



**CITY OF INKSTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 3, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan was called to order by Mayor Patrick Wimberly, Chairman, at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer

Prayer was led by Rev. George Williams.

Pledge of Allegiance

City Council and the public in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call

Mayor Wimberly	Present	Councilmember Watley	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Present	Councilmember Chisholm	Present
Councilmember Williams	Present	Councilmember Shaw	Present
Councilmember Washington	Present		

***A Quorum was present**

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Watley, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve the agenda with the following changes:

1. Move Item 1D (Closed Session) to the end of the agenda.
2. Add Item 8A Resolution to extend Moratorium on Applications for Adult Use Retail Establishments.
3. Add Item 8B Resolution to waive late fees for payments due the City that were received from December 22, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
4. Add Item 8C Resolution to join other jurisdictions in opposing the Michigan Redistricting Map.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Williams	Nay	Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye
Councilmember Chisholm	Aye	Councilmember Watley	Aye
Councilmember Washington	Aye	Councilmember Shaw	Aye

Vote: 5-1, Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion - None

Public Hearing - None

Consent Agenda

A. December 20, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Washington, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the Consent Agenda with the following corrections:

1. Commissioner Shaw noted that in his comments he also commended Officer Drew of the IPD.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Washington	Aye	Councilmember Shaw	Aye
Councilmember Watley	Aye	Councilmember Williams	Aye
Councilmember Chisholm	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye

Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.

Previous Business

None

Ordinance(s)

New Business

A. Marijuana Moratorium

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Watley, second by Councilmember Chisholm to extend the moratorium on recreational dispensaries for one year to allow residents adequate time and opportunity to invest in micro business licensing.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Shaw	Aye	Councilmember Washington	Aye
Councilmember Williams	Nay	Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye
Councilmember Chisholm	Aye	Councilmember Watley	Aye

Vote: 5-1, Motion carried.

B. City Late Fees

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Watley, second by Councilmember Shaw to waive late fees assessed by the City for payments due for water and taxes between December 22-31, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Williams	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye
Councilmember Chisholm	Aye	Councilmember Watley	Aye
Councilmember Washington	Aye	Councilmember Shaw	Aye

Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.

C. Redistricting Maps created by the Redistricting Commission

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Washington and seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to adopt a resolution to take necessary steps, including joining discussions and ready to join legal action, if necessary to change the maps and make them fairer for all.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Chisholm	Aye	Councilmember Watley	Aye
Councilmember Washington	Aye	Councilmember Shaw	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye	Councilmember Williams	Aye

Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.

Public Comment

The following persons participated in public comment:

- Juan Bradford
- Ermal Mandija
- Shirley Hankerson

City Clerk

- No comment.

Treasurer

- Darryl Greene announced the Wayne County Treasurer's Property Tax Resource and Assistance Fair to be held on Monday, January 10, 2022 from 2p.m. until 6p.m. at Inkster Parks and Recreation complex, 2025 Middlebelt Rd.

City Council

- **Councilmember Watley shared her thoughts on the following:**
 - Special workshop/meeting with Finance to discuss potential budget cuts.
 - Grant coordinator position that was proposed in April of 2021.
 - Request for a report analyzing the benefits of outsourcing the Building Department or keeping the department in-house.
 - Explanation of benefits from the Treasurer.
 - Evaluation and review of legal department.
- **Councilmember Williams expressed:**
 - His ideas of improving the community economically with businesses and the sale of vacant land.
 - That he would like to hold a special meeting to discuss finding investors.
 - Acknowledging Plant Moran's previous suggestion to find new business.
 - That everyone needs to roll up their sleeves and do the work collectively.
 - That he would like the council to not be disagreeable.
- **Councilmember Shaw**
 - Asked what should be done differently during the extended moratorium to stimulate more participation among the residents.
 - Requested police patrol on Harrison
 - Would like to see the City's COVID protocol posted on the website.
- **Councilmember Washington**
 - Extended holiday greetings and well wishes.
- **Councilmember Chisholm**
 - Announced the funeral arrangements for Motown Recording Artist, Wanda Young, of the Marvelettes.
 - Pointed out the oversights on the City's 2022 calendar.
 - Offered a Zoom meeting with Mayor Wimberly in reference to Grants on Monday or Friday.
- **Mayor Pro Tem Howard**
 - Reminded residents that the Wayne County Treasurer is holding emergency resource workshops to help Wayne County property owners keep their properties.
 - Is in support of a special budget meeting.

- She reminded her colleagues that the City Council is the legislative body of Inkster and should not overreach the administration on daily administrative functions.
- She also mentioned that in the last meeting there was not respect shown to the Chair.
- **Mayor Wimberly**
 - Supported having a special workshop to learn more about social equity programs related to marijuana establishments and invite a representative from the State; he suggested holding in early February.

Closed Session

Council may enter Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations, purchase or lease of real property and/or pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 (a), (c), (d), (e) and/or (f).

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Williams, second by Councilmember Washington to enter Closed Session at 9:13 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Mayor Wimberly recused himself from the discussion because he is a party to the litigation.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Watley	Aye	Councilmember Chisholm	Aye
Councilmember Shaw	Aye	Councilmember Washington	Aye
Councilmember Williams	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye

Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Howard, second by Councilmember Chisholm to reconvene the Regular Council Meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Shaw	Aye	Councilmember Washington	Aye
Councilmember Williams	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye
Councilmember Chisholm	Aye	Councilmember Watley	Aye

Vote: 6-0, Motion carried. No Action Required

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made by Councilmember Watley, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, and unanimously carried, the Regular Council meeting of January 3, 2022, was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

Approved:

Posted: