



**CITY OF INKSTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 3, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.**

An orientation session was held at 6:25 p.m. to allow staff to answer questions or address any concerns related to agenda items.

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan was called to order by Mayor Wimberly, Chairman at 7:15 p.m. and prayer was offered by Councilmember Williams

Roll Call

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

***A Quorum was present**

Closed Session

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Washington to enter into Closed Session to discuss IFFA labor negotiations. No action was taken.

VOTE: Unanimous consent, motion carried. Resolution 01-23-008R

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Washington to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: Unanimous consent, motion carried. Resolution 01-23-001R

Presentations/Introduction of Guest/Announcements

Gage Belko, of McKenna and Associates presented the proposed 5-Year Master Plan for Inkster Parks and Recreation.

Public Hearing – Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Williams to open the Public Hearing for the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

VOTE: 4-0, motion carried. Resolution 01-23-009R

The following citizens/residents asked questions or commented on the proposed plan.

- Councilwoman Watley expressed the following concerns:
 - Safety
 - (CPTED) Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
 - Prioritizing the proposed projects
 - Skating Rink assessment
- Councilman Chisholm inquired about the following:
 - Trash receptacles
 - Definition of concessions and suggested that the Recreation Center be added to the list of places that include concessions.
 - Ways to get residents more engaged in the process.
- Councilman Williams suggested that the Golf Course be labeled as County Owned
- Planning Associate Belko responded as follows:
 - Clarified that the Master Plan is a guide to what P&R can be.
 - Emphasized that Environmental Stewardship is the key to overcoming trash issues.
 - Pointed out that strategic plans and goals and objectives prioritizes the work.

- The state requires a list of all available recreational resources/opportunities even if it is privately owned.
- Ensured everyone that the plan can be amended.
- Parks and Recreation Commissioner Butts responded as follows:
 - The ranger system will be implemented at all 15 parks in the city of Inkster to include recycling and maintenance by the residents.
 - Reiterated that she did not want non-Inkster recreation resources shown on the plan.
 - Requested approval to begin implementing ideas in the master plan.
 - Does not approve of the verbiage "Urban" and "impoverished" as used in the plan.
- Barge, Curtisene expressed that she would like to see a list of every organization at the Clerk's office.
- Daniels, Rebecca is concerned about communication between the city and it's supporting organizations.
- Hardy, Yvette felt like using the verbiage "urban" is acceptable.
- Harris, Albert spoke of looking forward to seeing the parks and recreation plan developed.

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Chisholm to close the public hearing at 8:35 p.m.

VOTE: 4-0, motion carried. Resolution 01-23-010R

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Washington to approve the consent agenda as presented.

VOTE: 4-0, motion carried. Resolution 01-23-002R

Boards and Commissions Appointments - None

New Business

A. Consider adoption of the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

MOTION: Motion by Washington, second by Chisholm to adopt the Five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

VOTE: 4-0, motion carried. Resolution 01-23-003R

Public Comment

The following persons participated in public comment:

- Barbara Cooper expressed the following:
 - Gratitude on behalf of the Goodfellows organization for a successful Christmas Drive; 600 \$25.00 gift cards were disbursed; and 36 kids participated in Shop with a Cop.
 - Commended Denise Champagne, Senior Services, for printing the Goodfellows paper this year.
 - Thanked Police, Fire, and DPW for all their contributions and support.
 - Wants to coordinate the entire community.
- Gabe Henderson, on behalf of the Beautification Commission reported on the following:
 - The SW corner of Inkster Rd and Michigan Ave needs to be built up.
 - Dumping of mattresses on Middlebelt.
 - Vandalism at Middlebelt Park Manor.

City Clerk - No Comments.

Treasurer - No Comments.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilmember Williams:**

- Wished everyone Happy New Year.
- Announced a National Christians in Action meeting scheduled for 1/14/2023 at 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM.
- Commended Councilmembers Chisholm and Washington for participating in the Goodfellows Drive.

- Expressed how excited folks were about the gifts to the community from the mayor.
- Gratitude for Chief Ratliff and Saif Alsenad for delivering a stove to a resident in need.
- Acknowledged "Shop with a Cop".
- **Councilmember Chisholm:**
 - Asked if the city would be giving away Christmas Hams, the Mayor answered "yes, but there are limited quantities.
 - He further brought attention to the Inkster Post Office reliability issues.
 - Finally, sending Happy Holidays greetings.
- **Councilmember Watley:**
 - Announced that if anyone is interested in becoming an Intern in State House District #26; please call (517)373-0849.
- **Mayor Wimberly**
 - Extended a Happy New Year to everyone.
 - Meeting of Prosperous Detroit Entrepreneurs @ Hick Library, January 12, 2023, 6-7p.m. (313)563-2822. The goal is to establish 50 new businesses in the City of Inkster.

Adjournment

The regular council meeting of January 3, 2023, adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

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