

September 3, 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, September 3, 2013

Prior to the Regular Council Meeting: The City Council discussed the agenda and a presentation was made from State Representative and Minority Floor Leader David Rutledge.

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Williams 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: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to adjourn the Closed Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. – Motion carried unanimously.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Hampton called the meeting to order at 7:45 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.
Resolution 09-13-135R - Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

- A. Ann Kalass-CEO Starfish Family Services.

Public Hearings (N/A)

Consent Agenda

- A. August 19, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Allen Brothers Attorneys & Counselors, PLLC \$23,659.50.

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

Resolution 09-13-136R-Motion carried.

Nay: (Shaw)

Boards and Commission

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

Moved by Councilmember Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to appoint Vanola Williams to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Resolution 09-13-137R-Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Howard to appoint April Walton to the Planning Commission.

Resolution 09-13-138R-Motion carried unanimously.

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

New Business

- A. **Discussion/Action:** (Jerome Bivins) Consider authorizing DPS to have Unit #322 (Jet Rodder), repaired by Jack Doheny Supplies for \$7,999.93 plus 15% contingency (\$1,199.99), for a total of \$9,199.92 Budgeted funds from account #592-564-935-000 (Equipment Maintenance)

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Howard to approve the repair of Unit #322 (Jet Rodder) for \$7,999.93.

Resolution 09-13-139R- Motion carried unanimously

- B. **Discussion/Action:** (City Council) Motion to approve annual Performance Reviews for the City Clerk and the City Attorney.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Howard
Resolution 09-13-140R-Motion carried.
Nay: (Moner, Canty)

Public Participation

- **Dorothy Gardner**-Stated the City should get rid of Plante and Moran so that the Fire Truck can be purchased. She asked is the new City Manager going reduce the cost of Plante and Moran and either get rid of Plante and Moran or the Treasurer. Furthermore she asked if the Fire Chief was involved with the discussions regarding a merger of City of Inkster and Westland Fire Departments.
- **Jessie Shelby**-Stated she is part of the Inkster Transaction Team. She said that this group helps the Inkster Public School students with their transaction into other school districts. Additionally, she asked if a meeting was going to be called by the City to inform residents of the dissolution of the Inkster Public School District.
- **Karen Lee**- Welcomed the new City Manager. She asked about Annapolis Point, water rates, and all city departments being down to a skeleton crew. She stated that pink bags around the city are being busted open.
- **Jean Overman**-Informed residents that the Inkster Task Force meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 12:00 p.m.
- **Zara Nasir**-Informed the residents of several meeting events dates and times.
- **Bishop Sturgill**-President of the Western Wayne NAACP. Noticed the public that monthly meetings are held the second Monday of the month from 7-8 p.m. at 27500 Marquette Street in Garden City, Michigan.
- **Gloria Brown**-Asked why is the repair on equipment coming out of the Water and Sewer fund budget line item.
- **Mary McClendon**-Reminded residents of Commissioner LeBlanc's Coffee talk on the first Monday of every month at 12:30 p.m. at the Inkster Library.

Mayor and Council Communications

- **Councilman Williams**-Asked that Administration look into 4020 Lovit Ct. He asked about the compost being picked up for an additional 10 weeks and the cost. He sent a "Shout-Out" to the YES organization. He said they cleaned Kennedy Park and he was thankful and appreciative of their efforts.
- **Councilman Canty**-Stated that although the City of Inkster has had many Police cuts and the State of Michigan and Wayne County Sheriffs have come into the city to assist, he said we do not want to that to become the fix for our own Police services. Additionally, he said there was some confusion about the water report that was sent by the Treasurer. The water report that he is looking for shows the loss to Wayne County. He stated that the Clerk's office is asking that all businesses become current on their water bill before a Business License is issued and businesses have been paying their water bills. Furthermore, he stated that the Clerk's office reports to City Council and if any directive is to be given, it should be coordinated thru the City Manager to City Council.
- **Councilman Moner**-Recapped on the last City Council meeting where the Inkster Post Master came and spoke about carriers being bitten but resident's dogs. He suggested a spray that will spray a dog from a substantial amount of feet away. He attended the services of Annie Ruth and said it was a very nice homegoing service.

- **Councilman Shaw**-Thanked Inkster residents for keeping the city clean, cutting grass and sticking with the city thru these difficult times. He asked is the grass that is being cut, on foreclosed properties or owned by the city. Furthermore, he asked how the city is being reimbursed for these grass cuttings.
- **Mayor Hampton**-Stated would like to see more revenue generated by Code Enforcement. He said maybe the governing body can empower residents to write code enforcement fines. Additionally he suggested incorporating Auxiliary Police in writing of Code Enforcement fines. He thanked the YES organization and looks forward to meeting with them in the future. He thanked State Representative and Minority Floor Leader David Rutledge for coming to visit at the 6:00 p.m. orientation and invited him to stop by and visit again. Furthermore he posed a question about the Inkster School District and the legalities surrounding their dissolution. He stated that assets were given away and residents are stuck with the financial bag. Informed City Council that he was given a DVD of the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Westland Dispatch center and has asked that copies be made for City Council.

City Clerk

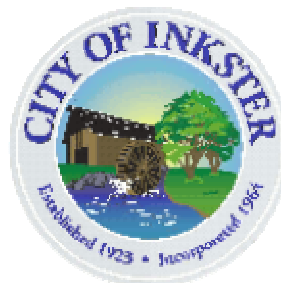
City Manager

- Thanked residents for their warm welcome and said that he is glad to be in the City of Inkster.

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 September 3, 2013 was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster