

<p>January 4, 2021</p> <p>Regular (Virtual) City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM</p>

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, January 4, 2021.

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

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Wimberly called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 Kellen Brooks

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the agenda.

Resolution 01-21-01COV - Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Presentations/Discussion

A. Rhythm and Blues Café

Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

A. December 21, 2020 (Virtual) City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard
Resolution 01-21-02COV - Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Boards and Commission

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

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams
to appoint Victor Wheeler to the Inkster Housing Commission
Resolution 01-21-03COV - Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Previous Business

A. Consider approval of offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-15) three (3) adjacent vacant residential lots which are located on the east side of Bayhan between Trowbridge St. and Carlisle Ave. and are legally described as 30J 1011 TO 1014 LOTS 1011 TO 1014 INCL WESTWOOD SUB OF VAN ALSTINE FARM T2S R10E L40 P29, 30 WCR (Property I.D. 44 022 01 1011 302), 30J1015 LOTS 1015 TO 1020 WESTWOOD SUB OF VAN ALSTINE FARM T2S R10E L40 P29, 30 WCR (Property I.D. 44 022 01 1015 304), and 30J1021-1023 LOTS 1021 TO 1023 INCL WESTWOOD SUB OF VAN ALSTINE FARM T2S R10E L40 P29, 30 WCR (Property I.D. 44 022 01 1021 302) in the amount of \$28,650.00 to Zimcube, Inc./Guasia Jones.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
to REMOVE FROM THE TABLE an offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-15) three (3)
adjacent vacant residential lots which are located on the east side of Bayhan
between Trowbridge St. and Carlisle Ave. and are legally described as 30J
1011 TO 1014 LOTS 1011 TO 1014 INCL WESTWOOD SUB OF VAN ALSTINE
FARM T2S R10E L40 P29, 30 WCR (Property I.D. 44 022 01 1011 302),
30J1015 LOTS 1015 TO 1020 WESTWOOD SUB OF VAN ALSTINE FARM T2S
R10E L40 P29, 30 WCR (Property I.D. 44 022 01 1015 304), and 30J1021-
1023 LOTS 1021 TO 1023 INCL WESTWOOD SUB OF VAN ALSTINE FARM T2S
R10E L40 P29, 30 WCR (Property I.D. 44 022 01 1021 302) in the amount of
\$28,650.00 to Zimcube, Inc./Guasia Jones.
Resolution 01-21-04COV - Motion carried**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
to approve to an offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-15) three (3) adjacent
vacant residential lots which are located on the east side of Bayhan between
Princeton, Norfolk and Yale and are legally described as 30J 1011 TO 1014**

LOTS 1011 TO 1014 INCL WESTWOOD SUB OF VAN ALSTINE FARM T2S R10E L40 P29, 30 WCR (Property I.D. 44 022 01 1011 302), 30J1015 LOTS 1015 TO 1020 WESTWOOD SUB OF VAN ALSTINE FARM T2S R10E L40 P29, 30 WCR (Property I.D. 44 022 01 1015 304), and 30J1021-1023 LOTS 1021 TO 1023 INCL WESTWOOD SUB OF VAN ALSTINE FARM T2S R10E L40 P29, 30 WCR (Property I.D. 44 022 01 1021 302) in the amount of \$28,650.00 to Zimcube, Inc./Guasia Jones.

Resolution 01-21-05COV - Motion carried

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Ordinance(s)

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

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins) Consideration and approval authorizing the Director of DPS, as a representative of the City, to make an application to the Michigan Department of Treasury for necessary annual permit to work within the State Trunk line right of way on behalf of the City of Inkster. Also, consider adopting the attached Resolution to be submitted to MDOT as part of the requirement to submit the permit application.

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve authorizing the Director of DPS, as a representative of the City, to make an application to the Michigan Department of Treasury for necessary annual permit to work within the State Trunk line right of way on behalf of the City of Inkster. Also, consider adopting the attached Resolution to be submitted to MDOT as part of the requirement to submit the permit application.

Resolution 01-21-06COV – Motion carried

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- B. Discussion/Action: (City Council) To vote in accordance with the discussion taken in closed session. (Crowder)

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve to vote in accordance with the discussion taken in closed session. (Crowder)

Resolution 01-21-07COV – Motion carried

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Public Participation

- **Charles Blackwell** – State he has not received the FOIA for Mayor Wimberly last four paystubs. Stated that Councilmembers Shaw and Watley are public officials and should have their camera on. Stated that Jerome Bivins was called illustrious by Mayor Wimberly and that is an incorrect term. Stated that Jerome Bivins owes \$5000.00 water bill. Stated that if Mayor Wimberly cuts him out he will sue.
- **Marla Edwards-Wheeler** – Announced that the spring semester at Wayne County Community College tuition is reduced to fifty percent (50%). She further stated there is no cap on the amount of classes you can take. She said the discount is in conjunction with frontline workers scholarships. She further stated that seniors can attend classes for free.
- **Yvette Brock** – Wished residents a Happy New Year. She asked about the amphitheater money, she further asked is the complex open or closed. She lastly asked how much was received from the \$800, 00 Wayne County Grant for the Recreation Complex and what the money would be used for.
- **Shirley Hankerson** – Wished City of Inkster residents a Happy New Year. She stated that the \$800,000 for the Recreation Complex should be used only on the Recreation center not a senior expansion wing. He asked Mayor Wimberley if he would attend the Parks and Recreation meeting on January 14, 2021.
- **Adrian Monk** - "Hello my name is Adrian Monk. I am a City of Redford resident. I had a question for Mayor Wimberley at the last meeting but he was absent. Mayor Wimberley will you be honest with the public in 2021 and tell the public about your 2017 bench warrant you had issued for your arrest for failure to pay child support as ordered by the court ? This is important to weigh your qualifications for office.

City Clerk

- No Comments

City Treasurer

- Stated that even though City Hall is closed to the public, water and tax payments are still being processed. He said payments can be mailed, pay online or placed in the drop box at city hall. He further stated that if a self-addressed stamped envelope is provided, the cashiers will mail a receipt. He said he and Tracy-Ann Jennings are working on grant items. He further stated he has been in contact with the State of Michigan regarding an audit extension.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilman Shaw** – Wished residents a Happy New Year. He further stated that police presence is needed on Eastwood, Center and Northwood. He stated that the Chief of Police sent a report on arrest. He stated he wanted to see that report more broken down. He further stated that it was told to him that the calendars would be going out on Wednesday.
- **Councilman Williams** – Asked about street signs and speed bumps. He announced the National Christians in Action would be hosting a Martin Luther King Day celebration on January 16, 2021 via Zoom. He asked about the budget and when discussions were going to happen.
- **Councilmember Chisholm** – Stated he provided Troy with a flyer from Smith Chapel about their professional and vocational scholarships. He stated he is working in conjunction with State Representative Jones office regarding the Resolution that was passed at the last City Council

meeting. He said he did send a letter to employees requesting some information that State Representative Jones had inquired about to begin looking into that process.

- **Mayor Wimberly** –Wished residents a Happy New Year. Announced the calendars should be out by week ending January 8, 2021. Thanked residents, city council members, Senators, State Representatives, staff and all persons that reached out to him during the death of his granddaughter.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to go into closed session 6:15 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. (Crowder; Blackwell, Alex Legion)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Return from closed session at 7:03 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made By Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard carried, to conclude The Regular Virtual City Council meeting of January 4, 2021 was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster