

April 6, 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, April 6, 2015

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

- The agenda.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Williams that Council convenes into a Closed Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.286 (e).

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1- (Canty)

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Moner to adjourn the closed Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. – Motion carried unanimously.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Hampton called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Prayer

There was no prayer.

Roll Call

Mayor Hampton	Present	Councilwoman Howard	Present
Councilman Moner	Present	Councilman Williams	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Hendricks	Present	Councilman Canty	Exc. Absence
Councilman Shaw	Present		

***A Quorum was present**

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Williams
to approve the agenda with added items to "Presentations".

Resolution 04-15-60R - Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

- A. Spring Clean – Judge Johnson and Toni Bailey
- B. Summer fest – Ms. Ruth E. Williams
- C. Wayne County Family Health Center Update – Community Health Worker, Octavia Smith
- D. Inkster Library Update – Inkster Library Board President, Michael Wells
- E. Special Events Policy – John Adams, Felicia Rutledge

Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

- A. March 16, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. March 26, 2015 Special City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks
Resolution 04-15-61R – Motion carried.**

Boards and Commission

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

**Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks
to appoint Emmereal Wells to the Planning Commission.
Resolution 04-15-62R – Motion carried.**

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

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

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (John Adams, Felicia Rutledge) Consider adoption of a Special Events Policy.

**Moved by Councilmember Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to
table the Special Events Policy until the April 20, 2015 regular City Council
meeting.
Resolution 04-15-63R – Motion carried.
NAY: (Moner)**

- B. 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 04-15-64R – Motion carried.**

- C. Discussion/Action: (LaZonja Smith) Consideration and approval to vote on updated contract for legal services provided by Allen Brother's to the City of Inkster.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to add the following additions/deletions to the contract:

A. Change the date on the third WHEREAS to commencing on April 7, 2015

B. Add "Special Meeting Attendance as needed " to item "C"

C. Remove "Planning Commission" from item "C"

D. Change item 9 commencement date to April 7, 2015 thru April 2017.

Resolution 04-15-65R – Motion failed.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Moner	Yea	Councilmember Howard	Nay
Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Nay
Mayor Hampton	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Nay

- D. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins) Consider authorizing the Deputy Director of Public Services to make an application to the Michigan Department of Transportation for the State Trunkline and the adoption of the attached resolution.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw

Resolution 04-15-66R – Motion carried.

- E. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins) Consider entering into a contract with United Lawnscape, Inc. low bid, for mowing of Municipal Buildings; City Parks; Vacant House, and State Trunklines for grass cutting for a two year period with option of one (1) additional year.

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

Resolution 04-15-67R – Motion carried.

- F. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins) Consider authorizing the Administration to have a city-wide liquidation sale of excessive assets, equipment, and rolling stock until all such items have been liquidated.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Williams

Resolution 04-15-68R – Motion carried.

NAY: (Hendricks)

- G. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins) Consider approving Administration to obtain three bids for repair work to correct the soil erosion issue along the Inkster Greenway Trail.

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

Resolution 04-15-69R – Motion carried.

NAY: (Williams)

- H. Discussion/Action: (Jeannie Fields) Consider approval of an offer to purchase (Case # LD15-1) a commercial structure commonly identified as 710 Middlebelt and legally described as 23C624A to 626A Lots 624 to 626 Incl. Exc E 17Ft Thereof Grand View Gardens Sub No. 1 T2s R9E L47 P45 WCR; Property ID #44-002-01-0624-001 to Przemyslaw Bednarowicz in an amount of \$32,850.00.

**Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks
Resolution 04-15-70R – Motion carried.**

- I. Discussion/Action: (Mayor Hampton) Consideration to approve the initiation of an investigation subject to Chapter 7, Section 7.7 of the Inkster City Charter; Investigations.

**Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks
Resolution 04-15-71R – Motion carried.
NAY: (Moner)**

Public Participation

- **Dorothy Gardner** – Asked when were city council members informed about the January 28th incident with the Police Department and were citizens made aware of the RMA study in writing. Further asked why city council members had not responded to the request of an explanation regarding their vote on the greenway project.
- **Gabe Henderson** – Stated that Inkster Goodfellows would be having a fish and spaghetti dinner at the Booker Dozier complex on April 17, 2015 from 11:00am until 3:00 p.m. for \$10.00. He stated that the menu would consist of tilapia, catfish, spaghetti and coleslaw.
- **Karen Lee** – Asked about an auto payment plan, reversal of the greenway project vote and who was responsible for all the dirt and debris on Middlebelt by the old Inkster High School.
- **Sandra Watley** – Stated she needed to make a correction about the packing party for the troops. She said the packing party would be held on April 16, 2015 at St. Clemmons Episcopal Church located at 4300 Harrison Street. She informed residents about a newly formed group VOICE (Voters of Inkster Continuing Education). She stated that a community voter education forum would be held on April 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Woodson Community Center and invited residents to attend.
- **Byron Nolen** – Stated that the Special Events Policy should be have some language in it regarding non profit and for profit held events. He said that he participates in the Seeds to Feed and an event is held each year that attracts four hundred plus people and they would not be able to provide insurance per the policy that is before council to be adopted. He further stated the event was like a big family picnic.

Mayor and Council Communication

- **Councilman Moner** – Gave thanks to John Leon Donald, Vietnam Veteran for his dedication and service to this country. Additionally, he stated he that Mayor and Council needed to take a serious look further into a charter amendment. Further he stated, he was walking his district and saw several fire hydrants not working and wanted to inquire about a fire hydrant replacement and painting program. He said Reverend John D. Herden celebrated his 5th Anniversary and that he saw a rooster on Kitch Street and he thinks that the rooster should be the city of Inkster official mascot.
- **Mayor Hampton** – Stated to all to Administration and city residents that this is officially his last year running for Mayor. He said that he enjoyed serving and that he looks forward to seeing the city move forward. He thanked city council members for the opportunity to serve and gave special thanks to Councilman Shaw and Councilwoman Howard for serving during through the tough times. He stated that he is unclear still about the Medical Marijuana ordinance and would like further clarification from Administration regarding how to branch out in to other portions of the city and not just the M-1 District. He stated that the city calendars are in and Councilman Moner is passing out the calendars in his district, which prompted him to ask if a delivery company was used to disburse calendars to city residents. He further stated that non-profits and block clubs should be tapped to help disburse the calendar. During Mayor Hampton's comments he invited Akindele Akinyemi to come and speak about Immigrant Friendly Communities.

- **Councilman Shaw** – Asked about the stop sign on Avondale and Trommley and asked the City Attorney about city council members speaking out publicly regarding the incident that occurred on January 28, 2015 with the Police Department. He stated that the city should be out of the deficit elimination plan one year early and with a \$97,000.00 fund balance.
- **Councilwoman Howard** – Asked the City Treasurer if she would be able to go over the budget with him on Monday.
- **Councilman Williams** – Thanked all the citizens and invited everyone to shop Inkster. He further asked about the Parks and Recreation millage, and if city council could adopt a resolution in support of the Memorial Day Parade.

City Clerk

- Announced that the Justice Center Phones would be down for a period of time but 911 services would not be affected.
- Encouraged any citizen to participate in the election process as an Election Inspector.

City Manager

- Thanked Citizens.
- Thanked Mayor and Council.

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 April 6, 2015 was adjourned at 10:31 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster