

August 5, 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, August 5, 2013

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

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Canty that Council convenes into a Closed Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.286 (e).

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: (Moner)

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to adjourn the Closed Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. – Motion carried unanimously.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Hampton called the meeting to order at 8:04 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 @ 9:00 p.m.	Councilman Williams	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Hendricks	Present	Councilman Canty	Present
Councilman Shaw	Present		

***A Quorum was present**

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Canty to approve the agenda as amended with added item "D" under presentations.
Resolution 08-13-122R - Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

- A. 11th District Legislative Update - State Representative David Knezek.
- B. Inkster Family Literacy Movement-Tany Upthegrove.
- C. Proclamation honoring Ron Wolkowicz-Mayor Hampton & City Council.
- D. Inkster Library-Michael Wells

Public Hearings (N/A)

Consent Agenda

- A. July 15, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. July 25, 2013 Special Council Meeting Minutes.
- C. Allen Brother's and Attorney's PLLC, Invoice. \$ 24,785.75.

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks to approve the consent agenda.

Resolution 08-13-123R- Motion carried.

Nay: (Shaw)

Boards and Commission

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

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to appoint Richard Wooten to the Planning Commission.

Resolution 08-13-124R-Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks	Yes	Councilmember Shaw	Nay
Councilmember Canty	Yes	Councilmember Williams	Nay
Councilmember Moner	Yes	Councilmember Howard	Nay
Mayor Hampton	Yes		

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Mark Lloyd) Consider an approval of offer to purchase (Case # LD13-12) vacant land (4 parcels) which are located on the east side of Inkster Road between Stanford and Colgate and are legally described as Lots 1401, 1402, 1403, and 1404, Watsonia Park Sub No. 2 T2S, R10E, L55, P9 WCR (Property ID #025-02-1401-000, 025-02-1402-000, 025-02-1403-000 and 025-02-1404-000) in the amount of \$800 to Delores Letbetter.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the purchase of four vacant parcels.

Resolution 08-13-125R- Motion carried.

Nay: (Hendricks)

- B. Discussion/Action: (Mark Lloyd) Consider authorizing the Department of Planning, Building and Economic Development to utilize the contracted services of Giffels Webster to prepare grant applications and secure all available Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) grant funds for the City including administering the applicable studies, preparing rehabilitation and asset management plans, and applying for infrastructure rehabilitation funds. This work is free of charge pending grant funding.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Canty to approve the use of Giffels Webster to prepare a grant application.
Resolution 08-13-126R-Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation

- **Larry Smith**-Discussed an investigation with food and had concerns with loud booming sounds coming from cars.
- **Larry Bonereck**-Stated he hears loud booming sounds coming from cars. He thanked Representative Knezek for coming out and speaking to residents. Furthermore he said that the Mexican Restaurant on Inkster Road closed.
- **Dorothy Gardner**-Asked were new election registration cards going to be sent to residents. She said since the solvency of the Inkster School District, the Teen Health center has been closed. She said the Teen Health center had just received a grant for new equipment. She asked that City Council act quickly on the fire truck grant.
- **Josh Cassin**-Stated due to the Inkster Public School solvency, he is with a non-profit Charter School group that will be hosting an informational session at the Inkster Recreation complex. For Inkster parents. They will be discussing the difference between charter and public schools.
- **Arthur Hudgens**- Stated that some fumes from a local plant were being released. He said the fumes had a natural gas smell and the fire department came out. In addition, he asked that City Council pay attention to the shootings and killings that are going on in the city. He said he hopes that an innocent person does not get hurt.
- **Willie Johnson**-Stated that four vacant land parcels being sold for \$800.00 was an insult to the city. He said that the hole on Durham needs to be closed up.
- **George Williams**-Asked to be provided with a letter from the Treasurer that was sent to the State of Michigan in regards to the tax dollars for the Inkster Public School District to go to the State of Michigan.
- **Michael Wells**-Requested copies of several Boards and Commission minutes.

Mayor and Council Communications

- **Councilman Canty**- Discussed the Inkster Task force working with Inkster Public schools about keeping trophies and other historical paraphernalia. In addition he discussed the shootings that have taken place in the city. He asked that leadership start taking a role in looking at ways to abate these issues. Furthermore, he said he is concerned about the CSO Basins and wonders if the City of Inkster is taking on too much of a role with the maintenance. He said maybe other cities should do more of a part.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks**- Suggested that the Old City Hall be a storing place for the trophies and other Inkster Public Schools paraphernalia if the conditions are right. He would also like to have a meeting to discuss the city finances.
- **Councilman Shaw**-Asked management how are we doing with the payment of the cities creditors. In addition he asked the impact of dissolving the Inkster Public School District.

- **Mayor Hampton**-Directed city management to look into the budget and get creative on finding alternatives to brining back more Police Officers. In addition he stated that he is one vote on City Council and he is becoming weary with him being the focus of everything that has gone on in the city. He said that each individual City Council person is responsible for everything that goes on in the city. He said that unless we diverse the tax base in the city, the city will always fall short. He said the city will have to grow its way out of this deficit. He asked that City Council be creative, consistent and responsible. Furthermore, he said that the Charter needed to be updated.

City Clerk

- Discussed the Baylor Woodson polling location having to be moved because of the dissolving of the Inkster Public School District.

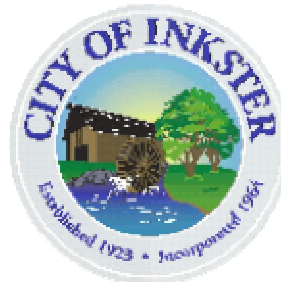
City Manager

- Thanked Ron Wolkowicz for his years of service.

Closed Session

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 August 5, 2013 was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster