



**CITY OF INKSTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 07, 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 7:08 p.m. and prayer was offered by Councilmember Williams, and a moment of silence for two (2) young Inkster residents burned in a house fire.

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

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Shaw to approve the agenda with the removal of the following:

Item 5A, Consent Agenda

VOTE: Unanimous consent, motion carried: Resolution 11-22-xxxR

Presentations

State Representative Jewell Jones spoke in support of the SACD/Nokia Smart Cities project which addresses the digital divide in Inkster, and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Boards and Commissions Appointments - None

New Business

A. National Fitness Campaign Grant

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Williams to accept the National Fitness Campaign Grant awarded to the City of Inkster in the amount of \$50,000.00 and adoption of the Fitness Court and funds allocated for this project in Fiscal Year 2022.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried.

B. Case #LD22-25

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Chisholm to approve a purchase of two (2) vacant parcels (Case #LD22-25) located at 26043 Dartmouth and 26053 Dartmouth. Both structures are between Meadowdale Street and Beech Daly for \$18,143.48.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 10-22-xxxR

C. Case #LD22-24

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Chisholm to approve the purchase of two (2) vacant parcels located on the east side of Bayhan St. between Florence and Notre Dame for \$3,000.00.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 10-22-xxxR

D. SACD/Nokia Smart Cities

Michael Ellison, VP Nokia, presented this item.

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Shaw to authorize the sale of the former City Hall building, identified as parcel #44018030181000a 1.13 to SACD/Nokia Smart Cities partnership in the amount of \$25,000.

Discussion

- Mayor Pro Tem Howard expressed that in her opinion, the price offered was too small for a prime property.
- Council member Shaw referred to the annual tax of \$6,500.00 that will be received and asked if the Amphitheater and Library building included in the deal. The answer was "No".
- It was also pointed out that the property is subject to a reversion clause.
- Council member Washington reminded everyone that the property has never been on the City's tax roll.
- Mayor Pro Tem Howard asked how a non-profit organization would be subject to taxes.
- The attorney expressed that the taxes are outlined in the contract and is binding.

VOTE: 4-2, motion carried. Resolution 10-22-xxxR

Public Comment

The following persons participated in public comment:

- Barbera Cooper spoke on behalf of the Inkster Goodfellows regarding the annual Paper Drive on December 2, 2022; she shared that the mayor will be on the cover and ads for the paper begin with business card size for \$35.00 and goes up to a full page ad of \$100.00.
- Commissioner Evonne Moore announced Thanksgiving to Go on November 20, 2022 from 1-4pm at the Recreation Center; she asked people to call if they know of someone that is homebound.
- Octavia Smith spoke on behalf of the Inkster Task Force, Inkster Chamber of Commerce, and the WWFHC.
 - o CEED Lending Event for small business start-ups.
 - o Task force is thankful for everyone's support.
 - o ZUMBA Classes on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Commissioner Shirley Hankerson expressed her interest in prioritizing the renewal of the neighborhood parks.

City Clerk - Reminded everyone of the upcoming election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, and encouraged all to let their voice be heard.

Treasurer - No comments

Mayor and Council

- **Council member Chisholm:**
 - o Announced that the Planning Department has the Parks & Recreation survey available at City Hall and the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex.
- **Council member Washington:**
 - o Reported on the DTE Energy Efficient Program, www.mi.gov/MIhope.
- **Council member Williams:**
 - o Keep Ms. Jessica Shelby in prayer during her loss; services will be held at Husbands Funeral Home on Saturday from 1-5 p.m.
- **Council member Shaw:**
 - o Thanked DPS for cutting the overgrowth that Middlebelt Rd.
- **Council member Shaw:**
 - o Encouraged residents to say something if they see something.
 - o Town Hall at Twin Towers was successful and energetic, and he has love and appreciation for the residents and Reverend Williams.
 - o He further noted that the passion of the people is the driving change of man.
- **Mayor Pro Tem Howard:**
 - o Sent out accolades for the Inkster Road project.
- **Mayor Wimberly:**
 - o Echoed everyone's sentiment.

Closed Session

Council may enter into 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 Howard, second by Chisholm to enter closed session re Shabazz vs City of Inkster.