

November 4, 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, November 4, 2013

Prior to the Regular Council Meeting: The City Council agenda was discussed and the City Clerk evaluation was performed.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Hampton called the meeting to order at 7:40 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 11-13-157R - Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

Public Hearings (N/A)

Consent Agenda

- A. October 21, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Allen Brother's and Attorney's, PLLC. Invoice \$11,324.25.

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

Resolution 11-13-158R-Motion carried unanimously.

NAY: (Shaw)

Boards and Commission

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

**Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Moner
to appoint Gloria Brown to the Board of Review.**

Resolution 11-13-159R-Motion carried unanimously.

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action (Mark Lloyd): Consider adopting a resolution for the City of Inkster to authorize a SAW Grant Agreement based on MDEQ requirements provided in the revised SAW Grant application dated October 8, 2013. All work to acquire grant will be done in accordance to the previously adopted City Council Resolution 08-13-126R at no cost to the City.

**Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Canty
to accept the revised SAW Grant application.**

Resolution 11-13-160R- Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Discussion/Action (Mark Lloyd) Consider approval of the First Amendment to the Wayne County NSP 3 (Neighborhood Stabilization Program) Sub-recipient Agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency to reduce funding from \$515,00.00 to \$370,00.00

**Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Howard
to approve the first amendment to the Wayne County NSP 3 Program.**

Resolution 11-13-161R-Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Discussion/Action: (Mark Stuhldreher) Consider approval of an inter-local agreement between the cities of Inkster, Wayne and Westland for the sharing of Fire Chief Services.

**Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Canty
to approve an inter-local agreement for sharing of Fire Chief Services.**

Resolution 11-13-162R-Motion carried.

NAY: (Williams, Howard)

- D. Discussion/Action: (Mark Stuhldreher) Consider approval of a Resolution to approve the Member Subscriber Agreement between the city and the Michigan Public Safety Communication System into the MPSCS; and to approve the dissolution of the Western Wayne Joint 800 MHZ Association.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks, Seconded by Councilmember Moner
to approve the Member Subscriber Agreement.**

Resolution 11-13-163R-Motion carried unanimously

- E. Discussion/Action: (Mark Stuhldreher) Consider the FY2014 budget amendments for the General fund and the Garbage/Rubbish Fund.

**Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Canty
to approve the FY2014 budget amendments.**

Resolution 11-13-164R-Motion carried.

NAY: (Shaw)

- F. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins) Consider authorizing DPS to purchase a Power Washer from NAPA Auto Parts for \$2,759.00. Funds to be budgeted from 101-441-933-000 (Equipment Maintenance).

**Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Williams
to authorize the purchase of a Power Washer from NAPA Auto.**

Resolution 11-13-165R-Motion carried unanimously.

- G. Discussion/Action: (Denise Champagne) Consider approval of transferring the City of Inkster's Municipal (\$24,933.00) and Community Credits (\$34,139.00) from SMART to Nankin Transit Commission to continue operation of the senior and disabled transportation services currently provided under the Inter-Local agreement for FY2014 (July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014).

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Canty
to approve the transfer of Municipal and Community Credit to Nankin Transit.**

Resolution 11-13-166R-Motion carried unanimously.

- H. Discussion/Action (Richard Marsh) Consider awarding the Johnston Lithograph, Inc., for the printing of 8,000 City of Inkster calendars for the year 2014, in the amount of \$4,440.00 based upon quotes received for this project. This request is also to authorize a contingency amount of no more than \$500.00 if any necessary related composition or design work may be needed. Funding from calendar account #101-172-9000-000 (Printing and Advertising)

**Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Canty
to approve the Johnston Lithograph to print the City of Inkster 2014 calendars.**

Resolution 11-13-167R-Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation

- Juan Bradford**-Welcomed the new City Manager. Congratulated Crystal Bradford his niece for winning a Gold Medal in Women's Basketball at the Olympics. He suggested to City Council that something be done to honor this victory.

- **Zara Nasir/Jean Overman**-Inkster Literacy will be hosting an event at the Inkster Recreation Complex on 11/16/13 from 11-2pm.
- **Ben Ferguson**-Thanked the citizens of Inkster for sticking behind the firefighters. He said he has been employed with the city for 12 years and admires the passion and pride within the community. Furthermore he stated that he supports the inter-local firefighter agreement and said the citizens of Inkster will receive better service and equipment by participating in this shared service.
- **Wallace Gardner**-Stated his water was disconnected in error. He said he received a letter from the City Manager's office with the wrong address. He said he wanted a letter with the correct address, reason why his water was cut off, the city to admit they made a mistake and a resolve on how the city plans to correct the mistake and make him whole.
- **Deatris Richardson**-Represented the Top Ladies of Distinction. She stated the Top Ladies of Distinction will be hosting a Project Warm. They are looking for gently used adult and children coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and socks. The distribution date for the coats will be December 21, 2013 from 12-2pm at the Inkster Recreation Complex.
- **Byron Nolan**-Represented Mr. Trayhey in a lawsuit regarding water rates and an unjust water bill for Mr. Trayhey. He explained the verdict.
- **Shirley Hankerman**-Had concerns about the graffiti that is being put on vacant homes within the city. She said citizens should be on watch to get rid of graffiti as soon as they see it. Additionally she said the Central City Inkster Block Club would like to participate in the clean up of graffiti city wide.
- **Dorothy Gardner**-Informed residents that the Inkster Seniors will be having their Senior Christmas Party on December 9, 2013. They are seeking donations for door prizes. Furthermore she said this is a great event every year.
- **Willie Johnson**-Stated that the new City Manager is a good honest man. He said he does not know the city manager well but he is doing a great job and is asking all citizens to follow him.
- **Larry Bonereck**-Acknowledged the Gold Medal that Crystal Bradford won at the Olympics. He had water concerns. Additionally he stated that when children get in trouble they should be taken to jail. Furthermore, he said he had an incident on his street where a person rode down the street and busted out car windows.
- **Mary McClendon**-Represented Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc. She invited residents to attend the Coffee hour that Commissioner LeBlanc and State Representative Knesek host every 1st Monday of the month from 12:30-1:30pm at the Inkster Library. Additionally she stated there would be a Health on Wheels health screening in December for Wayne County residents from 12-4pm at the Garden City Hall.
- **George Williams**-Asked about the millage that was passed for seniors and Youth of Inkster. He would like to know a break down of where the funds went He said he received a commitment by the City Manager to put money back into youth programs.
- **James Carleton**-Stated that there are problems with the new water meters. He said he worked for many years in aviation and has knowledge of the water meters needing calibration. Additionally he stated that either there is a problem with the meters or the programming.
- **Karen Lee**-Asked if the City Manager full powers were restored by the state. Needs information about the Home Improvement Grant.
- **Brenda Green**-29879 Hazelwood is the rental property address that she owns. She said she had a \$500.00 water bill and no one lives there. Additionally she said she had new plumbing, new toilets and a new roof so she has no water leaks at the home. She would like to meet with someone to discuss her bill.

Mayor and Council Communications

- **Councilman Williams**-Requested that a letter be sent to the State of Michigan Treasury Department for the transfer of power from the City Treasurer to the City Manger. Additionally he stated he wanted held a town hall meeting to discuss lowering the water rates and now with the

lawsuit that was brought forth, water rates were lowered. He said he would like to sit down and talk with Attorney Byron Nolan because he does not support the appeal process. He said he would like to make the situation a win, win for both parties.

**Moved by Councilman Williams, Seconded by Councilman Shaw
to have all members of City Council sign and send the drafted transfer
of power letter to the State of Michigan Treasury Department
(Removal of Andrew Dillon's name)
Resolution 11-13-168R-Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Councilman Shaw-** Announced Shake a Real Man's Hand organization's Thanksgiving Dinner that will be held on November 16, 2013 at 4pm at the Inkster Recreation Complex. Free food will be provided. Additionally he announced the Inkster Central Block Club meets every Thursday at 6:30 pm.
- **Councilman Moner-** Stated there were six abandoned homes on his block and all have now been occupied except for one. He said people are moving into the city.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks-** Asked that staff notify City Council about water concerns.
- **Mayor Hampton-** Thanked all organizations who donated and volunteers who participated. There were 605 children and 34 adults he came out to participate on Halloween. He stated that the City of Inkster 50th Anniversary is coming up and he said this is a very important milestone and should be celebrated accordingly. He asked the City Manager to start planning for this event. Furthermore he said that cities across the state of Michigan and in other places have seen a paradigm shift. He said more and more cities are sharing services. He stated a Greenway Path dedication was held in the past week and he thanked Mark Lloyd for his department's participation and Commissioner LeBlanc for their financial commitment. Furthermore he said that the layoffs that were part of this budget amendment was very near and dear to him and that the city of Inkster is going thru some tough times but we will get thru the consent agreement and be in a better position. He does not think the residents will want to see an Emergency Manager. That is not the route he wants to see the city take. He said residents and City Council alike should focus on the good in the City of Inkster. He said words do have power and the city residents should not beat up on themselves or the city.

City Clerk

- No comments.

City Manager

- Thanked City Council for the opportunity to serve.
- Thanked the great citizens of Inkster.
- Thanked the City Department heads for what they do everyday.
- Thanked Dorothy Gardner for volunteering in the City Manager's office.
- Thanked Ms. Shelby for the \$2,800.00 that she raised for the Halloween Party.
- Thanked Denise Champagne for coordinating the Halloween Party.
- Thanked all volunteers that participated in the Halloween Party.
- Thanked all that provided a donation to the Halloween Party.
- Stated the next Chat with the City Manager will be on November 19, 2013.
- Stated the city will be having mandatory customer service training in the next couple of weeks.
- Stated that Mr. Gardner's water was turned back on.
- Thanked Mr. Johnson for his kind remarks.
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Closed Session

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

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Williams that Council convenes into a Closed Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.286 (e).

Roll Call Vote:

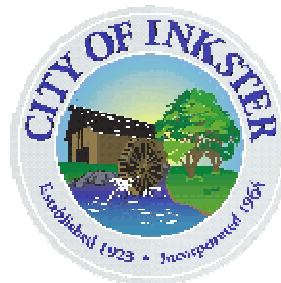
YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Canty

to adjourn the Closed Executive Session at 10:15 p.m. – Motion carried unanimously

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on motion duly made by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Canty and carried, the Regular Council meeting of November 4, 2013 was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster