



**CITY OF INKSTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 2, 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 Wimberly, Chairman at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rev. George Williams, sitting Inkster City Council Member.

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council, administration, and public in attendance pledged their 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 Washington, second by Howard to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote: Unanimous consent, motion carried: Resolution 05-22-054R

Presentations/Guests

- A. State Representative, Jewel Jones, 11th House District brought greetings from Lansing and briefly spoke about the Infrastructure Grant. He also announced that the Speaker of the House will visit Inkster on May 27, 2022. Councilmember Shaw asked if the State of Michigan had a budget surplus or deficit. State Rep. Jones responded that the State is ending the FY with a surplus.

- B. Jason Dixon, Strategic Alliance and Mike Ellison, VP Nokia Governmental Relations did a presentation on the progress of the Digital Divide Project:
 - Use of Old City Hall
 - Renovate Building
 - Twenty-four (24) months to completion.
 - Program start within 4 months.
 - Four to six months to install fiber.
 - Innovation Hub
 - Training Facility in Broadband Fiber.
 - Municipal Broadband and Communications.

Consent Agenda

- A. April 18, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Shaw to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Councilmember Watley expressed that relative to the Minutes of April 18, 2022, she does not recall any action being taken in closed session.

VOTE: 5-1, motioned carried: Resolution 05-22-055R

Boards and Commissions

- A. Parks and Recreation Commission

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Howard to reappoint Connie Mitchell to the Parks and Recreation Commission as a representative of District VI to serve a term of two years.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried: Resolution 05-22-056R

New Business

- A. Appointment of USI as the Insurance Broker of Record

This item was presented by Darryl Greene, City Treasurer.

- Councilmember Watley noted that USI is offering a Risk Management Team; which was not provided by current broker. She also noted that a claim advocate is offered with USI and that TPA savings would be 20%. Watley further stated that the current provider has not kept their word.
- Mayor Pro Tem Howard expressed that Risk Management practices must be enforced and followed by employees.
- Councilmember Shaw noted that TPA is a third-party service that has not been effective. Treasurer Greene assured everyone that there would be consistent reconciliation.

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Watley to approve the appointment of USI as the insurance broker of record for the City of Inkster.

VOTE: 5-1, motion carried. Resolution 05-22-057R

- B. Case #LD 22-04 Land Purchase

This item was presented by Stephanie Murray, Realtor.

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Chisholm to approve the purchase of one (1) vacant parcel of land, ID# 44010060426000, located on the east side of Henry Street between Chestnut and Beech Streets for \$1,000.00.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 05-22-058R

- C. Case #LD 22-06 Land Purchase

This item was presented by Stephanie Murray, Realtor. The properties together would normally be a total of \$3,000; but the purchaser made improvements to the property prior to request.

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Shaw to approve the purchase of two (2) vacant parcels of land, ID# 44014010040000 and ID# 44014010038000, located on the east side of Allen Street between Carlisle and Andover Streets for \$2,500.00.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 05-22-059R

- D. Case #LD 22-07 Land Purchase

This item was presented by Stephanie Murray, Realtor.

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Williams to approve the purchase of one (1) vacant parcel of land, ID# 4402502141000, located on the east side of Inkster Road between Stanford and Colgate Streets for \$1,000.00.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 05-22-060R

E. Case #LD 22-08 Land Purchase

This item was presented by Stephanie Murray, Realtor.

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Chisholm to approve the purchase of two (2) vacant parcels of land, ID# 44005030504000 and ID# 44005030506000, located on the west side of Isabelle Street north of Michigan Avenue for \$3,000.00.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 05-22-061R

F. Juneteenth Celebration

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Washington to approve a special event permit application submitted by Unity in the Community for a Juneteenth Celebration on June 17-19, 2022, at Brookside Park from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. each day; and approval to waive fees due to the non-profit status of the organization.

VOTE: 5-1, motion carried. Resolution 05-22-062R

G. Purchase and Installation of Speed Humps

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Williams to authorize the administration to accept a bid of \$136,886.96 from Traffic and Safety Control Systems to purchase and install speed humps with appropriate signage in 166 locations across the City; and authorize the administration to use proceeds from the Consumers Energy project to fund the award.

DISCUSSION

- Councilmember Washington asked how the federal MDOT grant of \$80,000 be used toward this project. Mr. Bivins responded that the city should receive the grant in the last quarter of 2022 and will be used to install additional speed humps.
- Councilmember Williams expressed that there are letters from the neighborhoods that want to donate money for speed humps.
- Councilmember Chisholm stated that he prefers to be conservative and complete the project in phases.
- Councilmember Shaw expressed that he is in support of the proposed project and desires to move forward.
- Councilmember Watley suggested to use festival donations to install speed humps.

AMENDED MOTION by Shaw, second by Williams to table this item for a future meeting.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 05-22-063R

Public Comment

The following persons participated in public comment:

- Jessie Shelby announced that she is 86 years old and still writing grants for the City of Inkster. She asked if DH is taking over the complex and suggested that she could help organizations become non-profits.
- Lewis Webster commented on person riding their motorcycle on private yards at Summerset and Harrison.
- Gabe Henderson promoted the upcoming Beautification Committee and Inkster Makeover event May 21, 2022. Dumpsters will be at Westwood Place. The regular meetings for the Inkster Beautification Committee are held on the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m.
- Octavia Smith commented on the following:
 - Farmers Market begins on May 4 from 4 – 7 P.M.
 - Second COVID booster shots are available on Fridays and Saturday from 9-12 at Western Wayne Health Center Zumba classes are also offered from 6-7 p.m.
 - Inkster Chamber of Commerce Mixer is Tuesday, June 14.

City Clerk

- No comments.

Treasurer

- Education Center will open in a few weeks at the Recreation Complex and Zumba classes are offered as well.

City Council

- **Councilmember Chisholm:**
 - Thanked Jason Dixon and Mike Ellison for their interest in Inkster and stated that he is a Digital Divide supporter.
- **Councilmember Watley inquired about the following:**
 - IT Invoices
 - Building Department Analysis (In house team vs Out sourced team)
 - Email from Troy.
 - Department Heads attending council meetings.
 - Thanked the Treasurer for his input on USI.
- **Councilmember Shaw:**
 - Commented on the Inkster Road Basin Project.
 - Condition of the picnic tables at Manor Park, and noted that commissioner to donate for park renovations.
 - Last, but not least, if you see something, say something.
- **Councilmember Washington commented on the following:**
 - Echoed the sentiment of her colleagues.
 - Digital Divide and her appreciation for the project.
 - Thanked code enforcement.
 - Potholes.
- **Councilmember Williams:**
 - Expressed concern about potholes and asked if the city used cold patch methods.
- **Mayor Pro Tem Howard**
 - Thanked Jason Dixon for his interest and commitment to the Digital Divide project.
- **Mayor Wimberly:**
 - Noted that the Recreation Commission has the Adopt a Park program.
 - Praised the Digital Divide presentation and asked that they be prepared to develop the city.

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 Shaw, second by Williams to enter Closed Session at 6:10 p.m. to discuss litigation.

Vote: Unanimous: motion carried. No action expected.

MOTION: Motion by Watley, second by Washington to exit closed session at 6:35 p.m.

Vote: Unanimous: motion carried. No action proposed.

Adjournment

The regular council meeting of May 2, 2022, adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

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