



**CITY OF INKSTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 1, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.**

An orientation session was held at 6:10 p.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 Pro Tem Howard, Chairman at 7:15 p.m. Prayer was offered by Rev. George Williams, Councilmember.

Roll Call

Mayor Wimberly	Excused Absence	Councilmember Watley	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Present	Councilmember Chisholm	Excused Absence
Councilmember Williams	Present	Councilmember Shaw	Present
Councilmember Washington	Present		

***A Quorum was present**

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Washington to approve the agenda with the following additions to new business:

ITEM F – Amend support of Outdoor Basketball Courts to include specified resolution format.

ITEM G – Amend support of Playscape to include specified resolution format.

ITEM H – Amend support of Splash Pad to include specified resolution format.

ITEM I – Adoption of Fitness Court Grant

VOTE: 3-1, motion carried. Resolution 05-23-059R

Presentations/Introduction of Guest/Announcements - None

Public Hearing - None

Consent Agenda - None

Boards and Commissions Appointments - None

New Business

A. Block Party/Street Closure Request

The Clerk's Office presented this item.

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Williams to approve to support a request for a street closure/block party for family movies and children's bounce house on Princeton between Meadowdale and Bayhan Streets.

VOTE: 4-0, motion carried. Resolution 05-23-060R

B. Lead Service Line Investigation Project.

DPS Director presented this item.

MOTION: Motion by Washington, second by Shaw to authorize the administration to enter a contract with Super Construction for the Lead Service Line Investigations Project in the amount of \$307,908.00, plus a 15% contingency of \$46,186.20 for a total of \$354,094.20 in construction cost.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 05-23-061R

C. United Lawnscape Services Contract

DPS Director presented this item.

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Shaw to authorize the administration to award a contract to United Lawnscape Services in the amount of \$29,250.00 to cut city buildings, five major city parks and part of Michigan avenue for the grass cutting season (April through October 2023).

VOTE: 3-1(Watley), Motion carried. Resolution 05-23-062R

D. SLU for proposed Adult-Use Marijuana Establishment

Planning presented this item.

MOTION: No motion offered.

E. Honorary Street Dedication

The Clerk's Office presented this item.

MOTION: Williams, second by Shaw to approve an honorary street dedication on Irene Street between Carlisle and Annapolis to honor Barbara Dixon, a long time Inkster resident.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bivins, D asked for clarification of the request. He further explained that street re-naming and an honorary dedication are two different requests. It was clarified that it was an honorary street dedication. Councilmember Williams reiterated the honorary street dedication is ceremonial for Missionary Dixon/Mother Dixon who is well respected, a leader in reparations, long time school board member and worthy of acknowledgement for her lifetime work. Councilmember Washington expressed appreciation for her colleague's sentiment.

VOTE: 3-1 (Watley), Motion carried. Resolution 05-23-063R

F. Dozier Recreation Center New Outdoor Basketball Courts

Saif Alsenad presented this item.

MOTION: Shaw, seconded by Washington to amend the previous resolution to include a specified format set forth by Michigan Department of Natural Resources Passport Grant Program.

VOTE: 3-1 (Watley), Motion carried. Resolution 05-23-064R

G. Dozier Recreation Center Playscape

Saif Alsenad presented this item.

MOTION: Shaw, seconded by Washington to amend the previous resolution to include a specified format set forth by Michigan Department of Natural Resources Passport Grant Program.

VOTE: 3-1 (Watley), Motion carried. Resolution 05-23-065R

H. Dozier Recreation Center Splash Pad

Saif Alsenad presented this item.

MOTION: Shaw, seconded by Washington to amend the previous resolution to include a specified format set forth by Michigan Department of Natural Resources Passport Grant Program.

VOTE: 3-1 (Watley), Motion carried. Resolution 05-23-066R

I. Fitness Court

Saif Alsenad presented this item.

MOTION: Shaw, seconded by Williams to adopt the Fitness Court and the grant awarded, as well as funds allocated for the Fitness Court.

VOTE: 3-1 (Watley), Motion carried. Resolution 05-23-067R

Public Participation

- Centrell Reed expressed that he toured Inkster over the weekend and admires the reinvestment that has happened in the city.
- Lewanna Abney-Mitchell, on behalf of the Wayne Westland School District announced the Books & Balls Program the last Monday of every month at 7PM. She also suggested that the new floor at the Recreation Center is a residential floor.
- Charles B complained about the dog feces consistently left on his property. He is fed up with having to remove the feces.

- Jennifer Rachal owns a salon on Harrison St. and complained about the condition of Harrison. Mr. Bivins let her know that he is seeking federal funds to make the repairs.
- Tia Wells promoted Inktown Derby Day on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 27007 S. River Dr, \$50.00 admission.
- Joe and Serafina Romano, 3007 Michigan Ave, expressed how unfair the process has been toward him in trying to obtain a SLU permit.
- Ruth Williams announced the Memorial Day Parade on May 29th and Homecoming Day at the Dozier Recreation Complex. The 2023 Grand Marshall will be Gabe Henderson.
- Sandrew King Sr spoke on behalf of American International Academy and reminded others that there is a school system in Inkster.
- Gabe Henderson spoke on behalf of the Goodfellows and the Beautification Committee, promoting a Fish Fry.

City Clerk - No comment.

Treasurer - Mr. Greene assured everyone that the floors in the Recreation Center are all of commercial grade.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilmember Williams** thanked the council for approving the proposed honorary street dedication.
- **Councilmember Washington** recognized Commissioner Mabel Stroman, Inkster Housing Commission, for receiving the Life-Time Achievement Award bestowed upon her by President Joe Biden.
- **Councilmember Watley** asked if a new cleaning company has been hired. DPS Director Bivins explained that there is no new contract, but a bid is in the making
- **Mayor Pro Tem Howard** inquired about budget talks.

Adjournment

The regular council meeting of May 1, 2023, adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by motion of Councilmember Shaw, second by Washington, and unanimous consent of the body.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

Approved:
Posted: