

June 16, 2014

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 June 16, 2014.

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

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Moner that Council convenes into a Closed Executive Session at 7:32 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 7:47 p.m. – Motion carried unanimously.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Hampton called the meeting to order at 7:50 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 Moner, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks to approve the agenda as amended with added item "F" under New Business

Resolution 06-14-96R - Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations/Discussion

- A. Top Lady of Distinction, DeAtriss Richardson – Proclamation
- B. CDBG Update – Jeannie Fields, Community Development
- C. Blight Update – Chief Adams/Code Enforcement
- D. Pothole Update – Jerome Bivins, Deputy DPS Director

E. Water Update- Attorney Byron Nolan & Attorney David Jones

Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

A. June 2, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

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

Resolution 06-14-97R - Motion carried.

Boards and Commission

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

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

New Business

A. Discussion/Action: (Hilton Napoleon) Consider renewal of a contract between the Inkster Housing Commission and the City of Inkster for one (1) Police Officer, funds to be budgeted in Police Patrol Officer's salary account number 101-315-106-000.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Howard

Resolution 06-14-98R-Motion carried.

B. Discussion/Action: (Felicia Rutledge) Consider approval of a street closure on June 28, 2014 from 10:00a.m. until 8:00p.m. on Lehigh (between Bayhan and Meadowdale) for a family reunion.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Williams

Resolution 06-14-99R-Motion carried.

C. Discussion/Action: (Felicia Rutledge) Consider approval of a street closure on June 28, 2014 from 12:00p.m. until 10:00p.m. on Bayhan (between Notre Dame and Yale) for a family reunion.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks

Resolution 06-14-100R-Motion carried.

D. Discussion/Action: (Felicia Rutledge) Consider approval of a street closure on July 12, 2014 from 12:00p.m. until 10:00p.m. on Florence Street (between Sylvia and Princess) for a block party.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Williams

Resolution 06-14-101R-Motion carried.

- E. Discussion/Action: (Mark Stuhldreher) Consider approval of FY 2014, budget amendments for the General Fund, Major Street, Local Street, Parks, Brownfield, TIFA, DDA, Misc. Grants, Justice Center Construction and Water/Sewer Funds.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw

Resolution 06-14-102R-Motion carried.

NAY: (Williams)

- F. Discussion/Action: (Felicia Rutledge) Consider approval of a street closure on July 4, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Williams (between cherry and beech) for a block club party, pending departmental approvals.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks

Resolution 06-14-103R-Motion carried.

Public Participation

- **Larry Smith**-Water and sewer issues. Additionally he stated Code Enforcement would not give him a print out of his complaints.
- **Willie Johnson**-Asked if the Wayne County Sheriffs Department was taking over the Inkster Police force.
- **James Richardson**-Had a water bill and tax complaint.
- **Patricia Morgan**-Asked if the grass was going to be cut on Hazelwood and when her compost would be picked up.
- **Dorothy Gardner**-Invited residents to come out to the Inkster Library on Thursday June 19, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. She asked if the chief position had been posted; study sessions for City Council, prayer during City Council meetings and the water bill administration fee.
- **Gabe Henderson**-Thanked the Fire Chief for cutting the grass and adopting Parkwood Park. He stated that the city looked much better since the Spring Clean.
- **George Williams**-Asked City Council to think about placing the dumpsters back at the Department of Public Services. He said the city needs to come together.
- **Byron Nolen**-Stated that Seeds to Feed will be hosting a family picnic on June 22, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.
- **Ernest Hendricks**-Asked about the logs on John Daly on the rail road tracks and the weeds being cut by contractors.

Mayor and Council Communications

- **Councilman Williams**-Apologized to residents for the compost not being picked up in a timely manner. He asked about turning off the water in vacant homes. Additionally he stated that the contractors that are cutting the grass are leaving piles of grass on the curb. He asked all residents to please support local businesses and shop Inkster.
- **Councilwoman Howard**-Asked if the reason the city was looking to contract with Wayne County Sheriffs Department is to save money. She also asked if the Inkster Police Officers can still keep their jobs because they have a repore with the residents.
- **Councilman Moner**-Stated the Veteran name of S.M.1 Howard J. Maner, USN. He said he is proud that Veteran's served this country so that we all can be free. He also mentioned Veteran Willie Johnson. He said he is trying to encourage a new resident to move to Inkster but the person said the taxes are high. He said a study should be done to see if the city taxes are high.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks**-Stated that sometimes the city makes it hard on itself. He said the compost contract was not communicated well to City Council or Inkster residents. He said that even though compost pick up was to start back June ninth, the pick up was broken down into

city parts. This meaning that one part of the city got picked up June ninth and another part of the city was the following week. This meant that some residents had to wait longer for compost pick up.

- **Councilman Shaw**-Stated he had issues with the grass cutting contractors and that he had those same issues in the past. He thanked DPS and Bud Avery, Kim Sledge, and City Manager Marsh on getting the water turned on for a citizen. He asked the City Attorney Jones, to explain the YWCA information that he gave him. He additionally asked the City Manager when hosting business forums to mention to business owners the possibility of consolidation with one another for business ventures. Further he asked how lines would be handled with upcoming tax payments in July, about Police Department overtime and the Fair Labor Board and the Planning department being outsourced in July.
- **Councilman Canty**-Stated it is his intentions to continue with having a local church begin city council meetings with open prayer. Additionally he plans to go forward with hosting a local business at the city council meetings. Additionally he stated that Mayor Hampton and him have started back with recognizing citizens who maintain their yards. Citizens who maintain their yard will be issued an award that will be mailed to them. He encouraged all residents to maintain and upkeep their properties.
- **Mayor Hampton**-Stated that there are a lot of concerns related to council issues and that maybe a week day study session is in order. He asked the City Manager if the Comcast contract had been signed. He additionally asked if an RFP had gone out for the Planning and Building Department services with McKenna. He stated that the budget said that seventy percent of the money collected would go to McKenna. He further inquired about the Greenway Project. He stated that he wanted that project to continue. He asked why a DNR grant for three hundred thousand was not applied for on April first. Lastly he asked about updating of the fee schedule and commented on the iconic building on Inkster Road that has been demolished. He said that building was the oldest structure in the city and he would have hoped it could have been preserved.

City Clerk

- Informed residents that the Absentee Ballots would be in by June twentieth and encouraged any resident who needs and Absentee Application to contact the City Clerk's office.

City Manager

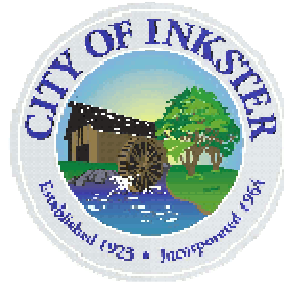
- Thanked City Council for the opportunity to serve.

Closed Session

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 June 16, 2014 was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

APPROVED



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster