



**CITY OF INKSTER  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan convened virtually, on Tuesday, September 20, 2021, at 7:02 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 7:02 p.m.

**Prayer**

Prayer was led by Reverend George Williams.

**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	Present		

**\*A Quorum was present**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve the agenda with the addition of Item 9E.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.**

## **Presentations/Discussion**

### **A. Electric Vehicle (EV) Mobility**

Tom Witner, AAW Infrastructure Partners, L3C, presented this item expressing the following key points of partnering to implement a program to support electric vehicles in Inkster:

- No cost to the taxpayers.
- Supports local businesses
- Improves mobility
- Cleaner Air Quality
- Advertisers and Sponsors fund charging stations
- One page MOU Agreement
- AAW would not provide maintenance or warranty.
- City would select equipment manufacturers; the selected manufacture would provide maintenance and warranties.
- City must use International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) for installation

## **Public Hearings**

None

## **Consent Agenda**

A. September 7, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

**Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Washington  
To approve the Consent Agenda with the following corrections to the meeting minutes:**

- **Councilmember LaGina Washington was absent on September 7, 2021, and did not participate in any of the votes.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Vote: 5-1, Resolution 09-21-180COV – 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: (Chief Hubbard) Consider approving award for Fire House bathrooms remodel to Vision Construction.

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Vote: 6-0, Resolution 09-21-181COV** – Motion carried.

- B. Discussion/Action: (Tracy-Ann Jennings) Consider approval to sell three (3) Separate Vacant Parcels (Case # LD 21-32) located on the East side of Allen Street between Carlisle Street and Andover Street in the amount of \$ 750.00 to Jesse and Yvette Hardy for additional land on the street behind the commercial property they already own.

**Moved by Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Vote: 6-0, Resolution 09-21-182COV** – Motion carried.

- C. Discussion/Action: (Tracy-Ann Jennings) Consider approving the sale of one (1) parcel of commercial property (Case # LD 21-33) located at 26156 Michigan Ave on the North side of Michigan Ave between Franklin Drive and Heatherwood Drive in the amount is \$25,000 to AAHM, LLC (Majed Abbas Mehdi).

**MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams**

**Discussion:** Councilmembers expressed concern about the deed, ownership, market value of land, and lastly requested comparable prices of like properties recently sold in the area. Councilmember Williams is opposed to tabling development in the city.

**AMENDED MOTION: Motion by Shaw, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard to table this item until additional information is provided to council.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Vote: 5-1** – Motion carried.

- D. Discussion/Action: (Tracy-Ann Jennings) Consider approving the sale of commercial property (Case # LD 21-34) located on the south side of South River Park between West and Inkster Road, the Ice Arena and parking lot in front of the arena, in the amount of \$200,000 to AAHM, LLC (Majed Abbas Mehdi) for the purpose of building an indoor sports complex.

**MOTION: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to table this item until additional information regarding taxes and assessed value of the property is provided to the City Council.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Vote: 5-1** – Motion carried.

- E. Action: (City Attorney Jones) In the Horne matter, consider voting in accordance with the City Attorney’s recommendation to reject the offer to reinstate.

**MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard to accept the City Attorney’s recommendation to reject an offer to reinstate.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Vote: 6-0, Resolution 09-21-183COV** – Motion carried.

Mayor Wimberly was excused from the meeting; Mayor Pro Tem took over as Chair at approx. 8:10pm

**Public Participation (Limited to 1 Minute)**

- **Tanya Daily** – Inkster Beautification in partnership with Parks & Recreation will host a final clean-up effort with dumpsters placed around the city on September 26, 2021.
- **Charles Blackwell** made the following comment:
  - State Representative Jewell Jones should be released.
- **Connie Mitchell** commented on the following:
  - Skating Rink
  - Gratitude for Mayor Wimberly continuing the Fiber Optic vision that Mayor Nolen began.
- **Tamika Tiley** commented on:
  - Library Free Community Firearms event on Wednesday, Sept 22, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.
- **Patricia Edwards** – Inquired on when regular trash pick-up will resume.
- **Rebecca Daniels** complained about the overgrown grass at the corner of Harrison & Somerset.
- **Shirley Hankerson** – Thanked DPW for the worked performed on the water mains over the weekend.

**City Clerk**

- Clerk Chapman announced the November 2, 2021 general election involving a Taylor School Bond. Precincts 1-2, 3-1, and 3-2 only will participate in the election.
- She encouraged the electorate living in the participating districts to pick up their absentee ballots at City Hall or request an absentee ballot application by calling the clerk’s office at (313) 563-9770.

## **Treasurer**

- Darryl Green announced that the Recreation Complex would be partnering with the American National Academy to bring business education programs for the youth of Inkster. He asked that we all look forward to additional information.

## **City Council**

- **Councilmember Williams**
  - Asked that the City's building department be more proactive in citing homeowners for not mowing their lawns.
- **Councilmember Washington** requested police presence on Glenwood to deter speeding. She reported that she attended the Health Fair, Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Senior's center, and attended the Smart City press conference at City Hall.
- **Councilmember Watley requested the following:**
  - An explanation of the Parks & Recreation millage expenditures for the non-City football team equipment; and she further asked what other programs were included in the purchases.
  - She thanked Jerome Bivens for a stellar job in resolving the water problems affecting DPS.
- **Councilmember Chisholm commented as follows:**
  - Mentioned the Health Fair
  - Attended the Smart City Press Conference.
  - He mentioned that part of the community is underserved and believes that a Robo Call system would benefit that part of the community during water emergencies and any other emergency in the city. He is working with Troy Seaton to implement.
- **Councilmember Shaw:**
  - Need for grass cutting.
  - Police Patrols for cars parked on the wrong side of the street at Rosewood & Glenwood.
  - Accident on Hazelwood due to speeding.
  - As always if you see something say something.
  - He warned residents if they smell a scent like rotten eggs, give DTE a call and leave the premises.
  - Thanked Mayor and the Administration for the Smart City partnership.
  - Would like to see monthly reports.
  - September 23, District 6 Advisory Board will meet. You may contact him at [dshaw@cityofinkster.com](mailto:dshaw@cityofinkster.com).
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Howard** – Acknowledged receiving an email from the City Attorney regarding sports equipment and requested additional information; she also mentioned that she is still waiting for an opinion from the State Attorney General. She further asked that the financial reports reflect budgeted amounts to actual amounts and show the revenues first.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made by Councilmember Shaw, seconded by Washington, and unanimously carried, the Regular Council meeting of September 20, 2021, was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk  
City of Inkster

Posted: October 5, 2021