

March 15, 2021
Regular (Virtual) City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, and Michigan was a virtual meeting held on the Zoom platform in compliance with the State of Michigan Open Meetings Act. Monday, March 15, 2021.

Prior to the Regular Council Meeting: City Council members discussed: The Agenda.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Howard called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Prayer

Prayer was led by Reverend George Williams

Roll Call

Mayor Wimberly	Exc. Absence (Inkster, MI.)
Councilwoman Howard	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilwoman Watley	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilman Williams	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilwoman Washington	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilman Chisholm	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilman Shaw	Present (Inkster, MI)

Approval of Agenda

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the agenda.
Resolution 03--21-62COV - Motion carried**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea
Councilmember Watley	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Yea
Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea

Presentations/Discussion

Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

- A. March 15, 2021 Regular (Virtual) City Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Allen Brother’s and Attorney’s PLLC Invoice \$33,453.75

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams
Resolution 03-21-63COV - Motion carried**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea
Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea

Boards and Commission

- A. Update of current list of appointments to Boards & Commissions.

**Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
to appoint Gabe Henderson to the Beautification Commission
Resolution 03-21-64COV - Motion carried**

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

- A. First Reading(s)
- B. Second Reading(s)

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Vijay Viruppanavar) Consider approval of the Plante Moran Engagement Letter for supplemental hours through 6/30/2021. The associated expenditures are 100% reimbursable through the Michigan Department of Treasury.

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams
To approve of the Plante Moran Engagement Letter for supplemental hours
through 6/30/2021. The associated expenditures are 100% reimbursable
through the Michigan Department of Treasury.
Resolution 03-21-65COV – Motion carried**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea
Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Yea

- B. Discussion/Action: (Tracy Ann-Jennings) Consider approval of one (1) offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-25) one (1) vacant lot located on the north side of Avondale Avenue between Michigan Avenue and Cherry Hill Road which is legally described as 19D1B2B1A PT OF NE 1/4 SEC 19 T2S R10E BEG N89DEG 05M 00S W 1027.67FT FROM THE E 1/4 COR OF SEC 19 TH N89DEG 05M 00S W 115.00FT TH N0DEG 26M 00S E 263.00FT TH S89DEG 05M 00S E 115.00FT TH S0DEG 26M 00S W 263.00FT POB 0.70 AC, also known as 26110 Avondale (Parcel ID # 44 016 99 0031 001) in the amount of \$500.00 to Willard Ray Powell, Jr.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw

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Resolution 03-21-66COV – Motion carried

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea
Councilmember Watley	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea

C. Discussion/Action: (Kaitlyn Hines) Consider approval of Special Land Use (SLU 19-08) for a Pawn Shop to be located on the on the north side of Michigan Avenue at 29230 Michigan Ave, in the B-3, General Business District. Feras Chihadeh is the applicant.

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve of Special Land Use (SLU 19-08) for a Pawn Shop to be located on the on the north side of Michigan Avenue at 29230 Michigan Ave, in the B-3, General Business District. Feras Chihadeh is the applicant.
Resolution 03-21-67COV – Motion carried**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Watley	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea

D. Discussion/Action: (Kaitlyn Hines) Consider approval of Special Land Use (SLU 20-06, 20- 13) for a proposed Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Retail store to be located on the south side of the street at 26831 Michigan Ave. between Silvia and Princess, in the TCD Town Center district. John Clark is the applicant

**Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve of Special Land Use (SLU 20-06, 20- 13) for a proposed Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Retail store to be located on the south side of the street at 26831 Michigan Ave. between Silvia and Princess, in the TCD Town Center district. John Clark is the applicant
Resolution 03-21-68COV – Motion carried**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Shaw	Nay	Councilmember Watley	Yea
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea
Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea

E. Discussion/Action: (Kaitlyn Hines) Consider approval of Special Land Use (SLU 20-34, 20-35) for a Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Provisioning Center to be located on the on the south side of Cherry Hill Rd in the existing shopping center at 29385 Cherry Hill, in the B-2, Thoroughfare Mixed Use District. Samantha Bevins is the applicant.

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve of Special Land Use (SLU 20-34, 20-35) for a Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Provisioning Center to be located on the on the south side of Cherry Hill Rd in the existing shopping center at 29385 Cherry Hill, in the B-2, Thoroughfare Mixed Use District. Samantha Bevins is the applicant. Resolution 03-21-69COV- Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Williams	Yea	Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea
Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Councilmember Washing ton	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Nay

Public Participation

- **Toni Bailey** – Announced the Inkster Annual Clean-Up that will be held on April 24, 2021. She stated she would be announcing further details.
- **Yvette Brock** – Stated she is concerned about trash across the street from Precision. She stated it looks like a lot of steel.
- **Pastor Jean Overman** – Announced persons who were nominated for their works during the COVID-19 Pandemic. She further announced a Listening Tour to be held on Thursday March 18, 2021. She thanked the Mayor, Councilmember Shaw and Councilmember Williams for their nominations to the 2020 Hero’s.
- **Charles Blackwell** – Stated he did not know why personal and financial business it was being discussed. He asked that the city budget be worried about and not him.
- **Octavia Smith** – Announced that Western Wayne Family Health Center would be providing COVID-19 vaccinations for persons fifty (50) and up. She further announced that second shots would be given out at Western Wayne Family Health on Friday March 19, 2021 for persons who took the first vaccination. She lastly announced the Inkster Chamber of Commerce annual fundraiser to be held on March 22, 2021. She thanked Councilmember Shaw for giving the Inkster Chamber a shout out.
- **Denise Champagne** – Announced that second COVID-19 vaccination shots will be given Thursday, March 19, 2021 at the Inkster Recreation Complex to residents who had the first vaccination. She asked residents to come at their same scheduled time as the first vaccination.
- **Jerome Bivins** – Announced a Food-Give-Away on March 27, 2021 at Gestemene Baptist Church located at 29066 Eden Street in Westland, Michigan beginning at 11:30a.m. until the food runs out. Stated that compost pick up would begin April 5, 2021.

City Clerk

- No Comment

City Treasurer

- Stated he would be providing the February month end reports.
- Stated still on track for the April 1, 2021 audit.
- Stated that the FDCVT Grants and CDBG Grants are being worked on.
- Stated 4.3 million is owed to Wayne County.
- Thanked Tracy-Ann Jennings, Treasury staff and Human Resources staff.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilman Williams** – Stated that he is tired of Charles Blackwell doing character assassinations on Mayor Wimberly, Councilmember Steven Chisholm and all the persons he has

attacked. He said that when you attack persons in Inkster, it makes the residents love the person that much more. He stated the city is trying to open more businesses and people are purchasing land in Inkster. He encouraged residents to get involved in the city. He said that the employees working need to get more business friendly.

- **Councilwoman Washington** –_Stated more Police are needed on Glenwood. She said she has gotten complaints about speeding and noise. She further announced she is partnering with the LeAnna Hicks Library for March reading month. She said she will be reading to the children at a couple of schools in the area.
- **Councilwoman Watley** –_Requested a clean copy of the Marijuana Ordinance. She stated she had spoken with Councilwoman Virginia Williams of Romulus and wanted to announce the Forgotten Harvest Food Give-Away. She said the food give-away would be held at Romulus High school and any persons interested can contact 734-673-8396. She lastly asked when compost pick up would begin.
- **Councilman Shaw** –_Asked all Block captains of the block clubs to get prepared. He stated we are in the season of persons being outside and “if you see something, say something”. He thanked Chief Riley for the Police patrol on Helen Street. He stated he is concerned about potholes. He thanked Tracy-Ann Jennings for supplying the checklist in the packet. He stated the Police presence is needed on Lucerne, Crescent and West Hills. He lastly stated that coming up very soon he would be hosting a drawing contest in a park in his district. He said that cash prizes would be give away. He asked for volunteers. He stated the information would soon be posted at the Clerk’s office.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Howard** – Asked the City Treasurer is the balance owed to Wayne County 4.3 million. She further asked is the city paying on the 4.3 million. She asked who does the invoices come to for Wayne County regarding the payment. She asked about the check register for the past month.

CLOSED SESSION

- No Closed Session

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made
By Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm carried, to conclude
the Regular Virtual City Council meeting of Monday, March 15, 2021 was adjourned at 8:02p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster