

March 2, 2015

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, March 2, 2015

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

- The agenda.
- Greenway Project – City Manager, Richard Marsh
- Nuisance Abatement – Attorney, James Allen (*rescheduled to 3-16-15*)

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Hampton called the meeting to order at 7:35p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

City Council and the public in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Prayer

Prayer was lead by Rev. Earl Truss.

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.

Resolution 03-15-40R - Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

- A. Auxiliary Officer, Jesus Castellanos
- B. Nuisance Abatement – Attorney, James Allen (*rescheduled to 3-16-15*)

Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

- A. February 16, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks
Resolution 03-15-41R – Motion carried.**

Boards and Commission

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

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

- A. First Reading(s)
B. Second Reading(s)

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Mark Stuhldreher) Consider approval of amendments to various Deficit Elimination Plans in order to incorporate the FY 2014 audit results, amendments to the FY 2015 budget and current information.

**Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
Resolution 03-15-42R – Motion carried.**

- B. Discussion/Action: (Mark Stuhldreher) Consider approval FY 2015 budget amendments for the General Fund, Major Street, Local Street, Parks CDBG, Drug Forfeiture, Misc. Grants and Water/Sewer funds; approval of an Emergency Loan Repayment Policy; and approval of departmental fee schedules.

**Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
Resolution 03-15-43R – Motion carried.**

- C. Discussion/Action: (Jeannie Fields) Consider approval of an offer to purchase (Case# LD 14-03) three (3) vacant residential lots which are located on the east side of Harriet between Pine and Andover and is legally described as Lots 928 and 929, 930 and 931 and 932 Dearborn Acres Sub NO. 2 T2S, R9E, L33, P79 WCR (Property ID# 009-02-0928-300; 009-02-0930-000; and 009-02-0932-000) in the total amount of \$1,250.00 to Melvin Steed.

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams
Resolution 03-15-44R – Motion carried.**

- D. Discussion/Action: (Jeannie Fields) Consider entering into the Michigan Main Street Program Community Requirements and Expectations Agreement in conjunction with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) as an associate Level Community.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw

Resolution 03-15-45R – Motion carried.

- E. Discussion/Action: (Mark Stuhldreher) Consider approval of changes to the Poverty Income Standards used in the Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions used by the Local Board of Review when reviewing applications for property tax relief as allowed by MCL. 221.7u.

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Canty
Resolution 03-15-46R – Motion carried.**

Public Participation

- **George Williams (@ orientation)** – Asked about the \$4.30 surcharge on the water bill. He stated that charge should be removed.
- **Keith Lecrue (@ orientation)** – Stated there was nothing in the budget about helping the youth. He further stated that he spent two hundred dollars on basketballs for youth at the Recreation complex.
- **Patrick Wimberley (@ orientation)** – Asked City Council to consider an Amendment for the business that he operates in the TCD district. He stated that with the new ordinance that was passed by City Council, he would have to either move or close his business. He stated he runs a safe and accessible business that provides medical marijuana and gardening items.
- **Peter Ciemot (@ orientation)** – Stated he is a forty two resident of the City of Inkster and that he runs a successful business. He asked City Council to amend or reconsider their recently passed medical marijuana ordinance. He stated he loves his community, he gives back by providing to Toys for Tots, he employees fifteen employees and has taken a building that was not on the tax roll and made a safe viable business. He further stated that his business administers medication to patients and he says patients have stated to him that he is helping them. He asked for City Council to let him keep his business in the TCD District.
- **Keith Chatman** – Asked about the closing of Inkster schools. He further asked City Council if they ever had the thought about it not being a City of Inkster.
- **Dais Truss** – Gave several updates for the Family Literacy Program, she state March 5, 2015 was the Impact Awards, March 6, 2015 is the Monthly Free Book Distribution, March 18, 2015 is the Outer Space Reading Rally and March 25, 2015 is the McDonalds Family Literacy Night.
- **Sandra Watley** – Reminded residents of the Troops Need Love donations. She stated that March 7, 2015 is the day that items will be packed to send. He further stated that Father Clifton Ellis and his congregation donated \$1000.00 to the cause.
- **Brandon Yopp** – Stated he is the owner of I am Detroit and is looking to bring a subsidiary called I am Inkster. He further stated he is looking into opportunities to bring a brewing company to the city of Inkster. He stated that Meijers and Spartan stores are the places that he disburses his goods. He further said don't quote him but he thinks this opportunity could bring some jobs that pay between fifteen and twenty dollars an hour. He further stated he is a union shop. He said he is excited about the opportunities in the city of Inkster.

Mayor and Council Communication

- **Councilman Moner** - Thanked Michael A. Canty, Vietnam Veteran for his courage and commitment to freedom.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks** – Asked of the ten percent for City Administration could be put back in place. He further asked if the pay cut that City Council took could be put back in place. He said his thoughts are that the new City Council that comes in can decide if they want to take a pay cut or not. He further announced that the Inkster Chamber of Commerce would be holding its business Gala on March 24, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Inkster Golf Course. He encouraged anyone that wanted to participate to contact Octavia Smith or him.

- **Councilman Williams** – Announced to all residents to support local businesses. He stated he believed that the city should be in a partnership with other businesses. He asked about the Memorial Day Parade and encouraged any Veteran to participate and how much it would cost to keep the Parks and Recreation going.
- **Councilman Shaw** - Announced to all residents to support local businesses. He stated he believed that the city should be in a partnership with other businesses. He further stated that he took it upon himself to go to the Inkster Lube and visit the business. He said they now have the Councilman Shaw Special. He encouraged residents to ask for the Councilman Shaw Special.
- **Mayor Hampton** – Informed residents about the Grand Opening ceremony of the Inkster Justice Center. He stated this is a big accomplishment for the city. He announced the State of the City would be held on March 4, 2015. He further asked City Council members if they would like to have a Special meeting to discuss the Greenway Phase II project. He stated this is a big time in the city of Inkster and we are moving forward and doing positive things. He asked how much it would cost to keep the Parks and Recreation up and running. He further gave mention to the Summerfest being brought back to the city and the Memorial Day Parade.

City Clerk

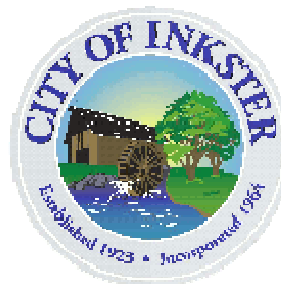
City Manager

- Thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve.
- Thanked City Administration.
- Stated the Grand opening for the Inkster Justice Center will be a great event.
- Gave some brief comments about the Greenway project.
(Mayor and Council suggested a Special Meeting be called to discuss)

Closed Session

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw and carried, the Regular Council meeting of March 2, 2015 was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster