

October 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, October 7, 2013

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

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw that Council convenes into a Closed Executive Session at 6:34 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks to adjourn the Closed Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. – Motion carried unanimously.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Hampton called the meeting to order at 7:43 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 Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
to approve the amended agenda with added items "D" under New Business.
Resolution 10-13-144R - Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

- A. Josie Odum Morris Literacy Project, Inc.- Dr. Louise Edje
- B. Michigan State Police
- C. Reinvent Inkster
- D. Commissioner LeBlanc

Public Hearings (N/A)

Consent Agenda

- A. September 16, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Allen Brother's and Attorney's PLLC invoice \$ 20,515.50.

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

Resolution 10-13-145R-Motion unanimously.

Nay: (Shaw)

Boards and Commission

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

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action (Felicia Rutledge): Consider approving a Resolution to declare September 18th as Josie Odum Literacy Day in the City of Inkster.

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Howard

to approve September 18th as Josie Odum Literacy Day in the City of Inkster.

Resolution 10-13-146R-Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Discussion/Action: (Mark Lloyd) Consider approval of the July, 2013-June 30th 2018 Wayne County Contract for the CDBG funding in the amount of \$268,983 for the HUD Funding Program Year 2013 (July 1, 2013-December 31, 2014).

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw

to approve CDBG funding in the amount of \$268,983.

Resolution 10-13-147R- Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Discussion/Action: (Mark Lloyd) Consider adoption of a Resolution authorizing staff to vacate easements on property located at 3651 Middlebelt for purposes of facilitating development of a 12-unit apartment building to house Veterans.

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Moner
to approve authorization of staff to vacate an easement.**

Resolution 10-13-148R-Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Consider approval of a ninety day extension for the IAFF.

**Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by councilmember Moner
to approve a ninety day extension for the IAFF.**

Resolution 10-13-149R-Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation

- **Dorothy Gardner**-Asked can public participation be moved back to the beginning of the agenda. She stated that a volunteer fair was held by Starfish and a lot of residents didn't show up. She said the city residents have to work together to bring the city back.
- **Gabe Henderson**-Informed residents that Goodfellows will be hosing a pancake breakfast on October 12, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Inkster Recreation Complex.
- **Tammi Warren**-Informed residents that she is the new President of CERT of Inkster. She explained that CERT does search and rescue and if there are any interested residents to contact her or Ms. Toni Bailey.
- **Arthur Hudgens**-Explained to City Council that the building that he owns was broken into seven times. Additionally he explained that the perpetrator was let go. Furthermore, he said he was denied by the ZBA for a zoning permit but has not yet received a letter regarding his denial. He said if he does not receive the information quickly he will be seeking legal alternatives.
- **Nellene Moore**-Stated she has weeds and grass as tall as her body growing in vacant houses behind her home.
- **Wallace Gardner**-Stated that his water was cut off in error. He said his bill was paid and up to date. He would like to know why his water was cut off.
- **Emerson Ellison**-Stated the Water Department allowed his tenant to run up a \$2,800.00 water bill. He wanted to know if he could receive some assistance for this.
- **Zara Nasir**-Informed residents that if you signed up for a library card, you would receive a free book. Additionally she said she left some meeting dates and times of events with the Clerk's Office. Furthermore, she said the Inkster Chamber would be having a general meeting at Gracie's on October 8, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Larry Bonereck**-Welcomed the new City Manager. He asked when the additional monies that are being paid for the water bill would expire.
- **Jean Overman**-Asked for City Council to be the fiduciary for the Inkster Task Force and support.
- **Gina Wilson Stewart**- Informed residents that October was Breast Cancer Awareness month and to get tested. She said there is a program for low income residents called BCCP that will allow anyone between the ages of 40-64 to get free mammogram testing. Additionally she said if you have had an abnormal mammogram in the past and you are between the ages of 18-39 then you also can receive a free mammogram.
- **George Williams**-Asked were the CDBG funds going to be designated this year to community programs. He said he would like for the money to go back into the community not to pay bills.

Mayor and Council Communications

- **Councilman Williams**-Asked about Solicitors on Middlebelt and Michigan Ave. who said they were given a resolution by the city to solicit for funds. He said he does not know who the group is. Additionally he passed out sample forms that were provided to him by Human Resources and the City Clerk for the City Clerk evaluation and said they would vote at the October 21, 2013 meeting for a date and time for the evaluation. Furthermore he placed a motion on the floor to restore the powers per the consent agreement from Treasurer to a qualified City Manager.

Moved by Councilman Williams, Seconded by Councilman Shaw to send a letter to the State Treasurer to begin the process of transferring the power from the City Treasurer to the qualified City Manager.

Resolution 10-13-150R-Motion carried unanimously.

*Letter to be prepared and signed by the Mayor.

- **Councilman Canty**-Informed Mr. Gardner that he did receive his e-mail and Mr. Bivins would be getting back with him.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks**-Stated that the Water Board Committee met and he would be forwarding the minutes to the Clerk's office and bringing a report before City Council in December.
- **Councilman Shaw**-Asked about the invoicing of grass cutting and the repercussion of vacant lots not being cut. Additionally he asked how are individuals being ticketed, do we have a good database and are warrants being issued. Furthermore he asked for an update on the SAW Grant, dirt on the Allen Lumber site and how affective has crime mapping been. He thanked the Department of Public Services for tackling the list of items he had. He wanted to know about stop signs that had been vandalized being cleaned up. He said he is willing to help clean.
- **Councilwoman Howard**-Asked if a rental home has been ticketed for a violation does the ticket go to the homeowner and tenant.
- **Mayor Hampton**-Stated that Congressman Conyers wanted use of the Recreation Complex. He said he has been in contact with State Representative Knesek regarding rendering a legal opinion from the Attorney General about the dissolution of the Inkster Public School District. Furthermore he asked the City Attorney to provide City Council with a report of his findings. He said Inkster is actually 50 years old this year but that most people think 1964 is the date of incorporation and with that assumption next year marks the 50 year anniversary. He asked all City Council members to begin thinking of events and activities to celebrate this magnificent milestone.

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Moner to allow U.S. Congressman John Conyers to utilize the Inkster Recreation complex on October 19, 2013 from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Resolution 10-13-151R- Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk

- Discussed polling location consolidation.
- Help America Vote Act Polling Place Improve Grant
- Local Board of Canvassers
- Boards and Commission Appointment Process

City Manager

- Thanked the citizens for keeping our staff engaged.
- Thanked Department Heads for their hard work.
- Thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve
- Thanked Auxiliary Officers for what they do...and for taking on added responsibilities as we negotiated with our unions.
- Attempted to confirm his meeting with Mr. Hudgens; however, he had already departed the meeting
- Thanked the County Commissioner (He didn't state his name)
- Reinvent Inkster
- ' Engaging the State of Michigan so that we can become certified as a redevelopment community which will allow us to have access to state grants
- ' We will have a Highest & Best Use Study conducted to establish strategic plans for strategic development areas within our community
- ' Marketing Retention Program
- ' Disposal of property
- ' Regional Economic Development Forum
- ' Medial Relations – Met with Channel 7 News Reporter – Dialogue: How we can better improve what is being cover in the news. We need to tell our story more (get the positive information out there)
- ' Thanked Council who are serving on the board
- Halloween Party/Funding is needed to offset the cost - \$2,500 is needed. We need to keep our kids off the street and have them in a safe environment.

Closed Session

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks that Council convenes into a Closed Executive Session at 9:56 p.m. to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.286 (e).

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

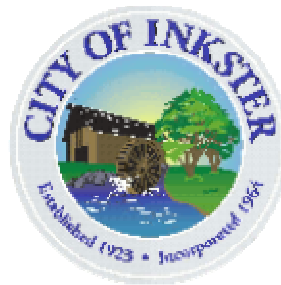
Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Moner to adjourn the Closed Executive Session at 10:00 p.m. – Motion carried unanimously.

- Regular Session convened back at 10:01 p.m.

**Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Moner
to vote in accordance with the agreement with pending litigation.
Resolution 10-13-152R-Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on motion duly made
by Councilmember Canty, Seconded Councilmember Moner and carried,
the Regular Council meeting of October 7, 2013 was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster