

October 21, 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 21, 2013

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

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Williams that Council convenes into a Closed Executive Session at 6:43 p.m. to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.286 (e).

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 2 (Hampton, Moner)

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Howard to adjourn the Closed Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. – Motion carried unanimously.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:35 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	Absent	Councilwoman Howard	Present
Councilman Moner	Absent	Councilman Williams	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Hendricks	Present	Councilman Canty	Present
Councilman Shaw	Present		

***A Quorum was present**

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the amended agenda with added item "Public Participation".
Resolution 10-13-153R - Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

- A. Y.E.S Organization-
- B. DTE Energy- Patricia Tubbs
- C. Inkster CERT- Toni Bailey and Tammy Warren

Public Hearings (N/A)

Consent Agenda

- A. October 7, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

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

Resolution 10-13-154R-Motion unanimously.

Absent: (Hampton, Moner)

Boards and Commission

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

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action (Mark Lloyd): Consider authorizing the commencement of celebrating the City's 50th anniversary and preparation of various celebratory events in recognition thereof.

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to prepare various celebratory events for the City of Inkster's 50th Anniversary.

Resolution 10-13-155R-Motion carried unanimously.

Absent: (Hampton, Moner)

Public Participation

- **Aaron Sims**-State he is seeking the support of the City of Inkster to restore the old Malcolm X home. They would like to formally prepare a proposal seeking a donation of the home from the city.
- **Juanita Davis**-Asked for clarification about the Home Improvement grant. Additionally she asked about the Inkster Public School Grant. Stated that moles and ground hogs were eating up her grass.
- **Ernestine Williams**-Representing the Top Ladies of Distinction. She is seeking the support of the City of Inkster and its residents to help with a coat drive for adults and children in need of coats. She would like to leave a box at City Hall, Fire Station and Police Station for donors to leave unwanted gently used coats, scarves, hats and socks.
- **Karen Lee**-Asked if the current fire vehicles could be sold to get the grant for the new fire truck. Furthermore she asked are the Police cars still being washed in other cities.

- Gabe Henderson**-Thanked everyone who came out in support of the Goodfellows Pancake Breakfast. He asked about the dust on Michigan Ave. in the morning hours down by the cement company and how that could be rectified.
- Larry Bonarek**-Stated the Y.E. S. program is essential to the city to help youth find their way. He said the city should appropriate money back to youth programs. Additionally, he stated that the turn lane between Michigan and John Daly was a very poor job. He inquired about opening city hall between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- Zara Nasir**- Stated the Inkster Task Force would be meeting Thursday October 24, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. and Senior Forum would be held at 11:00 a.m. immediately following both at the Inkster Recreation Complex. Additionally she provided other event dates with a print left with the City Clerk.
- Willie Johnson**-Thanked the City Manager for getting items taken care of that he mentioned. He said there are too many abandoned houses in the city. He stated that the Police Department is doing a good job and asked about the K-9 unit. Furthermore, he said that a hole is in the street at 4033 Irene and it is going to be snowing soon and he does not want anyone to fall into the hole.

Mayor and Council Communications

- Councilman Williams**- Asked about could the trash at the bus stop on Middlebelt be cleaned up and possibly a trash can placed there. The date of November 4, 2013 at the City Council orientation was set for the evaluation of the City Clerk. Additionally the date for the City Attorney evaluation is November 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
- Councilman Canty**-Thanked Mr. Henderson for picking up the trash at the Middlebelt bus stop. Furthermore, he stated that Nakin Transit Authority meets with the auditors on October 22, 2013.
- Councilwoman Howard**-Announced the Town Hall meeting that the City Manager would be hosting on October 29, 2013 from 4-6pm at the Inkster Recreation Complex and the City Manager monthly chat from 4-5:30pm on November 19, 2013 at City Hall.
- Councilman Shaw**-Asked about the invoice on grass cutting and would that amount be placed on taxes. Additionally, he stated that he would like to look into implementing a water amnesty program for the water. Furthermore, he mentioned the new Senate Bill regarding rental inspections.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks**-He asked the city to respond to citizen complaints about rodents. He asked the Administration to try and seek a way to have the phones answered at city hall. He said he would like to see residents be able to contact city hall and get a person to speak with.

City Clerk

City Manager

- Thanked City Council for the opportunity to serve.
- Thanked citizens for engaging him.
- Thanked department heads and employees.
- Stated public participation would be at orientation and the regular city council meeting as this would allow citizens ample time to voice their concerns.
- Thanked Toni Bailey and Mr. Bell.
- Mentioned the Halloween Party is coming up on October 31, 2013 at the following persons gave donations:
 1. AKA Sorority
 2. Mayor's Foundation
 3. Denise Champagne
 4. Starfish Family Svcs.
 5. City Clerk, Felicia Rutledge

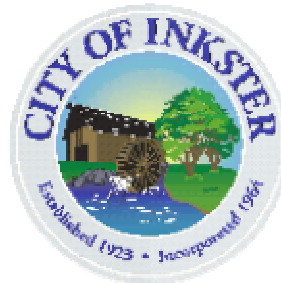
6. City Attorney Law Firm, Allen Brother's
 7. Economic and Development Director, Mark Lloyd
 8. Fire Chief, Mark Hubanks
 9. Police Chief, Hilton Napoleon
 10. Family Center Pharmacy.
- Thanked the Y. E. S. Organization for coming out.
 - Thanked Channel 7 Action News for allowing the City of Inkster to tell their story.

Closed Session

Council convenes into a Closed Executive Session to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.286 (e).

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on motion duly made by Councilmember Williams, Seconded Councilmember Canty and carried, the Regular Council meeting of October 21, 2013 was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster