



**CITY OF INKSTER  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, March 6, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.**

An orientation session was held at 6:30p.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 7:00 p.m. and prayer was offered by Councilmember Rev. Williams.

**Roll Call**

Mayor Wimberly	Present	Councilmember Watley	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Present	Councilmember Chisholm	Late – 7:30PM
Councilmember Williams	Present	Councilmember Shaw	Present
Councilmember Washington	Excused		

**\*A Quorum was present**

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** Motion by Williams, second by Howard to approve the agenda with the removal of Item 8A – First Readings of Amendments Title XI, Chapter 124 and Title XV, Chapter 155 of the City's Code of Ordinances.

**Discussion:** Councilmember Watley questioned whether or not a public hearing was held, she was assured that the proper protocol had taken place. The public hearing was held on November 28, 2022. Councilmember Williams felt that there was not enough information to hear the readings.

**VOTE: 4 Yeas – 0 Nay, motion carried. Resolution 03-23-036R**

**Presentations/Introduction of Guest/Announcements**

- PNC Bank – No representatives were present.
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. – Eta Iota Omega Chapter
  - Enhancing the Environment through Uplifting our community by tree planting, community & home gardens, waste reduction (shred day).
    - Arbor Day 2023
    - Received a grant for 66 trees; 13 Trees will be planted in honor of 13 Charter Members of the Sorority
- Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib was a welcomed guest. She asked everyone to consider attending a Town Hall meeting on March 13, 2023 from 6-8pm at Westland City Hall to discuss holding DTE accountable for the recent power outages.

**Consent Agenda**

**MOTION:** Motion by Howard, second by Shaw to remove Item 5A from the consent agenda due to the absence of the February 20, 2023 meeting minutes. The minutes will be available at the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**VOTE: 5-0, motion carried. Resolution 03-23-037R**

**Boards and Commissions Appointments - None**

**New Business**

A. Wayne County Department of Public Services Permit

**MOTION:** Motion by Shaw, second by Howard 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 Burger-Baylor School at 28865

Carlisle 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: 5-0, motion carried. Resolution 03-23-038R**

B. Summer Festival Road Closure

**MOTION:** Motion by Shaw, second by Williams to a resolution on behalf of the City of Inkster for closure of Inkster Road on July 13 through July 17, 2023, for the Inkster Summer Festival.

**VOTE: 5-0, motion carried. Resolution 03-23-039R**

C. Memorial Day Parade Road Closure

**MOTION:** Motion by Williams, second by Shaw to adopt a resolution on behalf of the City of Inkster for closure of Inkster Road on May 29, 2023, for the Inkster Memorial Day Parade.

**Discussion:** Councilmember Watley asked about the tradition of including the Veterans Memorial in the festivities. Mayor Wimberly replied that a replica of the memorial is being used.

**VOTE: 4-1, motion carried. Resolution 03-23-040R**

D. Inkster Fire Department Purchase of Used Ambulance

**MOTION:** Motion by Shaw, second by Williams authorizing the Inkster Fire Department to purchase a used ambulance authorizing the Inkster Fire Department to purchase a used ambulance from the City of Canton in the amount of \$35,725.00. ce from the City of Canton in the amount of \$35,725.00.

**Discussion:** Councilmember Watley expressed concern about the mileage on the used ambulance.

**VOTE: 5-0, motion carried. Resolution 03-23-041R**

E. Stratford Place

**MOTION:** Motion by Shaw, second by Williams to approve an offer to purchase 17 acres of land commonly known as Stratford Place in the amount of \$125,000.000 and for the administration to enter a development agreement with Berkshire Development for Stratford Place Housing.

**VOTE: 4-1, motion carried. Resolution 03-23-042**

F. 28258 and 28202 Forston Lane Land Sale (Case # LD 23-03)

**MOTION:** Motion by Williams, second by Shaw to approve an offer to purchase two (2) residential units located at 28258 and 28202 Forston Lane between Stratford Lane and Wagner Lane in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Sam Saleh.

**VOTE: 5-0, motion carried. Resolution 03-23-035R**

### Public Comment

The following persons participated in public comment:

- Randa Davis, 26338 Penn St. expressed concerns about DTE special equipment parked at her house, knee deep water in the back yard, cannabis odor, air pollution, and brush in the yard.
- Rose Thompson, Smith Chapel AME Church, came to invite participation in the history of Inkster by donating to "Inksteropoly" in honor of the church's 100 year anniversary.
- Charlattia Porter addressed a water main break and thanked Director Bivins for quickly assessing the situation.
- Gabe Henderson requested a "Clean-Up" presentation on a future agenda, complained about certain residents not cleaning around their homes. He further expressed concerns about tree trimming services being done on a pecking order, and finally announced that Dump Day is the last Saturday in the month.
- Jessie Shelby commented on DivDat and reminded everyone of the LeMoyne Gardens monthly meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- Craig Kobyłka expressed concerns about communication with residents especially in the instances of water main breaks.

**City Clerk** - Announced that nominating petitions are available for pick-up at the Clerk's Office in city hall if you are interested in running for a local office in Inkster. The petitions are due to be returned by April 25, 2023, at 4:00p.m.

**Chief of Police Ratliff** - Announced the Auto Clean-Up that began on March 8<sup>th</sup> and letters that were formerly sent out to persons with abandoned cars on their property will not get citations. He further asked that anyone wishing to express **ordinance complaints should call (313) 563-9873.**

### **Mayor and Council**

- **Councilmember Watley:**

- Suggested that there have been several instances or opportunities for a Robocall policy to go into effect to notify residents of emergencies, etc. and wants an explanation from IT as to why it does not exist/being used.
- Expressed that the Mobil Secretary of State office at the Offices of the Housing Commission was a success.

- **Councilmember Shaw:**

- Thanked Chief Ratliff for his efforts to curb blight.
- Reported that signs have been knocked down and need replacement around Colonial and Oakwood Streets, and Glenwood.
- Thanked Latoria Triplett, DPS Superintendent
- Thanked Fire Chief Hubbard and First Responders
- Honor all Women (Residents and Colleagues) during National Women's' Month.

- **Mayor Pro Tem Howard**

- Asked that all council members email the City Clerk with their availability to schedule a special meeting to review and discuss responses to the recent RFP for legal services.

- **Councilmember Williams:**

- Announced clean-up efforts at St. Clemens Manor.
- Encouraged residents of District I to attend the Table Talks at Lemoyne Management Offices to get involved in Clean Up Day.

- **Councilmember Chisholm:**

- Updated everyone that the Radio Tower is removed.
- Resolution regarding the Inkster School Debt
- Announced Table Talk a on March 8, 2023, 10:00 AM at Lemoyne Management Office.
- Requested an update on Robocall policy.

- **Mayor Wimberly**

- Announced that the City of Inkster will be hosting the County of Wester Wayne board meeting on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> here at City Hall; he further encouraged everyone to attend.

### **Adjournment**

The regular council meeting of March 6, 2023, adjourned at 8:55 p.m. by motion of Councilmember Shaw, second by Williams and unanimous consent of the body.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk  
City of Inkster

Approved:  
Posted: