

December 3, 2024
5:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Inverness met on the above date in Regular Session at 212 W. Main Street, with the following members present:

President Hepfer
Vice President Davis
Councilwoman Bega
Councilwoman Lizanich
Councilman Craig
Mayor Plaisted

Also present were Assistant City Manager Calascione, City Attorney Hartley, Staff Members, and City Clerk Jackson.

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, City Clerk Jackson swore in the November 2024 Election of incumbent Councilwoman Hepfer and newly elected Councilman Craig.

The Invocation was given by Mayor Plaisted and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the City Council.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Councilman Davis motioned to accept the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Lizanich. The motion carried.

PRE-SCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS / WORKSHOP

None

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

None

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Bill Listing*
 - Recommendation – Approval
- b) Council Minutes – 11/19/2024*
 - Recommendation – Approval

Councilwoman Lizanich motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilman Davis. The motion carried.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Alternate member to the Hernando/Citrus MPO board with City Clerk Jackson stating the MPO has contacted the Clerk's office regarding the appointment of an alternate member to represent the City of Inverness. Reconfirmed that Councilman Davis is the primary

representative to the MPO Board. **Councilman Davis nominated Councilman Craig to serve as the alternate member to the Hernando/Citrus MPO board. Seconded by Councilwoman Bega. Nomination carried.**

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

10)a) Interlocal Agreement for Historic Courthouse Landscape Design and Installation with Citrus County* with Assistant City Manager Calascione stating the project was let for bid proposals with one submittal. It was determined that the project will be reposted at a later time to allow for multiple submittals.

10)b) REQUEST FOR SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIEN – 616 LASALLE AVE.* with Assistant City Manager Calascione stating a single-family residential home at 616 LaSalle Ave has been subject to code enforcement actions since September 2021 resulting in liens of \$141,750 and \$27,600. The property was sold at tax sale in October 2024. Mr. George Angeliadis, Esquire is representing the current owner and offered to settle the \$169,350 lien for \$5,000. The City offered to settle for costs to date in the amount of \$9,019.84. This will result in a lien reduction of \$160,330.16 from the original lien amount. Community Development Director Shoemaker provided a report and explanation of the issue. President Hepfer stated the goal is to cover the cost incurred by the City. Councilman Davis spoke of tax deed sales, if this property was a tax deed sale and questioned the amounts. **Councilwoman Bega motioned to approve the settlement office in the amount of \$9,019.84 of the \$169,350 lien amount and reduce lien by \$160,330.16 to release the lien. Seconded by Councilwoman Lizanich. The motion carried.**

10)c) Project/Program Updates (*Verbal*)

- N. Pine Ave. Stormwater update was provided highlighting additional parking, grant funding, etc.
- Christmas Parade Route with Parks Director Worley and Deputy Ruby referencing a map of the route and the changes included. Spoke of traffic flow, barricades, etc.
- Nativity Update with Asst. City Manager Calascione stating the donated nativity is now in the City's possession and thanked Twisted Arts Initiative for their commitment.
- Other included Light Up Liberty will be Saturday, December 7. Director Shoemaker provided details of the downtown uplighting being installed with approx. 38 fixtures with multi-colored lights controlled by computer. Thanked Tim Nash and Tinsley Electric for the hard work in completing the project.

COUNCIL/MAYOR SUBJECTS

Councilman Craig thanked everyone for the warm welcome and is excited to serve the City.

Councilman Davis spoke of Light Up Liberty and the beautifully decorated lampposts.

Councilwoman Lizanich thanked Twisted Arts Initiative for the nativity donation and is looking forward to the tree lighting and judging the lampposts. Congratulated Councilwoman Hepfer and Councilman Craig on the recent election.

Councilwoman Bega welcomed Councilman Craig and spoke of Keep Citrus County Beautiful organization and setting the City clean up day in April 2025.

Mayor Plaisted welcomed Asst. City Manager Calascione filling in for City Manager Williams. Reminded Councilman Craig that he has big shoes to fill and will do fine. Asked Deputy Ruby about the CCSO watching for any vandalism of the sleigh near the tree on the historic Courthouse grounds. Spoke of the success of the past Saturday evening and the Olde Fashioned Christmas. There was a big crowd, and students dressed in period costumes. Thanked the high schools, Salvation Army, etc. for their participation. It was a great time. Spoke of the Nativity and Twisted Arts Initiative. Proud to have the display.

Council President Hepfer spoke of the history of the nativity scene and the City, remembering Mike Pitts and the various locations the nativity was placed over the years. Excited about Light Up Liberty as it has become a big deal.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

City Clerk

Council President