



**CITY OF INKSTER  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, July 18, 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 Wimberly, Chairman at 7:10 p.m.

**Prayer**

Prayer was offered by Rev. George Williams, sitting Inkster City Council Member .

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Roll Call**

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

**\*A Quorum was present**

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** Motion by Chisholm, second by Shaw to approve the agenda with the addition of:  
**Item 9E – National Night Out**

**VOTE: Unanimous consent, motion carried: Resolution 07-22-090R**

**Presentation**

**A. TRG Community Development and Inkster Housing**

Will Miller, President of the Board of Directors, Inkster Housing presented Dana Christian of the Richmond Group.

**Discussion**

- Councilmember Williams asked if residential surveys and meetings were conducted.
- Mayor Wimberly asked how the current families would transition. Would they be placed in hotels. Ms. Christian expressed that there are enough vacancies to start the project and use the vacancies to transition the families.
- Councilmember Shaw asked if TRG is a new group to Inkster.
- Councilmember Watley asked if this project was the Rental Assistance Development program; and further asked about a plan to deal with anticipated malaise. Ms. Christian replied that inclusion, transparency, and monthly talks with the residents is the plan and community engagement piece.

**Consent Agenda**

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

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Shaw inquired as to why there were still charges from Allen Brothers; Mr. Jones explained that there were ongoing contract negotiations that required completion.

**VOTE: 3-1, motioned carried: Resolution 07-22-091R**

**New Business**

A. L. D'Agostini & Sons, Inc Award

This item was presented by Jerome Bivins, DPS Director

**MOTION:** Motion by Chisholm, second by Shaw to authorize the administration to enter into a contract with L. D'Agostini & Sons, Inc. for phase II of the Avondale Road Reconstruction project including Water Main Improvements in the amount of \$1,889,896.80 plus a 15% contingency of \$283,484.52 totaling \$2,173,381.32 in construction cost.

**VOTE: Unanimous consent, motion carried. Resolution 07-22-092R**

B. Pamar Enterprises Award

This item was presented by Jerome Bivins, DPS Director

**MOTION:** Motion by Shaw, second by Chisholm to authorize the administration to enter into a contract with Pamar Enterprises for the North River Park Drive Water Main Improvement project in the amount of \$1,254,572.56 plus a 15% contingency of \$188, 185.88 for a total of \$1,442,758.44 in construction cost.

**VOTE: Unanimous consent, motion carried. Resolution 07-22-093R**

C. Pamar Enterprises Award

This item was presented by Jerome Bivins, DPS Director.

**MOTION:** Motion by Shaw, second by Williams authorizing the administration to enter into a contract with Pamar Enterprises for section 17 of the Water Main Improvement project in the amount of \$1,094,867.57 plus a 15% contingency of \$164,230.14 for a total of \$1,259,097.71 in construction cost.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Watley asked how the project would be funded. Director Bivins explained that it would be paid from an existing \$2M bond.

**VOTE: Unanimous consent, motion carried: Resolution 07-22-094R**

D. All Seasons Underground Construction Award

This item was presented by Jerome Bivins, DPS Director.

**MOTION:** Motion by Shaw, second by Williams authorizing the administration to enter into a contract with All Seasons Underground Construction for the 2022 Lead Service Line Replacement project in the amount of \$629,910.00 plus a 15% contingency of \$94,486.50 for a total of \$724,396.50 in construction cost.

**VOTE: Unanimous consent, motion carried: Resolution 07-22-095R**

E. National Night Out

This item was presented by Sgt Lebo, Inkster Police Department.

The request included road closer on Bayhan and Trowbridge on August 2, 2022 from 10:00 pm until 12 P.m.

**MOTION:** Motion by Chisholm, second by Shaw to approve street closure and endorse event.

**VOTE: Unanimous consent, motion carried: Resolution 07-22-096R**

**Public Comment**

The following persons participated in public comment:

- Arthur Warren, Precinct Delegate, reported an Inkster rubbish can in Westland on Richard St.
- Pastor Overman commented on the following:
  - Summerfest and how great it was.
  - Rubbish cans
  - Primary Election of 2022 on August 2, 2022.
- Octavia Smith made the following comments:
  - Inkster Task Force is requesting a banner for the Farmers' Market
  - Chamber of Commerce Attendance
  - Enjoyed Summerfest
  - Free Zumba classes on Tuesdays, from 6-7, at the Western Wayne Community Center.

- COVID booster shots are offered on Friday and Saturday.

**City Clerk** encouraged everyone to get out the vote for the August 2, 2022 Primary Election. Announced that the Clerk Office will be open on Saturday, July 30, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. to assist voters with obtaining Absentee Ballots. She also expressed heartfelt thanks to her Inkster family for the many expressions of sympathy, outpour of love and support shown during the loss of her mother.

### **City Council**

- **Councilmember Watley:**

- Requested a copy of the Deficit Elimination Plan
- Library Board Report
- Marijuana Ordinance drafted by James Gorenflo, McKenna
- Process for distancing Marijuana.
- Marijuana Moratorium

- **Councilmember Chisholm:**

- Expressed concern about ongoing IT issues
- AV Ballots
- Public attendance at the Planning Meetings

- **Councilmember Williams:**

- Reminded everyone that in terms of Marijuana, the law must be obeyed, decisions must be honored, and observed. Simply pay attention.
- He encourages everyone to help move the City forward, stop character attacks, and talk more about resolutions to problems.

- **Councilmember Shaw:**

- Reported a nuisance property at 28444 Riverview and would like to see it demolished.
- Thanked Darryl Davis and DPS.
- Commended the Summer Festival and its positive vibes.
- Go Inktown
- If you see something, say something.

- **Mayor Wimberly**

- Thanked DPS, Ruth Williams and Committee, IPD, and the community for a successful Summer Fest. Inkster came out and felt safe, developers and guest felt safe. Inkster is on the rise.

### **Closed Session**

Council entered Closed Session to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 (f).

**MOTION:** Motion by Chisholm, second by Shaw to enter Closed Session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss pending litigation in the matter of Blackwell vs COI and Suite B, Inc vs COI.

**VOTE: Unanimous, motion carried. No action expected.**

**MOTION:** Motion by Watley, second by Shaw to exit closed session at 6:41 p.m.

**Vote: Unanimous: motion carried. No action taken.**

### **Adjournment**

The regular council meeting of June 21, 2022, adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk  
City of Inkster

Approved: August 1, 2022

Posted: August 3, 2022