONCERNS ABOUT THE E-CIGARETTES BECAUSE NOBODY HAS ADOPTED THE E-CIGARETTES ORDINANCE AND THE RECOMMENDATION FROM OUR CITY ATTORNEY IS THAT WE WAIT UNTIL THE SURGEON GENERAL ACTS ON THE ISSUE OF E-CIGARETTES AND SECOND HAND VAPORS BECAUSE THERE'S NO PROOF (UNLESS HE HASN'T READ IT) THAT SECOND HAND VAPORS CONTRIBUTES TO THE NEGATIVE HEALTH OF PEOPLE. ROGERS STATED THAT THE SECOND ISSUE IS THAT AT THE END OF THE ORDINANCE IT'S SAYS UP TO A \$100 FINE SO IT'S A BIG DISCREPANCY FOR OUR POLICE OFFICERS TO DECIDE WHAT KIND OF FINE IT IS. ROGERS STATED THAT THE DEFINITION OF SMOKING AT OUR PARKS, HARVEST DAY FESTIVAL, LIGHT UP INMAN FESTIVAL, AND MUSIC ON MILL FESTIVAL IS NOT CLEARLY ADDRESSED IN THIS ORDINANCE AND WITH THE FIFTEEN (15) FOOT RULE OUTSIDE THE BUSINESS IF YOU PULL YOUR CAR IN FRONT OF GRANNY'S KITCHEN OR HARDEE'S DRIVE THRU WITH A CIGARETTE THEN YOU ARE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE. ROGERS STATED THAT HE FEELS THIS ORDINANCE WILL BE HARD TO INTERPRET AND ENFORCE SO THIS IS WHY HE CAN'T VOTE FOR IT.

MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO CHANGE THE REQUEST FROM \$6,500 TO \$4,500 ON ITEM 13.a BECAUSE IT IS GOING TO BE SEASONAL, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING. CITY ADMINISTRATOR BURNS EXPLAINED THAT THE MAYOR FORMED A COMMITTEE TO DO A STUDY ON SETTING UP A FARMERS MARKET AND IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THEY WILL NEED TO HAVE SOMEONE THERE TO COORDINATE AND HANDLE EVERYTHING SO THE MAYOR AND THE COMMITTEE CAME UP WITH A FIGURE OF \$4,500 THAT THEY WOULD NEED TO PAY AN EMPLOYEE TO WORK ABOUT 20 HOURS A WEEK DURING THE SEASON OF THE FARMERS MARKET. MAYOR HUFF ANNOUNCED THAT THE PROCEEDS FROM THE FARMERS MARKET WILL GO BACK INTO THE FUND AND THEY ARE LOOKING AT 30 SPOTS AT A COST OF \$15 PER SPOT. MAYOR HUFF INTRODUCED SUMMER TEBALT WHO IS ON THE FM COMMITTEE AND SHE STATED THAT THE FARMERS MARKET WILL START ON FRIDAY NIGHTS DURING MUSIC ON MILL FROM 4 TILL 7 PM AND THEY WILL HAVE LOCAL FARMERS WHO WILL BRING THEIR PRODUCE AS WELL AS HAVING HANDMADE CRAFTS AND SOAPS. MS. TEBALT ALSO STATED THAT IT IS \$15 A SPOT BUT IF YOU COMMIT TO THE WHOLE SEASON THEN IT IS ONLY \$10 A SPOT.

COUNCILMEMBER MORROW QUESTIONED IF IT WOULD ONLY BE HELD DURING MUSIC ON MILL. MS. TEBALT STATED THAT IT WILL ONLY BE ON FRIDAY NIGHTS THIS YEAR BUT THEY HOPE TO EXPAND IT TO SATURDAYS NEXT YEAR. FM COMMITTEE MEMBER PETE MILLER STATED THAT THE FARMERS MARKET WILL BE HELD IN THE PARKING LOT BEHIND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR \$1,000 IN HOSPITALITY TAX FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF (12) BANNERS FOR DOWNTOWN INMAN, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR BURNS EXPLAINED THAT THE EXISTING BANNERS ARE IN DISREPAIR SO THE INTENT IS TO REPLACE THEM SO THEY ARE LOOKING AT TWELVE (12) RIGHT NOW.

MAYOR HUFF THANKED MS. WANDA BALLENGER FOR THE DRAFTS THAT SHE SENT.

MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR THE PURCHASE OF BENCHES TO BE LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN INMAN, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ROGERS, JR, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING. CITY ADMINISTRATOR BURNS REPORTED THAT ASST CLERK MANDY SHAW GOT THREE (3) QUOTES ON BENCHES AND THEY HAVEN'T DECIDED ON WHICH ONE BECAUSE HE WANTS TO COORDINATE THIS WITH MR. JIM LONGSHORE WHO WILL BE DOING THE STREETScape PLAN WITH PHASE ONE BEING ACROSS FROM CITY HALL BUT WITH THE QUOTES WE HAVE WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PURCHASE ABOUT SEVEN (7) BENCHES.

MAYOR HUFF READ ORDINANCE NO. 15-05, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR THE CITY OF INMAN, SC. MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE NO. 15-05, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MORROW, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

UNDER COUNCIL TIME:

COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN STATED THAT HE IS WORKING ON THE "MUSIC ON MILL" LINE UP OF BANDS.

MAYOR HUFF STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN VERY BUSY TRAVELING THE STATE AND HE WENT TO IRMO TO JUDGE A PAGEANT AND IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE AND HE HAS BEEN SPEAKING AT SEVERAL CHURCHES.

AT 6:50 PM COUNCILMEMBER MORROW MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A CONTRACTUAL MATTER, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NEWMAN, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

AT 7:31 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 ANNOUNCED THAT COUNCIL DISCUSSED A CONTRACTUAL MATTER BUT NO DECISIONS WERE MADE.

AT 7:32 PM MAYOR HUFF MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER FOWLER, MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
ROBIN HENDERSON, CITY CLERK