



**City of Inkster  
Regular City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 6, 2021 – 7:01 PM**

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, and Michigan was held virtually via Zoom in compliance with the State of Michigan Open Meetings Act and in conjunction with the Wayne County Health Departments COVID-19 mandates.

Prior to the Regular Council Meeting, City Council members discussed the agenda.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Wimberly called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Prayer**

Prayer was led by Pastor Jean Overman, Evangelist at Christ Temple Ministries International.

**Roll Call**

Mayor Wimberly	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilmember Williams	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilmember Washington	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilmember Watley	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilmember Chisholm	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilmember Shaw	Present (Inkster, MI)

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** Motion by Councilmember Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve **Resolution 07-06-138COV** adopting the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea
Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Councilmember Watley	Yea	Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Yea

**Motion carried.**

**Presentations/Discussion**

- A. Enterprise Fleet management  
DPS Director Bivins presented this item. Council directed staff to include this item on the next City Council Regular Meeting Agenda for action.

**Public Hearings**

None

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of the June 21, 2021, Regular (Virtual) City Council Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION:** Motion by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Resolution 07-06-139COV**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Councilmember Watley	Nay	Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Yea
Councilmember Chisolm	Nay	Councilmember Williams	Yea

**Motion carried.**

**Boards and Commission**

- A. An updated list of current City of Inkster Board & Commissions members was presented in the packet.

**New Business**

- A. City of Inkster Water Emergency Operations Plan (WOP)  
DPS Director Bivins presented this item for discussion.

**MOTION:** Motion by Councilmember Shaw, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard to approve **Resolution 07-06-140COV** authorizing the DPS Director to submit an updated City of Inkster Water Emergency Operations Plan (WOP) including updated contacts and signatures to EGLE.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Watley	Yea	Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Yea
Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Yea
Councilmember Shaw	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea

**Motion carried.**

- B. Wayne County Intergovernmental Grant  
DPS Director Bivins presented this item.

**MOTION:** Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Howard, second by Councilmember Washington to adopt **Resolution 07-06-141COV** approving acceptance of the Wayne County Intergovernmental Grant Award in an amount not to exceed five thousand two hundred sixty-three dollars and zero cents (\$5,263.00) to repair doors at the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex in the City of Inkster.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Yea
Councilmember Shaw	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea
Mayor pro Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea

**Motion Carried.**

C. Sale of Vacant Parcels

Community Development Director Jennings presented this item for discussion.

**MOTION:** Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Howard, second by Councilmember Williams to approve **Resolution 07-06-142COV** accepting an offer from Kim Antoinette Russell in the amount of one thousand two hundred fifty (\$1,250.00) to purchase four (4) vacant parcels (Case # LD21-13) located on the east side of Spruce between Pine and Andover Streets, legally described as Parcel ID #44014030595000, #44014030594000, #44014030593000, and #44014030592000.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Shaw	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea
Mayor pro Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea

**Motion Carried.**

**Public Participation**

- **Toni Bailey** – Announced that July 31, 2021 is the day for the Inkster beautification and city-wide clean-up project. All volunteers are asked to meet at the Booker Dozier Center at 9:00a.m.
- **Connie Mitchell** – Expressed concern about reckless driving in residential neighborhoods. She further suggested installing speed bumps.
- **Rebecca Daniels** – Suggested that the City Council reconsider the Letter of Intent presented at the last meeting for the R&B Hall of Fame. She would like to see it put on a future agenda.
- **Jennifer Williams** – Offered flood clean-up resources for those that are in need. She commented on the Mothers' Pantry, Camp Inspire and an event scheduled for July 15, 2021. For more information on either of these resources or events, call (248)692-4847.
- **Gloria Alexander** – Reported lack of water pressure around Lovett and Andover Streets.
- **Juan Bradford** – Thanked the Mayor, City Council, and City Staff for their response to the recent flood and the stellar job of clean up.
- **Robert Turley** – Asked that the Mayor and Council reconsider the R&B Hall of Fame. He iterated that "it must be in Inkster".

**City Clerk**

- Clerk Chapman expressed her gratitude and excitement for the opportunity to serve the City of Inkster in the Clerk's capacity; she further commented on how she is looking forward to working with the team.

## City Treasurer

- Treasure Green advised Council that the 2021-22 FY Budget Books are available to be picked up from his office.

## Mayor and Council

- **Councilmember Shaw** – Welcomed Verna Chapman, as the City Clerk and inquired about the “Bottom Line Concept” and monthly reports. He further noted the sink hole on Pierson St. He requested police patrol on Magnolia & Woodland and finally thanked DPS for removing branches.
- **Councilmember Washington** – Extended a warm welcome to the clerk and requested police presence at Glenwood & Meadowdale.
- **Councilmember Chisholm** – Welcomed the new clerk, thanked Officer Lawrence Kosmalski for assisting residents during the flood and wants FEMA to act with sympathy and empathy toward our residents. He expressed support for the R&B Hall of Fame and noted that he was contacted by the Ministerial Alliance to let him know that their membership supported the same. He went on to ask that the item be brought back to the next meeting.
- **Councilmember Williams** – Welcomed the Clerk and expressed concern about residents being told that their applications for flood support were rejected because they missed the July 1, 2021 deadline. He was assured that flood damage reports are still being accepted. He also expressed that he would like to see the Hall of Fame project brought back to a future meeting agenda.
- **Councilmember Watley** – expressed concerns about:
  - IT Department
  - Winter Taxes
  - Charging Block Clubs to use the recreation center for their meetings.
  - Payment to Dennis Black
  - 2021 CDBG and COPS grants.

She made an exciting announcement about an establishment at 3801 Inkster Road run by Ms. Marilyn Fields called “Our Work, God’s Hand”. She provides a variety of services. By appointment only (313)820-3746.

- **Mayor Pro-Tem Howard** – Congratulated the new City Clerk. She went on to thank Octavia Smith and announced the Farmers’ Market on Wednesdays through October 6 from 4-7p.m. on the former Inkster High School site. She commented on her interest to generate revenues to pay the debt down owed for Inkster Public Schools. She further expressed that Citizens through reading and research, the visibility study should go through.
- **Wimberly** – Expressed his thoughts about bringing the Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame project back to the council after it died in a previous session.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made by Councilmember Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Williams and carried, to conclude the Regular Virtual City Council meeting of Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 10:00 p.m.

Verna Chapman  
City Clerk

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