

February 1, 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, February 1, 2021.

Prior to the Regular Council Meeting: City Council members discussed: The agenda

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Wimberly called the meeting to order at 7:18 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 Pastor Wimberly

Roll Call

Mayor Wimberly	Present (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 Mayor Pro-Tem Howard to approve the agenda with added items "A" and "B" under Presentations and items "F", "G" and "H" under New Business.
Resolution 02-21-19COV - Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea
Councilmember Watley	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Yea
Councilmember Howard	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea

Presentations/Discussion

- A. Introduction of Inkster Housing Director – William Miller, Chair Inkster Housing Commission
- B. Tribute to Saif Alsendar – State Representative, Jewell Jones

Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

A. January 19, 2021 Regular (Virtual) City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard
Resolution 02-21-20COV - 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 Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm
to appoint Ned Sanders to the Board of Review
Resolution 02-21-21COV - Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams
to appoint Peggy Bishop to the Board of Review
Resolution 02-21-22COV - 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

**Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
to appoint Lenoria Warmack to the Board of Review
Resolution 02-21-23COV - Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Washington
to appoint William Miller to the Board of Review
Resolution 02-21-24COV - 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

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Washington to appoint Aaron Sims to the Beautification Commission Resolution 02-21-25COV - Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Washington to appoint Alice Dent to the Beautification Commission Resolution 02-21-26COV - Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

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

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Tracy Ann-Jennings) Consideration and approval of one (1) offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-26) two (2) vacant adjacent lots located on the north side of Cherry Street between Ash Street and Walnut Street which are legally described as 25P16 LOT 16 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0016 000), and 25P13 14 LOTS 13 AND 14 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0013 000) in the amount of \$2,000.00 to Shawn Wimberly/SEW, LLC.

**Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard to TABLE UNTIL 2/15/2021 of one (1) offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-26) two (2) vacant adjacent lots located on the north side of Cherry Street between Ash Street and Walnut Street which are legally described as 25P16 LOT 16 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0016 000), and 25P13 14 LOTS 13 AND 14 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0013 000) in the amount of \$2,000.00 to Shawn Wimberly/SEW, LLC.
AND ITEMS A, B, AND C TO BE TABLED UNTIL 2/15/2021
Resolution 02-21-27COV – 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) Consideration and approval of one (1) offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-27) three (3) vacant adjacent lots located on the north side of Cherry Street

between Ash Street and Walnut Street which are legally described as 25P9 10 LOTS 9 AND 10 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0009 000), 25P11 LOT 11 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0011 000) and 25P12 LOT 12 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0012 000) in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Shawn Wimberly/SEW, LLC.

to TABLE UNTIL 2/15/2021 one (1) offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-27) three (3) vacant adjacent lots located on the north side of Cherry Street between Ash Street and Walnut Street which are legally described as 25P9 10 LOTS 9 AND 10 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0009 000), 25P11 LOT 11 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0011 000) and 25P12 LOT 12 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0012 000) in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Shawn Wimberly/SEW, LLC. TABLED.

- C. Discussion/Action: (Tracy Ann-Jennings) Consideration and approval of one (1) offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-28) six (6) vacant adjacent lots located on the north side of Cherry Street between Ash Street and Walnut Street which are legally described as 25P60 TO 65 LOT 60 TO 65 INCL WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0060 000), 25P59 LOT 59 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0059 000), 25P58 LOT 58 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0058 000), 25P57 LOT 57 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0057 000), 25P56 LOT 56 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0056 000), and 25P55 LOT 55 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0055 000) in the amount of \$3,500.00 to Shawn Wimberly/SEW, LLC.

to TABLE UNTIL 2/15/2021 one (1) offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-28) six (6) vacant adjacent lots located on the north side of Cherry Street between Ash Street and Walnut Street which are legally described as 25P60 TO 65 LOT 60 TO 65 INCL WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0060 000), 25P59 LOT 59 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0059 000), 25P58 LOT 58 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0058 000), 25P57 LOT 57 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0057 000), 25P56 LOT 56 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0056 000), and 25P55 LOT 55 WEST DEARBORN SUB T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 010 01 0055 000) in the amount of \$3,500.00 to Shawn Wimberly/SEW, LLC. TABLED.

- D. Discussion/Action: (Tracy Ann-Jennings)) Consideration and approval of one (1) offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-23) three (3) vacant adjacent lots located on the south side of Penn between John Daly Street and Bayhan Street which are legally described as 30K225A E 35 FT OF LOT 225 ROBT M. GRINDLEYS SUB NO. 10 OF LITTLE FARMS T2S R10E L39 P70 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 023 01 0225 001), 30K225B W 35 FT OF E 70 FT OF LOT 225 ROBT M. GRINDLEYS SUB NO. 10 OF LITTLE FARMS T2S R10E L39 P70 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 023 01 0225 002), and 30K225B W 35 FT OF E 70 FT OF LOT 225 ROBT M. GRINDLEYS SUB NO. 10 OF LITTLE FARMS T2S R10E L39 P70 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 023 01 0225 003) in the amount of \$750.00 to Patricia Hicks.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard

to TABLE one (1) offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-23) three (3) vacant adjacent lots located on the south side of Penn between John Daly Street and Bayhan Street which are legally described as 30K225A E 35 FT OF LOT 225 ROBT M. GRINDLEYS SUB NO. 10 OF LITTLE FARMS T2S R10E L39 P70 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 023 01 0225 001), 30K225B W 35 FT OF E 70 FT OF LOT 225 ROBT M. GRINDLEYS SUB NO. 10 OF LITTLE FARMS T2S R10E L39 P70 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 023 01 0225 002), and 30K225B W 35 FT OF E 70 FT OF LOT 225 ROBT M. GRINDLEYS SUB NO. 10 OF LITTLE FARMS T2S R10E L39 P70 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 023 01 0225 003) in the amount of \$750.00 to Patricia Hicks.

Resolution 02-21-28COV – Motion carried

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

E. Discussion/Action: (Tracy Ann-Jennings) Consideration and approval OF ONE (1) OFFER TO PURCHASE (CASE # LD20-21) TWO (2) VACANT ADJACENT LOTS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF ARCOLA STREET BETWEEN CHERRY HILL ROAD AND SOMERSET STREET WHICH IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS 24C45B S 1/2 OF E 175 FT OF W 320 FT OF LOT 45 DEARBORN TRACTOR ACRES SUB T2S R9E L39 P91 WCR (PARCEL ID # 44 003 03 0045 002) AND 24C45E N 1/2 OF E 175FT OF W 320FT OF LOT 45 DEARBORN TRACTOR ACRES SUB T2S R9E L39 P91 WCR (PARCEL ID # 44 003 03 0045 005), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 TO BLAKE ABBEY.

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve approval of one (1) offer to purchase (Case # LD20-21) two (2) vacant adjacent lots located on the west side of Arcola Street between Cherry Hill Road and Somerset Street which is legally described as 24C45B S 1/2 OF e 175 FT OF W 320 FT OF LOT 45 DEARBORN TRACTOR ACRES SUB T2S R9E L39 P91 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 003 03 0045 002) and 24C45E N 1/2 OF E 175FT OF W 320FT OF LOT 45 DEARBORN TRACTOR ACRES SUB T2S R9E L39 P91 WCR (Parcel ID # 44 003 03 0045 005), in the amount of \$500.00 to Blake Abbey. Resolution 02-21-29COV- Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

F. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Consideration and approval to amend the City Council meeting calendar for 2021 to reflect a change to the July 5, 2021 meeting and observe on July 6, 2021 as July 5, 2021 is the day the Fourth of July Holiday will be observed.

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve to amend the City Council meeting calendar for 2021 to reflect a change to the July 5, 2021 meeting and observe on July 6, 2021 as July 5, 2021 is the day the Fourth of July Holiday will be observed. Resolution 02-21-30COV- Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

G. Discussion/Action: (City Council) To vote in accordance with the discussion in Closed Session (Blackwell)

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve to vote in accordance with the vote taken in closed session. (Blackwell)
Resolution 02-21-31COV- Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

H. Discussion/Action: (City Council) To Vote in accordance with the discussion in Closed Session (Migan)

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve to vote in accordance with the discussion taken in closed session (Migan)
Resolution 02-21-32COV- Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Public Participation

- **Betty Thomas** – Mr. Mayor, will you address the public and tell the public about your knowledge of Inkster Recreation Director Alex Legion taking money earned by the recreation center and depositing that money into his personal account called Signature Milestones, LLC?
- **Octavia Smith** – Stated that Western Wayne Family Health Center had not received the vaccine.
- **Connie Mitchell** – Stated that is was brought to her attention that a non-employee had the keys and alarm code to the Recreation Complex. She further stated that Alex Legion had pocket money from Recreation center rentals. She lastly stated that the Recreation complex was open during the COVID-19 pandemic shut-down. She asked if Alex Legion would be prosecuted for embezzlement.
- **Sandrew King** – Stated he lives on Dunning Street and is new to the Inkster area. He stated that alarms are going off beginning on Friday’s at the car lot located on Dunning and Meadowdale. He lastly stated that there are five (5) vacant lots on Dunning where there are trees. He asked if these trees can be cut as he has seen a Coyote and it also makes a comfortable place for rodents to hide.
- **Charles Blackwell** –Kwame Kilpatrick

- **Jean Overman** – Announced the Operation Refuge HERO Award. She asked residents to save the date for March 13, 2021. She further stated she needed nominations by February 15, 2021.
- **Yvette Brock** – Asked if an extension was granted by the State of Michigan for the Amphitheater.
- **Gina Wilson-Stewart** – Announced the Western Wayne County NAACP meeting would take place on Monday February 8, 2021 at 7:00PM. She wished Luke Lampkin who turned 105 and Ms. Meeks who turned 96 a Happy Birthday.
- **Kanse Mandesa** – Stated he would like to join a board or commission for the city. He stated he hopes the city is being diligent in regards to COVID-19 because if risk management is not in place, persons will come after the city.
- **DaSalla Scott** – Inquired about the email she sent to the Mayor and Council. She asked about the investigation with regards to her home being shot in and her car. She stated she believed these things happened because she had some confidential papers that were leaked to the public.
- **Shirley Hankerson** – Asked Mayor Wimberly when he would be having a State of the City.
- **Louise Edje** – Announced the book sale at the Inkster Public Library of Friday's from 3:00pm until 6:00pm.
- **Inkster Library** – Stated the website is officially up and running and residents can view for information. She stated the Library was giving away free pop-up Valentine Day card kits. She further stated for Black History Month that residents can do research on African Kings and Queens and submit their findings to the Library. She lastly stated that the Library is looking at doing a soft opening on March 22, 2021.

City Clerk

- No comments

City Treasurer

- Stated City Hall is open. He encouraged residents to mail in payments, place on the drop box or go online. He gave a synopsis of grants and reimbursements for the city.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilwoman Watley** – Asked the City Attorney, David Jones what is the difference between a Misdemeanor and Felony theft. She further asked the Police Chief about the promotional ceremony and if the persons who had been demoted still retained their salaries. She lastly stated that the current administration is not transparent, has spent absorbent amounts of money, gives half-truths and operates in a dysfunctional manner.
- **Councilman Chisholm** – Stated the Library has ten (10) hotspots available and to contact the Inkster Public Library for additional information. He stated the City Treasurer needs to do a Study Session regarding the budget and city finances.
- **Councilman Williams** – Stated that city council needs to sit down and begin to go over the budget. He said that administration needs to be accountable. He said prior administration tore down a school without permission. He further stated that the Mayor said his doors are always open and he said that city council needs to contact the Mayor to speak about issues.
- **Councilman Shaw** – Stated that garbage cans are being left out for days in his area. Stated that the Legacy Group COVID-19 Task Force is providing free vaccinations, free testing and free disinfectant. He stated you can visit the website at TLGMI.com. He stated that Police presence is needed on Rosewood, Parkwood and Hazelwood streets.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Howard** – Stated that garbage cans are also being left out in her area and would like for Code Enforcement to know. She stated she had questions about the revenue and expenditure reports for June 2020 and about grants and donations that she needs cleared up. She stated that she thought she made it clear at the last meeting that her issue with Rhonda

Glover is not personal. She stated that Ms. Glover does not have or meet the qualifications for the Human Resource Director position. She further said that she took an oath to protect the city not a person. She stated she has always spoken out on issues that she believes she is right about.

- **Mayor Wimberly** – Stated that the job for Human Resource Director has been posted and that he believes that Rhonda Glover has the qualifications with a Bachelors in Business Administration and her extensive work history in the automotive industry. He stated he is not paying two people to perform the Human Resource job. He stated that council receives a monthly report from him on each department. He stated that the Recreation Complex will do a soft opening on February 22, 2021. He further stated that the Inkster Raiders and the Inkster Vikings have formed one Inkster football team; The Inkster Buccaneers. He stated they will be using the Inkster Recreation complex to begin training. He stated that Wayne County is behind on the COVID-19 vaccines. However, as soon as the vaccines are in he plans to make sure they get to senior centers and to persons who qualify for this round of vaccination. He announced his state of the city will be hosted on March 10, 2021 at 6:00pm. He announced water filters will be given away at the Inkster Recreation complex on February 20, 2021 and February 21, 2020 from 11:00am until 3:00pm.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to go into closed session 6:20p.m. to discuss pending litigation. (Harrington/Clark, Blackwell, Migan, Suite B., Inc.)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Watley	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Councilmember Howard	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea

Returned from Closed session at 7:15p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard to go into closed session 9:44p.m. to discuss pending litigation. (Harrington/Clark, Blackwell, Migan, Suite B., Inc.)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Returned from Closed session at 9:47p.m.

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, February 1, 2021 was adjourned at 9:48p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster