



**CITY OF INKSTER  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 04, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan convened virtually, on Tuesday, October 04, 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 7:00 p.m.

**Prayer**

Prayer was led by Pastor Porter of Champion Church.

**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 Williams to approve the agenda as presented.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

**Presentations/Discussion**

None

**Public Hearings**

None

**Consent Agenda**

- A. September 20, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. City Attorney, Allen Brothers, LLC in the amount of \$28,562.50

**Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Williams To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Vote: 4-2, Resolution 10-21-184COV – Motion carried.**

**Boards and Commission**

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

**Previous Business**

**Motion: Moved by Councilmember Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Williams to remove Item A and B from table for discussion/action.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Vote: 6-0, motion carried.

- A. Approve acceptance of bid proposal to purchase 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) for development.

**Motion: Moved by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Shaw to approve acceptance of a bid proposal to purchase one parcel of commercial property to AAHM, LLC for \$25,000.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Vote: 6-0, Resolution 10-21-185COV** – Motion carried.

- B. Approve acceptance of bid proposal to sell 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: Moved by Councilmember Shaw seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve acceptance of a bid proposal to sell one parcel of commercial property to AAHM, LLC for \$200,000.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Vote: 6-0, Resolution 10-21-186COV** – Motion carried.

**Ordinance(s)**

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

**New Business**

- A. B.L.A.C.K. Men's Prayer Walk

**Motion:** Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to table this item until more information is provided.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

- B. Emergency Lawn Mowing.

**Motion:** Moved by Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard to approve the acceptance of bid proposal for emergency lawn mowing and authorize administration to enter an agreement for said services.

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 10-21-187COV** – Motion carried.

- C. Sell of two (2) vacant parcels (Case # LD 21-30) located on Harrison Street between Elm and Cherry in the amount is \$2,500 to Beionca Sultan-Batey.

**MOTION:** Motion by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve the sale of two (2) vacant parcels in the amount of \$2,500 to Beionca Sultan-Batey.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Vote: 6-0, Resolution 10-21-188COV** -Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

The following persons participated in public comment:

- **Hassan Ali**
- **Octavia Smith** reminded everyone of the following:
  - October 6 is the final day for the Farmers Market.
  - Inkster Chamber is winding down the annual calendar campaign.
- **Shay Marwan** commented on the Jim Allen and Charles Blackwell matter with Mr. Blackwell's meme harms the credibility of Arab Americans. She further stated that women of color in this country have worked hard to attain their credibility.
- **Aaron Sims** commented on the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Malcolm X property. He noted that Ambassador Shabazz, the daughter of the late Malcolm X was present.
- **Charles Blackwell** sent the following email to be read into the record:
  - **From:** Charles Blackwell <[cstanford999@yahoo.com](mailto:cstanford999@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 03, 2021 10:57 AM  
**To:** Verna Chapman <[vchapman@cityofinkster.com](mailto:vchapman@cityofinkster.com)>; Clerk <[clerk@cityofinkster.com](mailto:clerk@cityofinkster.com)>; Denise Johnson <[djohnson@cityofinkster.com](mailto:djohnson@cityofinkster.com)>  
**Subject:** Public Comment 10-4 Submission

I am submitting this public comment under the Michigan Open Meetings Act.  
"Hello Honorable Council, sources close to City Clerk Verna Chapman have indicated to me she has stated this City Clerk job is more stressful, chaotic, and time consuming than originally thought of and possibly will be looking for a new job soon. Also, Mayor Wimberly is the same as Andre Spivey"

**City Clerk**

- Clerk Chapman reminded everyone of the November 2, 2021, general election involving a Taylor School Bond. Absentee Voting has begun for residents in precincts 1-2, 3-1, and 3-2. Applications and ballots are available at the City Clerk's office.

## **Treasurer**

- Darryl Green commented on the following:
  - Monthly Budget Reports.
  - Lieutenant Governor Gilcrest and Congresswoman Rashida Tliab's visit to the Recreation Center.
  - Tennis Scholarships are now available to Inkster youth. Interested youth should apply at the Recreation Center.

## **City Council**

- **Councilmember Chisholm**
  - Commented on the recent funerals of Inkster residents and noted Dr. Jackie Porter who was memorialized at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church. He also commented on Recreation Center resources coming from Lansing to Inkster.
- **Councilmember Williams**
  - Is interested in the progress of speed bumps initiated by neighborhood block clubs and would like to have them on his street.
  - Asked Mr. Bivens about the pump on Andover.
- **Councilmember Watley commented on the following:**
  - General Fund balance and amount remaining in the Parks and Recreation budget.
  - Allen Bros. response to questions as to whether money spent on sports equipment by Parks and Recreation was an allowable expense. She pointed out that the Buccaneers are not an Inkster team.
  - She expressed that she wants all monies spent on sports programs to go back in the Parks and Recreation budget.
- **Councilmember Shaw commented as follows:**
  - Children are returning to school and residents should be diligently watching out for them as they travel to school and back home.
  - Urged residents to display addresses clearly for first responders.
  - Offered "Good Will" and gratitude to Sgt Wall for her services.
  - Expressed gratitude to Darryl Davis and his work crew.
  - He encouraged residents to let DPS know that they are supported in their work.
  - Councilman Shaw's contact information is [dshaw@cityofinkster.com](mailto:dshaw@cityofinkster.com)
- **Councilmember Washington:**
  - Echoed her colleagues' sentiments relative to Governor Whitmer and Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist efforts for the benefit of Inkster.
  - Expressed gratitude for Middle Park Manor residents initiating speed bumps for the area.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Howard:**
  - Requested a status report on Plante Moran contractual duties and expressed that a quarterly report is due.
  - Requested a shorter monthly financial report.
  - Expressed that she would not have supported a football program and urged her colleagues to research other municipalities and their youth programs.
- **Mayor Wimberly**
  - Urged his colleagues to work together and with him in moving the City of Inkster forward. He suggested that they visit City Hall, arrange meetings with him in his office to talk about projects that will move the community forward without adversarial actions and conversations.
  - He thanked Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist for following up with Inkster and finding money to support Inkster's community endeavors.
  - Mayor Wimberly informed residents that Wayne County has money for rental assistance and utility payments. Visit [www.waynecounty.com](http://www.waynecounty.com) for more information.

- He pointed out that he has received many complaints about unfinished work around the city; his response is that the contractors are still working and will be back. Old pipes are bursting at an alarming rate, requiring the contractors to move from location to location.
- Mayor Wimberly commended DPS for all their good work.
- Stay safe, keep eyes on the city, call and report, and keep city clean.

**Closed Session**

Council may enter Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations, purchase, or lease of real property and/or pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 (a), (c), (d), (E), and/or (f).

**MOTION:** Motion by Councilmember Chisholm, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard to enter Closed Session at 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**MOTION:** Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Howard, seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to end close session and reconvene meeting at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**No Action Taken.**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made by Councilmember Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Chisholm, 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

Approved: October 18, 2021

Posted: October 19, 2021