

March 16, 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 16, 2015

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 6:40 p.m. to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.286 (e).

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT:

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Moner to adjourn the closed Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. – Motion carried unanimously.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Hampton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.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 Elder Willie Cobb.

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 with added items "C" and "D" under New Business. Resolution 03-15-51R - Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

- A. March 2, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. March 5, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes.
- C. March 9, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes.
- D. Allen Brother's and Attorney's PLLC Invoice \$39,134.96.

**Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks
Resolution 03-15-52R – Motion carried.**

Boards and Commission

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

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Moner
to appoint Avis Love to the Beautification Committee.
Resolution 03-15-53R – Motion carried.**

**Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks
to appoint Lorenzo Moner as the alternate for the CDBG Committee.
Resolution 03-15-54R – Motion carried.**

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks, Seconded by Councilmember Canty
to appoint Rerhi Onomake to the TIFA and the DDA.
Resolution 03-15-55R – Motion carried.**

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

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

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (John Adams) Consider to transfer blighted city owned residential properties to the Michigan Land Bank (MLB) for demolition under our Hardest Hit Grant with MSDHA.

**Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
Resolution 03-15-56R – Motion carried.**

- B. Discussion/Action: (Mark Stuhldreher) Consider acceptance of six (6) grants awarded to the City of Inkster.

**Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
Resolution 03-15-57R – Motion carried.**

- C. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Acceptance of the vote taken in closed session regarding pending litigation. (Chuck Rudy)

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Moner
Resolution 03-15-58R – Motion carried.
NAY: (Shaw, Williams)

- D. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Acceptance of the vote taken in closed session regarding pending litigation. (Susan Bartos)

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Canty
Resolution 03-15-59R – Motion carried.
NAY: (Williams)

Public Participation

- **Dorothy Gardner** – Asked if residents could get a return envelope for their water bills. She stated she would like to hear from council members that voted on the Greenway project. She asked had they spoken to any residents in their district before the vote and the obligation for the Greenway.
- **Sandra Watley** – Stated the Troops Need Love sent over one hundred packages. She asked residents to like them on Facebook and stated the next drive would be held on April 9, 2015. Further stated the Fire Department, Library and St. Clemons church are drop of points for items needed. She said that the ICAN organization is doing a membership drive and can be reached at 313-408-4692.
- **Jewel Jones** – Stated the Inkster Chamber of Commerce will be holding their 16th Annual Business Mixer March 24, 2015 at the Inkster Golf Course. He stated for ticket information the contact number is 734-552-1391.
- **Gabe Henderson** – Asked what parts of Parkwood Park belong to the city. He and some residents are interested in keeping the park maintained.
- **Daisy Truss** – Informed residents that March is national reading month. She stated the Michigan Legislator has been challenged to read to local school children. She stated that Wednesday March 18th is Reading is Astronomical and March 25th is McDonald Family Reading night at the Dearborn Heights McDonalds.
- **Hardy Robb** – Stated he paid for a certificate of occupancy that was never re-inspected. He stated that he is to pay two hundred dollars when he already paid for the certificate of occupancy inspection prior.

Mayor and Council Communication

- **Councilman Moner** – Gave tribute to Veteran Fred H. Days, Korean Veteran. He also mentioned to administration about an adopt-a-park program.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks** – Stated he is getting several calls about street sweeping. He asked administration would street sweeping would begin. He thanked Mr. Gabe Henderson for picking up trash on Middlebelt he said if we had one hundred people like him; the city would be very clean. He said he appreciates him.
- **Councilman Canty** – Stated he attended the Conference of Western Wayne breakfast. He stated that the new County Executive, Warren Evans said there are some severe cuts in the county budget that are coming down the pipeline. He gave some discussion about Detroit Water and Sewer. He further stated that some bills are being addressed in the state legislator and gave a handout to administration of those bills. He further gave a pothole hotline number for any potholes on county roads. The number was 888-762-3273.
- **Councilman Shaw** - Asked administration how potholes in the city are being addressed, about an update on the grant that was awarded to Plymouth Township, the Wayne County Alternative

Delivery workers and if council was able to petition the state to release the Consent Agreement. He further asked if a stop sign could be placed at Avondale and Tromley. He stated if you are speeding you will not be able to see the children that cross at that intersection daily. He mentioned Monty's Delivery Service who is located in the City of Inkster and asked residents to support him for any delivery service. He said if you needed anything delivered to contact him at 313-236-7844 He said he is licensed.

- **Councilman Williams** – Asked residents to support local businesses. He further asked residents if they know of a Veteran, to please ask them to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. He asked when the Parks and Recreation mileage expired and when a strategy would be discussed. He further stated that he did not vote for the Greenway Project.
- **Councilwoman Howard** – Stated to residents and Mrs. Gardner that she did not vote for the Greenway Project. She said that Phase I was completed but some ongoing maintenance cost is associated with that portion. She stated she was not on City Council at that time therefore could not attest to the contract that was signed. Further she stated that Phase II, has a cost and a maintenance for twenty years, even further after the twenty years the portion that is maintained will not be the City of Inkster's it will remain Wayne County's. She stated that it is her understanding that money for the Greenway will be taken from the local street fund.
- **Congressman John Conyers 13th District** – Gave a brief synopsis of what is going on in Washington. He stated that he is committed to helping assist the City of Inkster. He further stated that he is looking into getting a public accountant to look at city books and see if everyone is doing what they say. He said he is interested in doing a Town Hall meeting where actual action takes place, not just sitting down talking.
- **Mayor Hampton** – Thanked Congressman Conyers for attending the city council meeting. He stated that the May 5th, 2015 Statewide Special Election is coming up regarding tax increase to help assist with roads. He stated that any person's interested in going into depth about the proposal language can go to SEMCOG's website. He asked city administration to look further into the TAP Grant and to apply. He said the deadline to apply is April 27th, 2015. Further he encouraged any High School Senior to apply for scholarships with the Mayor Hampton Youth Foundation. He gave the website as www.mayorhamptonyouthfoundation.weebly.com He stated he was glad to see the city calendars are out and apologized for the delay.

City Clerk

- Asked any person interested in becoming an Election Inspector to contact the City Clerk's office.
- Informed residents of the upcoming May 5, 2015 Special Statewide Election.

City Manager

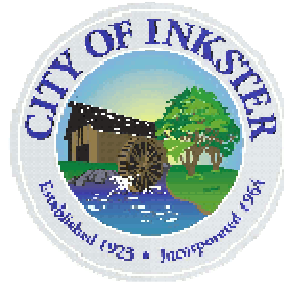
- Thanked Congressman John Conyers for his attendance at the meeting.
- Gave a pothole hotline number for City of Inkster potholes 313-563-9774.
- Thanked Lt. Shaw of the Michigan State Police.
- Thanked staff and administration.
- Thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve.

Closed Session

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Moner and carried, the Regular Council meeting of March 16, 2015 was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

APPROVED



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster