



**CITY OF INKSTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 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 7:10 p.m.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Pastor Oliphant.

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 Washington, Seconded by Shaw
to approve the agenda with the following additions:

Item 5B – November 2021 Allen Bros. Invoice in the amount of \$28,956.95

Item 9B – Action Item from Closed Session

Unanimous Vote, motion carried. Resolution 03-22-031R

Presentations/Discussion

David Jones, City Attorney, updated the council on the status of Allen Brothers, PLLC and his new collaboration with Schenk & Bruetsch.

Public Hearing - None

Consent Agenda

- A. February 21, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. November 2021 Allen Bros. Invoice \$28,956.95

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Howard to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

VOTE: 4-2, Motion carried. Resolution 03-22-032R

Ayes: Shaw, Howard, Williams, Washington

Nays: Watley, Chisholm

Boards and Commissions

A. Inkster Aging Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Howard presented **June Patterson** for re-appointment as a regular member of the Inkster Aging Commission for a two (2)-year term expiring January 1, 2024.

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Watley to re-appoint June Patterson to the Inkster Aging Commission for a two-year term to expire January 1, 2024.

**VOTE: ~~6-0 Unanimous consent,~~¹ motion carried. Resolution 03-22-033R
~~Councilmember Watley dissented.~~²**

Councilwoman Washington presented **Iris Long** for re-appointment as a regular member of the Inkster Aging Commission for a two (2)-year term expiring January 1, 2024.

MOTION: Motion by Washington, second by Shaw to re-appoint Iris Long to the Inkster Aging Commission for a two-year term to expire January 1, 2024.

VOTE: Unanimous, motion carried. Resolution 03-22-034R

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Councilman Williams presented Ray Brown for appointment as a regular member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a two (2) year term expiring March 1, 2024.

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Howard to appoint Ray Brown to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a two (2) year term expiring March 1, 2024.

VOTE: Unanimous, motion carried. Resolution 03-22-035R

Mayor Wimberly asked that Gabe Henderson take over the leadership of the Beautification Committee. He further expressed that he would address the DDA, Planning & Economic Development nominations at the April meeting.

Previous Business - None

Ordinance(s)

First Reading(s):	None
Second Reading(s):	None

New Business

A. City Attorney, David Jones, Esq.

MOTION: Motion Howard, second by Shaw to retain David Jones, Esq. as the City Attorney, assign Inkster related files to David Jones, City Attorney, to continue working seamlessly on matters at Schenk & Bruetsch (S&B) law firm.

DISCUSSION: Chisholm asked if Mr. Jones' services would be on a month-to-month basis. The reply was "yes".

¹ As corrected March 21, 2022

² As corrected March 21, 2022

VOTE: 5-1, motion carried. Resolution 03-22-036R
Ayes: Howard, Shaw, Chisholm, Washington, Williams
Nays: Watley

B. Closed Session Action

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Howard granting City Attorney authority to extend offer to settle case in the matter of Suite B, Inc.³

Vote: Unanimous consent, motion carried. Resolution 03-22-037R

Public Comment

- Octavia Smith, 27631 Michigan Ave., brought greetings and updates on the Inkster Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing on August 5, 2022, at the Inkster Valley Golf Course, the Inkster Task Force Farmers' Market, every 4th Thursday, and Western Wayne Family Health Centers.
- Paul Longhway, 25937 Colgate, expressed concerns about his mother's neighbors' actions and a vicious dog attack, no action has been taken against the dog owners.
- Arlene Dancey, 25922 Colgate, as the victim of the abovementioned attack, she described her injuries and intimidation she feels every time she tries to leave her home.
- Gabe Henderson, 1450 Wellesley, commented on the following:
 - We Rise Together Program, Monday-Wednesday 3:30-7:30 p.m.
 - Official letter to Home Depot requesting help for the Beautification Fund.
- Kimberly Faison, 26690 Sunningdale, publicly denounced Councilwoman Watley's comments at the February 21, 2022, Regular Council meeting likening the mayor to people who have committed genocide. She further was seeking censure by the council and urged the council to stand united.
- Pastor Jean Overman, 26775 Stanford, commented on the citizens' concerns regarding Councilwoman Watley's comments at the February 21, 2022, regular council meeting. She urged everyone to set a different tone, step up for Inkster, stand strong, and asked Councilwoman Watley to stop treating others so poorly with her words and actions.

City Clerk

- None

Treasurer

- None

City Council

- **Councilmember Shaw:**
 - Reminded everyone if they see something say something.
 - Requested removal of the graffiti at 1066 Inkster Road.
 - Thanked Treasurer Greene for overseeing the renovation projects at the recreation complex.
 - Thanked Mayor for presenting the Community Buy Back program.
- **Councilmember Watley:**
 - Responded to the comments directed toward her during public comment.⁴
 - Requested Building Department comparison (outsourcing vs in-house team).
 - Asked for Camera Policy Program, policy updates on Robo Calls, Public Participation, Rules for Council, Expenditures.
 - She complimented one of the newer tellers in the Treasury Department, Anita Foster, for her professionalism and kindness displayed to our resident/citizen/business customers.

³ As amended on March 21, 2022.

⁴ As amended on March 21, 2022.

- **Councilmember Washington commented on the following:**
 - Thanked Director Bivens for tree trunk removal.
 - The Buy Back Inkster event.
 - Two resources to stay in your homes: mihaf.mi.gov (313) 224-5990 if you need help with property taxes and ERA (833)742-1513 for rental assistance.
 - She asked that councilmembers be respectful in their interactions with fellow councilmembers and the administration.
- **Councilmember Williams commented on:**
 - Speed bumps/humps in the City of Inkster.
 - Asked if the administration would address the Ministerial Alliance on the 3rd Monday in March to discuss the parade.
 - His desire to work with council to unify the group.
 - He pointed out that it is better to praise in public and criticize in private.
 - He wants to make the city the best that it could be.
- **Mayor Pro Tem Howard expressed the following:**
 - That she is expecting to receive her budget book in a timely fashion this year.
 - Asked why the audit results are delayed.
 - Asked when the new City vehicles will arrive.
- **Mayor Wimberly commented on the following:**
 - Thanked staff for their persistence through 24 months of COVID19.
 - Expressed that the Council Body discourages new people from joining the team.
 - State of the City on March 26 – Working Toward a Better Interest

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 Chisholm to enter Closed Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.

MOTION: Motion by Watley, second by Howard to exit closed session at 7:03 p.m.

Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made by Williams, seconded by Shaw, and unanimously carried, the Regular Council meeting of March 7, 2022, was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

Approved: March 21, 2022

Posted: April 5, 2022