



**CITY OF INKSTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 21, 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 7:25 p.m.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rev. George Williams, sitting City of Inkster Councilman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members of the student body of American International Academy (AIA) High School, Inkster, Michigan, led 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 Watley, Seconded Howard to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of the following:

Item 9B – Authorization to use \$100,000.00 from Consumers Energy project to purchase speed humps.

Unanimously adopted. Resolution 03-22-038R

Presentations/Discussion

~~Donald Wilder, School Leader~~¹ Thomas White, Superintendent, American International Academy (AIA) gave an overview of the AIA philosophy and spoke about the curriculum and extra-curricular activities being offered at AIA.

Public Hearing - None

Consent Agenda

¹ As corrected on April 4, 2022.

A. March 7, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion by Watley, Second by Howard to approve the Consent Agenda with the noted corrections to March 7, 2022 Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting.

Unanimously adopted. Resolution 03-22-039R

Boards and Commissions

A. Inkster Housing Commission

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Shaw to accept the mayor's re-appoint of Mable Stroman to the Inkster Housing Commission for a five-year term to expire March 31, 2027.

Unanimously accepted. Resolution 03-22-040R

New Business

A. GLWA Rates relative to the City of Highland Park's Debt

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Washington to adopt a joint resolution demanding impacted GLWA member communities not be responsible for the City of Highland Park's GLWA debt.

Unanimously adopted. Resolution 03-22-041R

B. Removed from Agenda

C. Decertify/Vacate a portion of Bayhan Street

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Shaw to adopt **Resolution 03-22-042R** decertifying/vacating a portion of Bayhan Street south of Trowbridge Street in accordance with Act 51.

Unanimously adopted.

D. Decertify/Vacate a portion of Bayhan Street

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Chisholm to adopt **Resolution 03-22-043R** decertifying/vacating a portion of Huck Court north of US 12 in accordance with Act 51.

Unanimously adopted.

E. Purchase of Fire Hydrants

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Howard authorizing the Department of Public Services Director to purchase fire hydrants from EJ Company in the amount of \$100,651.10. One hundred thousand dollars and no cents (\$100,000.00) of the cost will be reimbursed to the City from the Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships Grant Agreement between the Michigan Department of Treasury and the City of Inkster.

Unanimously authorized. Resolution 03-22-044R

F. Rezoning Request Case #21-21

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Williams approving Case #21-21 (ZOA), request to rezone 28440 Reynolds Road from B-3 General Business District to M-1 Light Industrial.

Roll Call Vote:	Ayes	Councilmember Shaw Councilmember Williams Councilmember Washington Councilmember Chisholm
	Nays	Mayor Pro Tem Howard Councilmember Watley

Vote: 4-2; motion carried. **Resolution 03-22-045R**

Public Comment

The following persons participated in public comment:

- Connie Mitchell complained about the demolition of a neighboring property and the condition it was left in after the job.²
- Evonne Moore made the following announcements: Unity in the Community Special Event on April 16, 2022, Women’s History @ the Simmons Center on March 26, 2022, from 1-3p.m., and provided information on COVID19 vaccinations.³
- Angela Mecks-Hopkins announced an Enrollment Fair at Westwood Community Schools and Block Party.⁴
- Ashawanna Butts expressed her concerns about building safety and the condition of the recreation complex.⁵
- Deondra Smith and Marion McGhee announced the return of the Water Filtration Project; an urban safety program sponsored by Ameri Corps.⁶
- Will Miller commented on the Mother’s Pantry and the amount of food that they have to help the community, Board of Review, and Housing Commission Outreach.⁷
- Mr. Henderson requested a plaque in memory of Toni Baily and a Corporate solicitation letter/donation letter to forward to Home Depot.⁸

City Clerk

- Clerk Chapman spoke on the upcoming mid-term elections and alerted residents that an unknown special interest group is sending all residents of Inkster, State of Michigan Voter Registration Applications. Most of the applications received in the Clerk’s office are found to be duplicates. She further advised if anyone is in doubt of their voter status to call the Clerk’s office at (313) 563-9770 and staff will be happy to help with that information.

Treasurer

- No comment.

² As amended on April 4, 2022.

³ As amended on April 4, 2022.

⁴ As amended on April 4, 2022.

⁵ As amended on April 4, 2022.

⁶ As amended on April 4, 2022.

⁷ As amended on April 4, 2022.

⁸ As amended on April 4, 2022.

City Council

- **Councilmember Shaw:**
 - Requested that the administration include the status of City grants in the monthly reports.
 - Thanked Chief Ratliff, Jerome Bivens, and LaToria Joyce for helping two District 6 residents on Center Street.
 - Reported an open door at 1191 Helen Street (a vacant property).
 - Asked about street sweeping.
 - Requested additional police patrol on Helen and Rosewood.
 - Reported potholes on Avondale Street from Harrison to Inkster Road.⁹
 - Reminded everyone if they see something say something.

- **Councilmember Watley:**
 - Expressed displeasure with the Building Department comparison report.
 - Inquired about the status of the GFL contract.
 - Inquired about the Camera Policy that was included in the February 7, 2022, council packet.

- **Councilmember Chisholm:**
 - Commented on AmeriCorps and AIA.

- **Councilmember Williams commented on:**
 - Availability of the Family Skating Rink.
 - The commitment of the leadership of the Inkster Beautification Committee.
 - Unity of Love's Bike-A-Thon
 - Property sold by the City is being kept up to standards.
 - Advocation for peace and love among each other.

- **Councilmember Washington requested the following:**
 - That the sidewalks are maintained to ensure safety for the young bikers.

- **Mayor Wimberly commented on the following:**
 - Thanked Director Bivens for obtaining gravel.
 - State of the City Address.
 - DDA progression.
 - New Civic Arena
 - News surrounding the Cannon property.
 - Congress Woman Tlaib \$2.5M for Senior Center
 - Special meeting for the Recreation Complex.

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 Howard to enter Closed Session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations.

Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried. No action expected.

MOTION: Motion by Washington, second by Shaw to exit closed session at 7:25 p.m.

Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried. No action proposed.

⁹ As amended on April 4, 2022.

Adjournment

The regular council meeting of March 21, 2022, was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

Approved:

Posted: