

January 7, 2013

Regular City Council Meeting – 7:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan convened in the Council Chambers, 26215 Trowbridge, on Monday, January 7, 2013

Prior to the Regular Council Meeting:

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Moner that Council convene into a Closed Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.286 (e).

Roll Call Vote: Hampton, Moner, Hendricks, Shaw, Howard, Williams, Canty

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Moner to adjourn the Closed Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. – Motion carried unanimously.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Hampton called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

Mayor Hampton	Present	Councilwoman Howard	Present
Councilman Moner	Present	Councilman Williams	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Hendricks	Present	Councilman Canty	Present
Councilman Shaw	Present		

***A Quorum was present**

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Moner, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks to approve the agenda.
Resolution 01-13-01R - Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations/Discussion

None

Public Hearings (N/A)

None

Consent Agenda

- A. December 17, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Police and Fire Pension Payment December 2012.
- C. Allen Brothers Attorneys & Counselors, PLLC, Invoice \$ 26,681.05.
* **(moved to item C under New Business for discussion)**

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Canty
to approve the consent agenda
Resolution 01-13-02R- Motion carried unanimously.**

Boards and Commission

- A. Update of current list of appointments to Boards & Commissions

**Draft Amendment of the City of Inkster Water and Sewer Advisory Committee
submitted by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks for review by City Council.
Recommendations and removals will take place at the January 22nd, 2013 City
Council meeting.**

Previous Business

None

Ordinance(s)

None

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Mark Lloyd) Consider approval of offer to purchase (Case # LD12-39) vacant land east of 26640 New York Avenue being legally described as lot 572 also ½ adj. vac. Alley also W. ½ adj. vac alley, Westwood Sub of Van Alstine Far, T2S, R10E, L40, P29, 30 WCR (Property ID # 022-01-0572-000) in the amount of \$300.00 to Financial Freedom (sub of) One West Bank, FSB.

**Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Moner
Resolution 01-13-03R – Motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Discussion/Action:(Mark Lloyd) Consider approval to hold a public hearing on January 22, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in city Council Chambers located at 26215 Trowbridge for the Wayne County 2013-2014 Development Block Grant (CDBG) application.

**Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Howard
Resolution 01-13-04R – Motion carried unanimously.**

- C. Discussion/Action: (Councilmember Shaw) Discussion and approval of Consent Agenda item "C" Allen Brother Attorneys & Counselors, PLLC, Invoice \$ 26,681.05.

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Moner
Resolution 01-13-05R – Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Participation

- Willie Johnson- Asked about the cost associated with the new water meters and how much the contract was for the installation of the new meters.
- Paul- Commented that the City of Inkster has the highest water bill rates in the country. He said that City Council does not provide residents with straight answers regarding the water bill and water rates.
- Zora Nasir- Commented that she is a Community Organizer for the City of Inkster, Family Literacy Movement Program. She said that "Reading Rallies" occur every month and the next one is January 26, 2013. The Literacy events that she hosts promote reading and literacy.
- Larry Bonerack- Commented that his neighbor moved out of the City of Inkster. He gave a stellar compliment to his neighbor on the upkeep of their property. He said that the new residents that were to move into his neighbor's house moved to another city after finding out about the high water rates in Inkster. He is disappointed that the city has not implemented an opt out program for the new water meters.
- George Williams- Commented that every city that gets their water from Detroit gets 1000 gallons of water and the City of Inkster gives 750 gallons of water. He said this practice is discriminatory and he is looking into his options legally.
- Larry Smith-Commented about the high water rates and water bills.
- Gina Steward- Commented to City Council about HIV Awareness. She said that the numbers for HIV has increased in all communities. She noted that free testing is available on the 2nd Monday of each month and encouraged everyone to get tested and get tested early.
- Karen Lee- Thanked DPS Director, Jerome Bivins for answering her questions. She asked about the vehicles that DPS sold and what would be done with the monies. In addition she commented that the ladies restroom at the Recreation Complex is leaking and the lights are out.

Mayor and Council Communications

Councilwoman Howard- Asked why two car washes were being used for the Police and Fire Fleets? In addition she asked are fleet cars purchased or leased?

Councilman Williams- Asked the City Manager the status of the study that is being conducted by an outside source on the water meters. He said that he has called a meeting at the Inkster complex on Thursday January 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to allow residents to come together with their ideas and to discuss the water rates. He said this is an issue that he is going to address and wants to address the residents concerns and will tell residents that if they plan on suing the City of Inkster, they are suing themselves.

Councilman Moner- Commented that he would like to see a person that is specifically assigned to answer the phones at City Hall. He has had several complaints about departments not answering the phones and would like to provide a higher level of service. He would like for voicemail to be turned off and have callers get an actual person to speak with who can direct their calls to the different departments within the city. The 2014 City calendars are being worked on. The Auxiliary Police are doing a great job.

Councilman Shaw- Affirmed his commitment to his district and the community. He said that his door is always open and he is available.

Mayor Hampton- Wished all residents a Happy New Year. He said he is Mayor and has been for quite some time because he operates on the principals of transparency, integrity and truthfulness. He said the water bills are a huge issue but he encourages residents to have a closer look at the reason why and to understand the issues and get the facts. He said that the water rates are high because residents did not pay past water bills and the city had not implemented a shut of

plan. In addition he said that the city is trying to become whole and that City Council is trying to be responsible and do the right thing. He said that he welcomes any ideas and encourages residents, department heads and the cities leadership to be innovative and creative.

City Clerk

None

City Manager

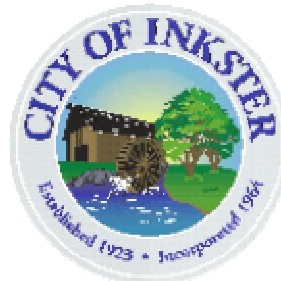
Credited DPS for doing their due diligence with the winter storm on the 23rd of December.

Closed Session

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on motion duly made by Council Member Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Williams and carried, the Regular Council meeting of January 7, 2013 was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster