



**CITY OF INKSTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan convened virtually, on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Prior to the Regular Council Meeting: City Council members discussed:

- The Agenda
- Entered closed session to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 (f).

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Wimberly called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

Prayer

Prayer was lead by Pastor Hearn.

Pledge of Allegiance

City Council and the public in attendance pledged 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	Absent (Excused)		

***A Quorum was present**

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the agenda with the addition of 3A, 3B, and 9C.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Williams	Aye	Councilmember Chisholm	Aye
Councilmember Shaw	Aye	Councilmember Watley	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye		

Vote: 5-0, Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

- A. City of Inkster General Liability Insurance – Larry Long, Long Insurance Co.
- B. City of Inkster Water Crisis – Jerome Bivins, DPS Director

Public Hearings

None

Consent Agenda

- A. August 2, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. August 16, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- C. Allen Bros. Invoice of \$33,350.00

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Williams	Aye	Councilmember Chisholm	Nay
Councilmember Shaw	Aye	Councilmember Watley	Nay
Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye		

Vote: 3-2, Resolution 09-21-172 – Motion carried.

Boards and Commission

- A. No updates to current list of Boards & Commissions were noted.

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

- A. First Reading(s) - None
- B. Second Reading(s) - None

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Tracy Ann Jennings) Consider approving the sale of four (4) separate vacant parcels located on the North side of Cherry Street between Hickory and Ash Streets.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Shaw	Aye	Councilmember Watley	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye	Councilmember Williams	Aye
Councilmember Chisholm	Aye		

Vote: 5-0, Resolution 09-21-173 – Motion carried.

- B. Discussion/Action: (Tracy-Ann Jennings) Consider approving the sale of two (2) separate vacant parcels located on the east side of Hickory Street between Beech and Chestnut Streets.

Moved by Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye	Councilmember Williams	Aye
Councilmember Chisholm	Aye	Councilmember Shaw	Aye
Councilmember Watley	Aye		

Vote: 5-0, Resolution 09-21-174 – Motion carried.

- C. Discussion/Action: (Tracy-Ann Jennings) Consider approving the sale of three (3) vacant parcels located on Williams Street between Lehigh and Pine Streets to Dream, Hope, and Believe, (Aaron Simms).

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to amend the resolution to reflect \$750.00 as the sale price.

Will Arabi/Progressive Real Estate offered to make a \$750.00 cash donation to Dream, Hope, and Believe for the purchase of the land.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Chisholm	Aye	Councilmember Shaw	Aye
Councilmember Watley	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye
Councilmember Williams	Aye		

Vote: 5-0, Resolution 09-21-175 – Motion carried.

- D. Discussion/Action: (Tracy-Ann Jennings) Consider approving the sale of three (3) separate vacant parcels located on the west side of Harrison Street between Beech and Carlyle Streets.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Watley	Aye	Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye
Councilmember Williams	Aye	Councilmember Chisholm	Aye
Councilmember Shaw	Aye		

Vote: 5-0, Resolution 09-21-176 – Motion carried.

- E. Discussion/Action: (Tracy-Ann Jennings) Consider approving one (1) offer to purchase six (6) vacant adjacent lots located on the north side of Cherry Street between Ash and Walnut Streets.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Williams	Aye	Councilmember Chisholm	Aye
Councilmember Shaw	Aye	Councilmember Watley	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye		

Vote: 5-0, Resolution 09-21-177 – Motion carried.

- F. Discussion/Action: (Tracy-Ann Jennings) Consider approving the sale of one (1) vacant parcel located on the north side of Annapolis between John Daly and Beech Daly Roads.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Shaw	Aye	Councilmember Watley	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye	Councilmember Williams	Aye
Councilmember Chisholm	Aye		

Vote: 5-0, Resolution 09-21-178 – Motion carried.

- G. Closed Session Action:

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Williams

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Aye	Councilmember Williams	Aye
Councilmember Chisholm	Aye	Councilmember Shaw	Aye
Councilmember Watley	Aye		

Vote: 5-0, Resolution 09-21-179 – Motion carried.

Public Participation (Limited to 1 Minute)

- **Gary Fizer, Jr.** – Bad cell phone connection with voice distortion.
- **Pastor Jean Overman** – Announced that the Mother’s Pantry has reopened; the hours of operation is 10 a.m. on Wednesdays until 11:30 a.m. The pantry is now offering COVID testing and vaccines.
- **Denise Champagne** – Announced the Grand Opening of the Senior’s center at 2025 Middlebelt. The Ribbon Cutting ceremony is Friday, September 17th, at 1:00 p.m.
- **Mr. Buxton** – Greeted everyone as a former Resident of Inkster. He promoted a new free virtual program for middle school students called Wealthy Kids. It begins November 19th; for registration information call (210)909-1104 or visit the Wealthy Kids website.
- **Robin Broadnax** – Reported illegal dumping.
- **Sheryl Hayes Bradford** – Thanked DPS and the current administration for all their hard work and wanted everyone to know that their work is noticed and appreciated.

City Council

- **Councilmember Watley**
 - Requested a comparison between maintaining an in-house Building department and outsourcing the service.
 - Asked why extra fees were paid to Nerds Express during July.
 - Requested a breakdown of the Parks & Rec Budget to verify that equipment and uniforms purchased were budgeted for. She expressed that the money spent, or programs initiated were not voted on by City Council.
 - She also asked for the invoice for the gaming truck that was at the Rec Center in July.

- She commented on the Pink Party Event.
- She further expressed that Mr. Greene is wearing too many hats; he should spend more time on the budget.
- **Councilman Chisholm** – Asked if GFL contract is under review or has a new bid been requested. He also asked if the City applied for the Rescue Fund. He expressed concern about the noise and safety issues surrounding the Pink Party. He felt that the council had been circumvented and questioned the cost and whether the proper licenses were obtained.
- **Councilman Williams commented on the following:**
 - Trash problem
 - Street Sweeping
 - Mow clippings left in the street and having Code Enforcement to help enforce everyone cleaning up their own debris.
- **Councilmember Shaw commented as follows:**
 - Administrative Hearing Bureau to assist Code Enforcement.
 - Grass cutting is needed at 1013 Fairwood and 1088 Arlington
 - Asked if business on Michigan and Middlebelt is still in planning.
 - Requested road patrol on Glenwood between Eastern & Magnolia.
 - Encouraged residents to say something if they see something; and ensure that addresses are visible on homes to assist first responders.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Howard** – Asked if the grant used for Plante Moran had been exhausted and are they back at their regular rated. She also asked for monthly reports from department heads and the administration. She commented that the trash pick-up service seems to be the same across the industry. Mayor Pro Tem reminded everyone that the City of Inkster does not own a sports team and a request for one has not been adopted by the City Council. She requested the City Attorney to follow up with the State Attorney General for an opinion.

Mayor Wimberly

- No Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made by Councilmember Chisholm, seconded by Williams, and unanimously carried, the Regular Council meeting of September 7, 2021, was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.



Verna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

Posted: September 30, 2021