

July 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, July 6, 2015

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

- The agenda.
- Proposed Millage Language Presentation – Craig Lewis and Denise Champagne

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Moner that Council convenes into a Closed Executive Session at 7:20 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 Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Moner to adjourn the closed Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. – Motion carried unanimously.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Hampton called the meeting to order at 7:39 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 Pastor Sample.

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 Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
to approve the agenda with added items "B", "C" and "D" under Presentations.
Resolution 07-15-121R - Motion carried.**

Presentations/Discussion

- A. Proposed Millage Language Presentation – Craig Lewis and Denise Champagne
- B. Commissioner LeBlanc's Office – Mary McClendon
- C. Grass Cutting – Jerome Bivins
- D. State Representative 11th District – Julie Plawecki

Public Hearings

- A. A public hearing on an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for a Commercial Warehouse and Wholesale in B-3 General Business District. (Abe Hachem is the applicant)

**Move by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
to open the public hearing.
Resolution 07-15-122R – Motion carried.**

**Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Moner
to close the public hearing.
Resolution 07-15-123R – Motion carried.**

- **Juanita Davis** – Asked about the application for a warehouse on Michigan Ave. and the trucking route on Trowbridge.
- **Ali Wood** – Stated a wholesale business has an application in with the city to place Red Cross donation boxes in centralized locations for clothing items. Additionally stated that box trucks would come and pick up the donated items.
- **Resident** – Stated that the boxes are creating blight within the city and that the company should be held accountable for overflow. Additionally stated that pictures were taken of the overflow.
- **Gloria Brown** – Asked about truck tonnage and that she would support a Special Conditions Use but not opening up zoning for that type of business in the whole B-3 district.
- **Dennis Hutchings** – Stated that they paid an enormous amount in fees to have a garage built to store lawn equipment for Middlebelt Baptist Church.

Consent Agenda

- A. June 15, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. June 29, 2015 Special City Council Meeting Minutes.
- C. Allen Brother's & Attorney's PLLC. Invoice \$43,069.44

**Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Williams
Resolution 07-15-124R – Motion carried.**

Boards and Commission

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

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to appoint Toni Bailey to the Commission on Aging.
Resolution 07-15-125R – Motion carried.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Canty to appoint Patricia Donald to the Commission on Aging.
Resolution 07-15-126R – Motion carried.

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

- A. First Reading(s)

1. Consider a first reading on an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for a Commercial Warehouse and Wholesale in B-3 General Business District. (Abe Hachem is the applicant)

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks
Resolution 07-15-127R – Motion carried.

- B. Second Reading(s)

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Jeannie Fields) Consider approval of a Special Conditions Use (SCU 14-05) to allow a church to operate in an R-1B (one Family Residential District) and Site Plan (SP14-10) to include the addition of an accessory building to store lawn equipment and church vehicles with the conditions noted per the recommendation of the Planning Commission on June 22, 2015.

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks
Resolution 07-15-128dR – Motion carried.

Public Participation

- Octavia Smith** – Thanked everyone who participated in the Inkster Task Force 5K run. She gave special thanks to Mayor Hampton, Councilman Williams, Jerome Bivins and Fire Chief Adams for their participation. She additionally stated that every person that crossed the finish line received a certificate and medal.
- Mary McClendon** - That there would be no Coffee Talk in July for Commissioner Richard LeBlanc's office.
- Representative Julie Plawecki** – Gave a brief overview of school millage item for the City of Inkster residents. She stated that when the issue is on the ballot it must pass.
- Juanita Davis** – Asked if the city had a fireworks Ordinance because of the loud noise. Additionally she asked about the one hundred thousand dollar tax levy to be placed on resident tax bills.
- Dorothy Gardner** – Asked about grass cutting, bicycle license, the dumb site on Cherry and how many more lawsuits are pending to go on resident's taxes. She stated that Code Enforcement

Officers should have guns when entering abandoned homes because its dangerous. Further stated the Inkster Library is looking for a new Librarian.

- **Willie Johnson** – Stated that all citizens and City Council should drive the city of Inkster and that the housing in Inkster is going bad.
- **George Williams** – Gave condolences to City Clerk, Felicia Rutledge about the loss of her mother. He further commended Denise Champagne and Craig Lewis for trying to get the millage passed. He stated that millage funds should not be used as they were in the past on such items like salaries.
- **Sandra Watley** – Stated that candidate debates for districts four and six would take place on July 9th at former Baylor Woodson School. Further stated a Mayoral debate will be held on July 23rd.
- **Darvis Jones** – Stated he had little to no cooperation with the Inkster Police department regarding the kidnapping of his daughter. However he did state that he saw the City Manager and Interim Chief of Police Thomas have did their jobs to help assist.

City Council

- **Councilman Canty** – Asked the City Clerk how should candidates be handled that make announcements about forums. He thanked Jeannie Fields for her service and stated it is going to be a tremendous lost. He thanked Lt. Shaw for his service. He further stated that a member of city council or the Mayor should be on the hiring team that hires Police officers.
- **Councilman Moner** – Gave tribute to brave Veteran Clarence J. Oden, Jr. and thanked him for his service. He stated that recycling would take place July 11, 2015.
- **Councilman Williams** – Asked Administration if they could check into getting grants for road repair. He further asked the City Manager if he had gotten with Taylor schools regarding the grass cutting at the park across the street from Baylor Woodson school. He encouraged everyone to shop Inkster.
- **Councilman Shaw** – Extended his condolences to City Clerk, Rutledge for the loss of her mother. He asked about board ups, a purchasing policy, the RFP on IT Services, the selling of Police vehicles, Act 95 money and if the city has checked into different insurance carriers.
- **Mayor Hampton** – Stated that City Administration should post haste get a sign up for Jearlean Talley. He further stated that strip malls within the city should be responsible for clean up of their area. Stated that city council should look into placing the revision of the Charter on the November ballot. Lastly stated that Jeannie Fields should have an Exit Interview.

City Clerk

- Informed residents of a MDOT announcement about Beech Daly and John Daly roads.

City Manager

- Thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve.
- Thanked Administration.
- Thanked Lt. Shaw and Twazerk
- Stated that losing Jeanie Fields is going to be a great loss and the city is planning a big shin dig.
- Thanked City Clerk Rutledge for attending the meeting during her time of loss and offered his condolences.

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,

APPROVED

the Regular Council meeting of July 6, 2015 was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster