



**CITY OF INKSTER  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 21, 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 7:01 p.m.

**Prayer**

Prayer was offered by Pastor Antonio Wimberly.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The City Council, and public in attendance, in the Pledge of 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 Mayor Pro Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the agenda as presented:

**Unanimous Vote, motion carried. Resolution 02-22-023R**

**Presentations/Discussion**

Aaron Cooper, Executive Director of Inkster Housing, presented the annual report.  
Will Miller, Chair of the Board of Trustees, shared words.

**Public Hearing - None**

**Consent Agenda**

- A. January 18, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. January 29, 2022, Special Council Workshop Minutes
- C. February 7, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the Consent Agenda with the following corrections:

- Item 5A: Page #4, Removal of Comment by Watley regarding the passing of Ken Cole, Lobbyist.
- Item 5B: Page #1, Councilmember Shaw was absent (excused).
- Item 5B: Page #3, Add comments by Councilmember Washington on IT performance.

**Vote: 6-0, Motion unanimously carried. Resolution 02-22-024R**

**Boards and Commissions**

A. Inkster Aging Commission

Councilmember Shaw presented Deatris Richardson for appointment as a regular member of the Inkster Aging Commission for a two (2)-year term expiring March 1, 2024.

**MOTION:** Motion by Councilmember Shaw, second by Mayor Pro Tem Howard to appoint Deatris Richardson to the Inkster Aging Commission for a two-year term to expire February 1, 2024.

**Vote: 5-1, motion carried. Resolution 02-22-025R  
Councilmember Watley dissented.**

**Previous Business - None**

**Ordinance(s)**

First Reading(s): None  
Second Reading(s): Ordinance to Repeal Inkster Ordinance #879 (#521)

**New Business**

A. Cherry Hill Senior Housing Ordinance

**MOTION:** Motion Howard, second by Chisholm to adopt Ordinance No. 887 that will repeal Inkster Ordinance No. 879 that rescinds a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) currently in place on the Cherry Hill Senior Citizen Housing Development Center and authorize WCA to place the property on the ad valorem tax roll retroactively effective December 31, 2021.

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried. Resolution 02-22-026R**

B. Ordinance relative to the State Revolving Fund Program Revenue Bonds

**MOTION:** Motion by Chisholm, second by Washington to adopt an ordinance to provide for the acquisition, construction, installation, furnishing and equipping of additions and improvements to the water supply and sewage disposal system of the city; to provide for the issuance and sale of junior lien revenue bonds to pay the cost thereof; to provide for the collection of revenues from the system sufficient for the purpose of paying the costs of operation and maintenance of the system and to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds; to provide for the segregation and distribution of system revenues; to provide for the rights of the holders of the bonds in enforcement thereof; to establish separate series of bonds of senior and subordinate status with respect to the net revenues of the system; to prescribe the form of the bonds; and to provide for other matters relating to the bonds and the system.

**Discussion:** Williams asked what is the expected percent complete for work performed in 2022. Director Bivins explained that the project is phased over 5-7 years and up to 20% of the project scope would be completed annually.

**Vote: Majority consent, motion carried. Resolution 02-22-027R  
Councilmember Watley abstained from the vote.**

C. Notice of Intent to Issue Revenue Bonds

**MOTION:** Motion by Shaw, second by Chisholm authorizing the City Clerk to publish the Notice of Intent to issue revenue bonds for the water supply and sewage disposal system.

**Vote: Majority consent, motion carried. Resolution 02-22-028R  
Councilmember Watley abstained from the vote.**

D. Summer Festival

**MOTION:** Motion by Chisholm, second by Williams authorizing closure of Inkster Road beginning July 7, 2022, through July 10, 2022, for the Inkster Summer Festival.

**Vote: Majority consent, motion carried. Resolution 02-22-029R  
Councilmember Watley abstained from the vote.**

E. Memorial Day Parade

**MOTION:** Motion by Chisholm, second by Washington authorizing closure of Inkster Road on May 30, 2022, for the Annual Memorial Day Parade.

**Discussion:** There was a display of dissatisfaction with moving the parade route from Michigan Avenue to Inkster Road and questions about using the City's memorial (which is located at City Hall) for the ritual of honoring the memory of the veterans.

**Vote: Majority consent, motion carried. Resolution 02-22-030R  
Councilmember Watley abstained from the vote.**

**Public Comment**

- Gabe Henderson, 1450 Wellesley, Inkster: Announced the "We Rise Program" at the Recreational Complex, Monday – Wednesday from 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Vanola Williams, 3630 John Daly: Put in a plea to repair the potholes in the roads and maintain the water pumping station in Southwest Inkster.
- Gina Wilson Steward, Telegram Newspaper: Ms. Steward announced that Western Wayne County NAACP is conducting private HIV testing, there is a tax program, Operation Refuge, and she also is celebrating the Telegram's Birthday of 78 years.
- Aaron Sims, 4366 Williams St and Dr. Ramada Torek, representing the Malcom X House spoke about the grants received and the availability of work for Inkster residents even those recently released from prison. If interested, please call (734)224-8127 or visit the website at [www.pwhdab.org](http://www.pwhdab.org).
- Director Bivins assured everyone that he has the material ordered and workers scheduled to tackle the task of filling in potholes when the weather permits as a temporary fix.

**City Clerk**

- No comment.

**Treasurer**

- Darryl Greene announced the new Education Center at the Recreation Complex offering students entrepreneurial programs and consulting for college applications.

## **City Council**

- **Councilmember Shaw:**
  - Requested road patrol at the corner of Isabelle @ Spring Hill.
  - Requested evaluations of developers in the NSP program and a progress update.
  - Noted that he supports the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.
  
- **Councilmember Chisholm commented on the following:**
  - Vending machine that was once at city hall.
  - A letter that the City received from attorneys representing an Inkster business that was denied a variance in October 2021 by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). He also led the discussion surrounding the letter.
    - Assistant City Attorney Kalogerakos responded by referencing the Zoning Enabling Act and explaining the duties of the ZBA and the powers of the Inkster City Council as it relates to the ZBA.
    - Councilmember Watley expressed that the ZBA did what they were asked to do and she further said that she supports the ZBA sticking to the ordinance and denying the variance.
    - Councilmember Williams suggested speaking with the ZBA to get a better understanding of the decision made
    - Mayor Pro Tem Howard commented that the facility is in her district, and she stands on the side of the residents. She further suggested board members to drive down Princeton Street before granting special land use permits and zoning variances.
    - Councilmember Washington asked why the ZBA ruled to deny the variance.
    - ZBA Commissioner Vanola Williams spoke out in defense of denying the variance, stating that the decision was based on agreeing with the specifications in the zoning ordinance.
    - Mayor Wimberly asked Ms. Williams why should the ZBA exist if there would be no consideration for circumstances that are not addressed in the zoning ordinance.
  
- **Councilmember Washington commented on the following:**
  - Her advocacy for Speed bumps/humps in the community.
  - Encouraged citizens to take advantage of the grant for home heating credit.
  
- **Councilmember Williams**
  - Inquired about speed bumps/humps and the distance between streets used for installation.
  
- **Councilmember Watley**
  - Requested comparisons between using an in-house building department and using a contractor.
  - Inquired about the amount of time each person is limited to for public comment.
  - She noted that chairmen of existing boards and commissions should assist in seating board/commission members by monitoring expiration dates and making recommendations.
  - Expressed the following concerns:
    - Current administration's leadership style.
    - Staff Retention Rates – the "Great Resignation".
    - Disregard for Council in the course of day-to-day operations.

- **Mayor Pro Tem Howard expressed the following:**
  - Distributing the Council Packet by the end of business on Wednesdays before the council meetings, would ensure that the minutes are read and any unreadiness about the minutes or the packet can be addressed on Thursday or Friday before the meeting.
  - A reminder that there is a trash can ordinance in place, so if someone is not in compliance, contact the City and the code enforcement can issue citations.
- **Mayor Wimberly commented on the following:**
  - If you see something say something.

#### **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 Williams, second by Howard to enter Closed Session at 6:14 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

**Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.**

**MOTION:** Motion by Howard, second by Williams to exit closed session at 6:35 p.m.

**Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.**

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made by Howard, seconded by Shaw, and unanimously carried, the Regular Council meeting of February 21, 2022, was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk  
City of Inkster

Approved:

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