

March 2, 2026

Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, was held on March 2, 2026 in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Prior to the Regular Council Meeting: City Council members discussed: The Agenda.

Closed Session

Moved by Councilwoman Scott Seconded by Councilwoman Rutledge to go into Closed session @6:38pm pm to discuss pending litigation.

Moved by Councilwoman Howard Seconded by Councilwoman Scott to come out of closed session @ 6:55pm

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Howard	Yea	Councilmember Scott	Yea
Councilmember Rutledge	Yea	Councilmember Bishop	Yea
Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm	Yea	Councilwoman Richardson	Yea

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Byron Nolen called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

Prayer

Prayer was led by Sandrew King

Pledge of Allegiance

City Council and the public in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call

Mayor Nolen	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilwoman Rutledge	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilman Bishop, II	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilwoman Scott	Present (Inkster, MI)
Councilwoman Howard	Present (Inkster, MI)
Councilwoman Richardson	Present (Inkster, MI)

Approval of Agenda

**Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge, Seconded by Councilman Bishop to approve agenda for March 2, 2026 meeting
Resolution #03-26-23GH-6-0 Motion Carried**

Presentations/Discussion

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc-Zeta Nu Zeta Chapter of Inkster, Scholarship Program 2026 presented by Maurita Mussawir

Recognition and presenting of award of Londyn Henry-Student of Wayne Westland Community School District

Public Hearings
None

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of March 2, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

**Moved by Councilwoman Howard Seconded Councilman Bishop
Resolution #03-26-24GH – 6-0 Motion Carried**

Boards and Commission

Approval of appointing Nicole Scott to the Parks and Recreation Commission (District 3).

**Moved by Councilwoman Scott and Seconded by Councilwoman Rutledge
Resolution # 03-26-25GH-6-0 Motion Carried**

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

A. First Reading(s) none

B. Second Reading(s) none

New Business

A. (Georgina L. Holliday, City Clerk)-Consider approval of the Community Block Street Party/Birthday Party. Dates: 6/19 & 6/20 2026; streets to be closed: Lehigh St Cross Streets: Meadowdale Ave and Bayhan Ave. Contact Person: Elija Fizer

Moved by Councilwoman Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman Scott
Resolution #03-26-26GH-6-0 Motion Carried

B. (Jerome Bivins, DPS Director)- Consider approval to adopt a resolution on behalf of the City of Inkster for road closure on Michigan Avenue between Hamlin and Bayhan, May 25, 2026, for Memorial Day Parade

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilwoman Richardson
Resolution # 03-26-27GH – 6-0 Motion Carried

C. (Jerome Bivins, DPS Director)-Consider authorizing the Administration to approve two 5-year contracts with HydroCorp, Inc. 1) for the Non-Residential Cross Connection Control Program in the total amount of \$72,535 and 2) for the Residential Cross Connection Control Program in the total amount of \$550,916.87.

Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm
Resolution #03-26-28GH-6-0 Motion Carried

D. (Georgina L. Holliday, City Clerk)-Consider approval of the Juneteenth Celebration Date & Time: Saturday June 13, 2026: 12:30 pm-1:45 pm (See Parade route attached)

Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm
Resolution #03-26-29GH-6-0-Motion Carried

E. (Jerome Bivins, DPS Director)-Consider approval to adopt a resolution on behalf of the City of Inkster for road closure on Inkster Road July 9, 2026-July 13, 2026 for Inkster Summer Fest.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilwoman Rutledge
Resolution #03-26-30GH-6-0 Motion Carried

F. (Lindsay Scott, Councilwoman)-Consider a resolution authorizing the City of Inkster to partner with the University of Texas Austin to host and support a coding camp program within the City of Inkster.

Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge, Seconded by Councilman Bishop
Resolution #03-26-31GH-6-0-Motion Carried

G. (City Council)-Consider approval of a resolution opposing State Legislation that would preempt local zoning authority regarding housing development.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilwoman Howard
Resolution #03-26-32GH-6-0-Motion Carried

Public Participation

- April K. Garrett-Weslyn A. Bennett Foundation Kick Start reading Month, invited everyone to the Kick Start Reading Month, this Saturday; 12noon-2pm Genealogy 5-12
- Maureen Moynihan-water rates, why is the rate the way it is? Can't we take the money from some other fund, instead of the high rate?
- Darlene Wilson-Discuss faulty meters, lifetime resident 65 years and in home for over 40 years, meter installed is faulty making noise, 2 residents disconnected their water and meter is still running. Don't shower at home, water went up to \$566 this bill is \$700, geyser in front yard took city 5 days to come, not treated properly.
- Opal Gray-Taskforce Fundraiser Save The Date April 25th @Dozier tickets are \$50 their will be a gift giveaway; tickets will be out in 2 weeks.

- Sandra K. Watley-Voting-Thank everyone who showed up, it's the 4th Wednesday at Dozier Rec, thank you Councilwoman Scott and Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm. Raising the voting registration by 10%; voting is currency.
- James D. Carlton III- Water bill situation owned home 28 years replaced water meter then replaced again to new meter; there are 3 household members the new meter usage went up from \$200 to \$770 on fixed income and can't afford this water bill.
- Dr. Shoats-Water bill is always zero (0) went from zero to \$592 to \$1700 to \$3375.85; last bill was \$4252.05
- Lori Taylor-Water bill went up over \$500 in one month, need for this situation to be corrected.
- Milton Hunter-Code Enforcement-Gather because its necessary neighborhood rising water bill, blight in neighborhood comm, lost school district, code enforcement and community is divided by problems, its divided by our own.
- Sandrew King-Water Bill and Community Service Event-Goodnews Inkster Community Night Hawk Path Finder Club coming together to do a global community at Dozier Rec March 28th 11a-4p; fish and 5 loaves of bread, passing out fish sandwiches. Inkster Show up and show out. Water bill, grace period trying to figure it out roughly \$120-\$160 went from \$160-\$341 to \$450-\$500 back to \$162 something is wrong with the meters.
- Gabe Henderson-Water, company on call take meter back to see what's wrong, pull particular meter out and test need someone to investigate.
- Charles Blackwell-City Clerk Georgina Holliday and Mayor Byron Nolen have intentionally refused to process my FOIA request and provide a copy of the 2006 Inkster Police report involving Councilwoman Felicia Rutledge's husband who was arrested by the Inkster Police Department in 2006 with cocaine and an illegal gun.

Clerk- Will be out of office from 3/15 and returning 3/23, deputy clerk will address any issues or concerns and handle the office in my absence.

City Treasurer

No comment

Mayor and Council

- Councilmember Rutledge-N/C
- Councilmember Scott –Attended Demby Renovations Event, consider taking down the barriers
- Councilmember Bishop-Work for you not against you, if you feel you are not being treated fair
- Councilmember Howard-N/C
- Councilmember Richardson-Saturday March 7, 2026 11a-2p Fair will have donuts and coffee location Amith Baptist Church (100th Church Anniversary); Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree, American Red Cross, Secretary of State Mobile unit 10a-2p. Wayne County Sheriff providing water; foreclosure list going down. Six-year-old got shot today.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm-Claudette Fears passed away, services at Smith Chapel AME. Black History Month Program attended, and it was almost a packed house.
- Mayor Nolen-Black History Program at Robichaud High School was a great event they honored the Funkateers, Tyrone Wheatley and Jewell Jones. Documentary done by Robert Turley; Iran was bombed this weekend 4 marines, schools hit, prayers going up.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made.

By Councilman Bishop Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm and carried, to conclude the Regular City Council meeting of Monday, March 2, 2026 @ 8:22pmpm