

January 22, 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 22, 2013

Prior to the Regular Council Meeting:

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks that Council convenes into a Closed Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.286 (e).

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

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Canty

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks to adjourn the Closed Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. – Motion carried unanimously.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Hampton called the meeting to order at 7:37 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	Absent
Councilman Shaw	Present		

***A Quorum was present**

* Councilman Canty's Absence was excused.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Howard to approve the agenda.

Resolution 01-13-06R - Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations/Discussion

Judge Sabrina Johnson extended greetings on behalf of the 22nd District Court. She said she is striving to put the City of Inkster's 22nd District court on the map in terms of customer service and approachability. In addition she said she has implemented a ticket amnesty program and the 22nd District Court opens for business promptly at 8:30 am.

Public Hearings (N/A)

- A. Approve the 2013-2014 Proposed Final Statement (with necessary changes if applicable) for the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks, Seconded by Councilmember Moner to open the public hearing.

Resolution 01-13-07R- Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks to close the public hearing.

Resolution 01-13-08R- Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- A. January 7, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the consent agenda.

Resolution 01-13-09R- Motion carried unanimously.

Boards and Commission

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

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks, Seconded by Councilmember Moner to appoint Carl Woods and Sam Brown to the Inkster Water and Sewer Advisory Committee.

Resolution 01-13-10R- Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Moner to appoint Ann Coleman to the Inkster Water and Sewer Advisory Committee.

Resolution 01-13-11R- Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Councilmember Howard, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks to appoint Courtney Owens to the Inkster Water and Sewer Advisory Committee.

Resolution 01-13-12R- Motion carried unanimously.

Previous Business

None

Ordinance(s)

None

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Hilton Napoleon) Consider authorizing the Administration to utilize the services of Total Resource Auctions for the purpose of conducting periodic auctions of Police vehicles and forfeiture vehicles for the purpose of downsizing the fleet in the Police department.

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

- B. Discussion/Action: (Felicia Rutledge) Consider approval to apply for the e-Pollbook Grant Program between the Michigan Department of State and the City of Inkster.

**Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Williams.
Resolution 01-13-14R** – Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Discussion/Action: (Councilmember Hendricks) Consider approving the proposed changes to the City of Inkster Water and Sewer Advisory Committee with a review by City Administration to be tabled until the February 4, 2013 meeting.

**Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks.
Resolution 01-13-15R** – Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation

- Gabe Henderson- Did not receive a City calendar. He is concerned about the high water bills and water rates.
- Sandra Watley- The Watsonia Block Association will be having a Black History event at the Recreation Complex on February 23, 2013 from 5-10pm. In addition the Inkster Citizen Action Network is pursuing a lawsuit against the City of Inkster for the high water rates.
- Larry Bonerack-Asked what is the procedure for meeting with residents with high water rates. In addition he asked how many lawsuits were pending against the City of Inkster.

Mayor and Council Communications

- Councilmember Williams-** Discussed the current water rates and asked about the water meters being tested for accuracy. In addition he said that since his Town Home meeting at the Recreation Complex, he has been receiving a lot of phone calls from residents in regards to extremely high water bills. He said he would like to see the residents receive some relief.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks-** Asked about the rate increase from Detroit Water and Sewer. He asked about the CSO Basins. In addition, he mentioned that the City Engineer was no longer with the City.
- Councilmember Shaw-** Passed out some grant funding information to the City Manager. He asked residents if they see new residents moving into homes on their block to please alert the City Code Enforcement office so they can check to see if the new residents have a certificate of occupancy. Asked why Wayne County was seeking loans on behalf of the City of Inkster.
- Mayor Hampton-** Discussed having the administration to review the language for the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee. He also explained to residents why the water bills are high and also added the responsibility of the role that City Council has played by not implementing a shut off policy. In addition he said that cutting water rates for residents would go against the Consent Agreement. But he did suggest asking the state to extend out the debt payment on behalf of the city which may bring some relief to residents if granted.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to table until the February 4, 2013 City Council meeting a Resolution to send the State of Michigan an amendment to lower the water rate for Inkster residents by one third and to extend out the debt payment for five years instead of three.

Resolution 01-13-16R-Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk

None

City Manager

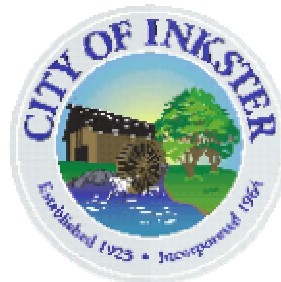
- The City Manager stated that he is speaking with other communities about their water rates and the components that make up the rates. In addition, actual water meter testing has begun and out of 105 meters tested, 1 water meter came back with an issue.

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 22, 2013 was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk

City of Inkster