



**CITY OF INKSTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 7, 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 7:13 p.m.

Prayer

Prayer was led by Rev. George Williams.

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 Shaw to approve the agenda with the following items removed until next meeting:

- Item 5A – January 17, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes
- Item 5B – January 29, 2022, Special Council Workshop Minutes
- Item 9A – City Public Private Camera Program

Unanimous Vote, motion carried. Resolution 02-22-009R

Presentations/Discussion

None

Public Hearing

- A. Proposed ordinance to repeal Inkster Ordinance #879 (#531) Cherry Hill Senior Citizens Housing Development service charge in lieu of taxes.

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Howard to open the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Unanimous Vote, motion carried.

There was no public comment at this hearing.

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Howard to close the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m.
Unanimous Vote, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

- ~~A. January 17, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~B. January 29, 2022, Special Council Workshop Minutes~~

~~**MOTION:** Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.~~

~~**Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.**~~

~~**No action taken, Items A and B were removed from consent.**~~¹

Boards and Commissions

A. Inkster Aging Commission

Mayor Wimberly appointed Ruth E. Williams, an Inkster resident and business owner, to the Inkster Aging Commission for a two-year term terminating on January 31, 2024.

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Williams, second by Councilmember Chisholm to accept Mayor Wimberly's appointment of Ruth E. Williams to the Inkster Aging Commission for a two-year term to expire February 1, 2024.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried. Resolution 02-22-013R

B. Inkster Board of Review

Marwan Abdullah, WCA, presented the following applicants for re-appointment to the Board of Review for a term of one-year to expire February 1, 2023:

William Miller – Regular Member
Lenoria Warmack – Regular Member
Peggy Bishop- Regular Member
Ned Sanders – Alternate Member

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Washington to re-appoint the above applicants to the Board of Review for a one-year term to expire on February 1, 2023.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried. Resolution 02-22-012R

C. Police and Fire Retirement System Board of Trustees

Mayor Wimberly appointed Juan Bradford, Inkster resident, to the Police and Fire Retirement System Board of Trustees for a term of two (2) years as a regular trustee expiring February 1, 2024.

¹ As corrected on February 21, 2022.

MOTION: Motion by Washington, second by Williams to accept Mayor Wimberly's appointment of Juan Bradford to the Police and Fire Retirement System Board of Trustees for a term of two (2) years terminating on February 1, 2024.

Vote: 5-1, motion carried. Resolution 02-22-011R
Councilmember Watley dissented.

D. Inkster Beautification Committee

Mayor Wimberly presented the following applicants to serve on the Beautification Committee for a term of two years as regular members terminating February 1, 2024: Walter Cooper, Inkster resident and Denise Johnson, Inkster City employee.

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Williams to accept Mayor Wimberly's appointments to the Beautification Committee.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried. Resolution 02-22-014R and Resolution 02-22-015R

Previous Business

A. EV Mobility

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Shaw to authorize the administration to enter into a partnership with AAW Infrastructure Partners, L3C to establish an EV program to include electric vehicle charging stations within Inkster City Limits.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried. Resolution 02-22-016R

B. Cherry Hill Family

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Washington to remove Cherry Hill Family from the ad valorem tax rolls effective December 31, 2021 (which is not on the Cherry Hill Family PILOT).

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried. Resolution 02-22-017R

Ordinance(s)

First Reading: Ordinance to Repeal Inkster Ordinance #879 (#521)

New Business

A. L. D'Agostino & Sons, Inc. Contract

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Howard to award a contract to L. D'Agostino & Sons, Inc. for the combined project of Avondale Road Reconstruction and Reconstruction of Northwood, Center, and Eastwood and select alleys in the amount of \$10,060,802.78 plus a 15% contingency of \$1,509,197.22 for a total of \$11,570,000.00.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried. Resolution 02-22-018R

B. Land Purchase (Case #LD 21-43)

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Williams to accept an offer to purchase of one (1) structure located on the west side of Harrison between Carlysle and Andover Streets and known as 3934 Harrison Street for \$3,000.00.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried. Resolution 02-22-019R

C. Land Purchase (Case #LD 21-45)

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Shaw to accept an offer to purchase of one (1) structure and one (1) adjacent vacant parcel located on the east side of Isabelle Street between Chestnut and Beech Streets for \$2,000.00.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried. Resolution 02-22-020R

D. Land Purchase (Case #LD 22-03)

MOTION: Motion by Washington, second by Chisholm to accept an offer to purchase of three (3) vacant parcels located on the west side of Kewadin Street between Cherry and Beech Streets for \$4,000.00.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried. Resolution 02-22-021R

E. Inkster School District Debt

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Howard to authorize City Administration to petition the State of Michigan for forgiveness of the remaining Inkster School debt of approximately \$16.8M per House Physical Agency estimates.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried. Resolution 02-22-022R

Public Comment

- None

City Clerk

- No comment.

Treasurer

- No Comment.

City Council

- **Councilmember Watley asked the following:**
 - Why was the Chief of Police, William Riley, fired and with severance, wouldn't the city pay two Chief salaries over six months?
 - **City Attorney Jones expressed that the terms of departure should not be discussed in a open meeting.**
 - **Mayor Wimberly asserted that Chief Riley retired from the City of Inkster.**
- **Councilmember Shaw requested the following:**
 - The Administration add account numbers to Request for Council Action Agenda Items.
 - More street patrols.
 - If residents see something, say something.
 - Shouted out Inkster Funkateers and Benny & the Jets from Inkster.
- **Councilmember Washington commented on the following:**
 - Praised and thanked Sgt Wall and Code Enforcement for action related to an abandoned vehicle.
 - Tree trunk on Central blocking street parking.
 - Availability of COVID Home Test kits at [usps.com/test kit](https://usps.com/test-kit)
 - Free masks are available by calling (888)535-6136.

- **Councilmember Williams**
 - Requested an update on the proposed new fire hydrants in the city. He went further to say that it was a great pleasure working with Chief Riley and looking forward to working with Chief Ratliff.
- **Councilmember Chisholm**
 - Mentioned that Senator Gary Peters has plans to visit the district.
- **Mayor Pro Tem Howard expressed the following:**
 - Praised DPS for snow removal efforts.
 - Concern that the Annual Audit Report is overdue.
 - Recommended that the HR position be filed as soon as possible.
 - Reminded folks that Auto Insurance refunds will be available in March of 2022.
- **Mayor Wimberly commented on the following:**
 - The Special Workshop held January 29, 2022 and encouraged more workshops.
 - Encouraged more engagement with the Treasurer.
 - Praised the efforts of DPW with snow removal efforts.
 - Funding for Speed Bumps/Humps will be available in 2023.
 - Black History Month
 - And, last but not least, 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 Shaw, second by Washington to enter Closed Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Howard to convene the Regular Council Meeting at 7:13 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 7, 2022, was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

Approved: February 21, 2022

Posted: February 22, 2022