

June 17, 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, June 17, 2013

Prior to the Regular Council Meeting: City Council discussed items on the agenda.

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Howard that Council convenes into a Closed Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.286 (e).

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Shaw @ 6:35 and Moner @ 6:45 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to adjourn the Closed Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. – Motion carried unanimously.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Hampton called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the agenda with 11th District Representative Knezek as an amended item under Presentations.
Resolution 06-13-91R - Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

A presentation was made by 11th District State Representative David Knezek with regards to his opposition to HB 4813 and 4815 which is asking for the dissolve of Inkster Public School District.

Toni Bailey of the Inkster Beautification committee gave recognition to several people who participated in the Spring Clean Up.

A Proclamation was presented on behalf of the Mayor and City Council to Mrs. Jeralean Talley who is 114 years of age and is the oldest living American and resides in the City of Inkster.

Planning and Economic Director Mark Lloyd did a presentation on Reinvent Inkster.

Public Hearings (N/A)

Consent Agenda

- A. June 3, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. June 11, 2013 Special City Council Meeting Minutes.
- C. June 13, 2013 Special City Council Meeting Minutes.
- D. June 14, 2013 Special City Council Meeting Minutes.
- E. Police and Fire Pension.

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

Resolution 06-13-92R- Motion carried unanimously.

Boards and Commission

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

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to appoint DeShandra Motley to the Inkster Beautification Committee.

Resolution 06-13-93R- Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded Councilmember Shaw to appoint Denise Brintley to the Inkster Beautification Committee.

Resolution 06-13-94R- Motion carried unanimously.

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Felicia Rutledge) Consider authorizing the street closure at the 26000 Block of Lehigh (Between Bayham and Meadowdale) to be blocked off on June 22, 2013 the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a block club celebration.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Canty to approve the street closure at the 26000 block of Lehigh.

Resolution 06-13-95R- Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Approving a resolution in support of Reinvent Inkster.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Canty to support the Reinvent Inkster initiative.

Resolution 06-13-96R- Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Authorization for background checks on the three applicants for the City Council position.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks, Seconded by Councilmember Canty to approve a resolution for background checks on three City Manager applicants.

Resolution 06-13-97R- Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Resolution opposing HB 4813 and 4815 with regards to dissolving the Inkster Public School District.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks opposing the State of Michigan HB 4813 and 4815.

Resolution 06-13-98R- Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation

- **Crystal Linton-** Would like permission from City Council to solicit funds from businesses for a track and field camp for school aged children in Inkster.
- **Juanita Davis-** Acknowledged the Proclamation for Jeralean Talley and the encouraging words at the presentation for the Beautification Commission. In addition she has water rate concerns.
- **DeShawn Hudgens-** Said she is having a Community Fun Day July 4, 2013. She wanted City Council to know that she is obtaining permits and taking the necessary steps with the City to host this event.
- **Patricia Morgan-** Stated she is upset about the compost not being picked up.
- **Arthur Hudgens-** Thanked the Inkster Police Department for their due diligence in helping to capture people who broke into his building. In addition he thanked Councilmember Shaw, Canty and Williams for coming out to take a look at his building. He would like for the city to be more business friendly.
- **Phyllis Flory-** Asked how long the process to fix a storm drain is. Her three year old grandson fell on the storm drain. In addition she said that she contacted Councilmember Hendricks and had not received a phone call back.
- **Delphine Oden-** Stated she came to the City to submit her pension papers to Ms. Ellen. She contacted Prudential and her pension information has not been submitted. In addition she made several attempts to get a call back from the Interim City Manager and to date has not received a phone call back or the status of her pension.

- **Michael Televich**-Had questions about compost.
- **Willie Johnson**-Stated the Library of Congress has video taped him. He stated he wanted to see the city cleaned up by grass being cut and trash picked up.
- **Mary McClendon**-Invited all citizens to the Coffee Hour with Commissioner LeBlanc and Representative Knezek every first Monday of the month at 12:30 p.m. at the Inkster Library.
- **Gabe Henderson**-Manner Block Club is hosting a fish fry and yard sale fund raiser at the Parkwood Park site. Fish dinners will be \$10.00.
- **Rev. George Williams**-Asked would the playground areas be open up for the summer for the children. In addition, he asked would the Parks and Recreation Program for the children be going on.
- **Larry Smith**-Stated he had an issue with 43 Henry Ruff.
- **Catherine Thomas**-Concerned about the high grass in the city. Stated that City Council can not let the State of Michigan pass the bill to dissolve the Inkster Public School District.

Mayor and Council Communications

- **Councilman Williams**-Had concerns about business owner fees and the tall grass in the City. He said he drove around the city with his camera and took pictures of several places with tall grass. In addition he said that he did a moratorium on spending and that the moratorium was overlooked with pay increases and positions created. He said he did not support the budget.
- **Councilman Shaw**-Inquired about recommendations to the zoning ordinance, the agreement with the State of Michigan regarding the Allen Lumber site and asked are their requirements for painting the outside of business buildings. In addition he said in the next audit, it should show how we deal with outstanding debt.
- **Councilman Canty**-Stated changes should be made to the budget that includes grass cutting for vacant homes. In addition, he suggested that if residents are cutting their grass and live next to a vacant home, then maybe they can cut the vacant home grass in addition to their own.
- **Councilman Hendricks**-Apologized to the Flory's for not returning their phone call. He would like an answer back from the City Manager in regards to an additional fee to the rubbish.
- **Councilman Moner**-Suggested a program on how to compost.
- **Mayor Hampton**-Stated that the City would be celebrating its 50th Anniversary coming up soon and he would like to squeeze some additional revenue out of the budget for the celebration of that milestone. He thanked Toni Bailey for her service. He encouraged all residents to participate in the Reinvent Inkster and to do more for the city. The Mayor said the Farmer's Market would be starting soon and encouraged residents to participate in purchasing fresh vegetables and fruits. Lastly, he said that the Mayor Hampton Youth Fundraiser would take place on July 19, 2013 at Inkster Valley Golf Course with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. He said his organization will be giving away five scholarships.

City Clerk

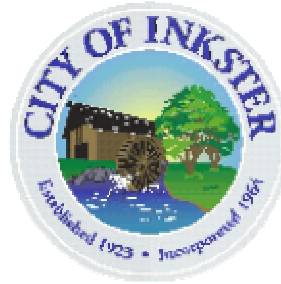
- **City Clerk Rutledge**-Stated that she has been aggressively collecting business license fees from businesses. She thanked Code Enforcement and the Planning Departments for their assistance. In addition, thus far in Business License collections, we are over the budgeted amount to the good by \$7,000.00

City Manager

Closed Session

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on motion duly made by Council Member Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Moner and carried, the Regular Council meeting of June 17, 2013 was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster