



**CITY OF INKSTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 20, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.**

An orientation session was held at 6:05p.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 7:05 p.m. and prayer was offered by Rev. Clements of Womack Temple. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Ellyna Butler Anderson, Councilmember Williams sister.

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 Shaw, second by Howard to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: 5 Yeas – 1 Nay, motion carried. Resolution 02-23-026R

Presentations/Introduction of Guest/Announcements

- DivDat presentation: Bill pay kiosks.
- Pastor Hearn, Western Wayne Urban Community, presented his vision of Annapolis Point.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Shaw to approve the consent agenda with the following corrections. Page 3, under Council Comments, Councilmember Chisholm bullet point, written as Nelson Isaac Williams; should be Nelson Isaac Willis.

VOTE: 5-1, motion carried. Resolution 02-23-027R

Boards and Commissions Appointments

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Howard to re-appoint Gabe Henderson to Inkster Beautification Commission to serve a two-year term, expiring February 28, 2026.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 02-23-028R

MOTION: Motion by Watley, second by Shaw to re-appoint James Cross to the Inkster Zoning Board of Appeals to serve a term of three-year term expiring February 28, 2025.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 02-23-029R

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Shaw to appoint Eric Smith to the Inkster Zoning Board of Appeals to serve a three-year term February 28, 2026.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 02-23-030R

New Business

- A. LeMoyne Gardens Special Land Use Permit
Planning presented this item.

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Shaw to approve a Special Land Use and Planned Unit Development for LeMoyné Gardens Housing Redevelopment.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 02-23-031R

B. DIVDAT (Diversified Data Processing & Consulting, Inc.)

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Howard to authorize the administration to enter a master services agreement with DivDat (Diversified Data Processing & Consulting, Inc) to provide Treasury and Water Department with additional secure and official payment channels, including a Bill Payment Kiosk and Wb Payment Portals. The City of Inkster will be contracting with DivDat as the exclusive payment provider.

VOTE: 5-1, motion carried. Resolution 02-23-032R

C. Land Sale – Annapolis Point

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Howard to approve an offer to purchase ninety-one (91) vacant parcels of land located at Annapolis Point in the amount of \$400,000.00 and for the administration to enter a development agreement with Western Wayne Urban Community Development for Annapolis Point Housing Development.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 02-23-033R

D. Wayne County Department of Public Services Permit

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Washington authorizing the Director of DPS to make an application to the Wayne County Department of Public Services for a permit to maintain the storm water management system and detention pond at the location of the new filling station at 29406 Michigan Avenue in Inkster, Michigan, in accordance with the drawing attached as Exhibit "A", the terms of long term maintenance plan attached as Exhibit "B", and the Wayne County Storm Water Ordinance and administrative rules..

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 02-23-034R

Public Comment

The following persons participated in public comment:

- Rebecca Daniels announced the Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) Meetings held on 2nd Monday of each month at the library, mentioning the Virtual Academy held at 6-7p.m. each week.
- Gabe Henderson asked for help with trash and wants everyone to clean behind themselves.
- Jessie Shelby commented on DivDat and reminded everyone of the LeMoyné Gardens monthly meeting on March 8th from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

City Clerk - No Comments.

Treasurer - Let the administration know that the budget will be in BS&A on February 28th, and budget meetings with the administration will begin on March 20th.

Mayor and Council

• **Councilmember Watley:**

- Requested the Attorney's opinion on the DivDat project.
- Spoke to the citizens of Inkster because voices are needed to choose the course for the City. Relative to Marijuana establishments, the following administrations contributed:
 - **Mayor Hampton** – Three (3) medical licenses were issued.
 - **Mayor Nolen** – supported recreational marijuana to increase revenues.
 - **Mayor Wimberly** – supported no limits w/1,000 foot buffers between establishments.
 - Contends that 7 marijuana establishments are in the pipeline.
 - She suggests that Inkster implement diversity. She feels that Inkster is dumped on and enough is enough in terms of marijuana establishments; concluding that Inkster needs love.

- **Councilmember Washington:**
 - Reported abandoned vehicle on Meadow Lane
- **Councilmember Shaw:**
 - Commended Stephanie Taylor for the wonderful work that she is doing with the Covenant House.
- **Mayor Pro Tem Howard**
 - Thanked DPS, Ms. Triplett for her professionalism in handling tasks around the City.
 - Asked for the removal of graffiti at 29 Glenwood and removal of stumps.
 - Reported "Stop" and "No Parking" signs in his district be replaced.
 - Requested pot hole patching, and that the City forcefully enforce ordinances.
 - Finally commending Road Work done on Avondale.
- **Councilmember Williams:**
 - Speaking on marijuana history in Inkster, everyone should have killed the movement when there was a chance to opt out.
 - Reminded everyone that all of the establishments are in Dist. #1.
 - Reiterated that Mayor Wimberly did not bring all of the marijuana establishments to the City.
- **Councilmember Chisholm:**
 - Expressed that there is a communication problem when communicating with seniors.
 - Digital Divide
 - Inkster School Debt and the City of Inkster needs to be made whole by recovering land.
- **Mayor Wimberly**
 - He is working with Senator Polehanki on the School Debt and land recovery.
 - Asked Councilmembers to check their districts for blighted homes and develop a list for the administration.

Adjournment

The regular council meeting of February 20, 2023, adjourned at 9:20 p.m. by motion of Councilmember Shaw, second by Mayor Pro Tem Howard and unanimous consent of the body.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

Approved:
Posted: