

July 20, 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 20, 2015

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

- The agenda.
- Grass cutting strategy – Jerome Bivins, Deputy Director of DPS

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Howard that Council convenes into a Closed Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.286 (e).

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: (Hampton, Hendricks)

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to adjourn the closed Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. – Motion carried unanimously.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks 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 Father Clifton.

Roll Call

Mayor Hampton	Absent	Councilwoman Howard	Present (left @10:50)
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 Councilmember Howard to approve the agenda with added items "B" and "C" under Presentations. Resolution 07-15-129R - Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

- A. Inkster Public Library – Michael Wells
- B. Parks and Recreation Update – Craig Lewis
- C. Grass Cutting – Jerome Bivins, Deputy Director of DPS

Public Hearings

- A. Council to hold a public hearing and offer a first reading on an amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance to permit medical marijuana uses as a special conditions use in B-1, B-2 and B-3 Districts per the Planning Commission Recommendation.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to OPEN the public hearing. Resolution 07-15-130R - Motion carried.

- **Paul Lippens (Planner)** – Recommendation to deny from the Administration, McKenna and Associates and stated that the Planning Commission recommended.
- **Akindele Akenime** – Supports dispensaries and economic development.
- **Linda Dill** – Against dispensaries stated there are enough problems in the city.
- **Juanita Davis** – Stated medical marijuana is still drugs and having dispensaries opens the city up to other problems.
- **Shirley Hankerson** – Supports dispensaries and stated that the crime in the city upsets her more than having dispensaries.
- **Ernest Hendricks** – Stated he is against dispensaries and that approving is the worst thing that city council could do.
- **Gloria Brown** – Ok when she heard about medical marijuana at the Planning Commission but now she does not support dispensaries.
- **Jessie Shelby** – Questioned the locations and the amount of money that would be generated.
- **Adam C (State Police)** – Stated the team working in Inkster has been involved in dismantling four locations and that dispensaries are not legal. Further stated, they will raid and seize their assets.
- **Byron Nolen (Applicant Attorney)** – Stated that misinformation is being presented and that medical marijuana will benefit the city. He further stated that dispensaries are not illegal. He discussed the benefits and stated that crime goes down as a result of regulating dispensaries within cities.
- **Paul Lippens** – Clarified statements.
- **City Manager Marsh** – Asked the City Attorney if medical marijuana dispensaries are legal in Michigan.
- **Attorney Jones** – Provided clarification on retail vs. true dispensary.

- **Police Chief Thomas** – Active Federal will enforce the law. The sell of marijuana is not conducive to social economic well being of Inkster. He discussed the negative effects.
- **Connie C** – Supports medical marijuana and frequented Suite B and had no problems. Further stated that marijuana is not like other drugs.
- **Winnie** – Stated that after being educated on medical marijuana she changed her position from not supporting to support.
- **Deborah Owen** – Stated that she is neutral and asked if it would be in a confined area. She further stated there are not enough police.
- **William Miller** – Stated that he thinks the Administration is against it but he believes that Inkster should be a front of this new industry.
- **Dr. Golani** – Spoke about the recent shootings near her business and questioned the number of people coming to the city.
- **Barb Crooks** – Stated she is not a resident but uses medical marijuana. She discussed the dispensary in industrial vs. commercial area. She said she went to Suite B and had a good experience.
- **Sam Brown** – Stated he is against medical marijuana and that he is concerned with the process. He further stated he believes that it is important to listen to paid staff and if we can not trust their opinion that the city should hire better people.
- **Jim Garrett** – Stated it is important to research topics before forming and opinion.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Howard to CLOSE the public hearing.
Resolution 07-15-131R - Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

- A. July 7, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Howard
Resolution 07-15-132R – Motion carried.

Boards and Commission

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

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
to appoint Val Ogbonnaya to the DDA Commission
Resolution 07-15-133R – Motion carried.

Moved by Councilmember Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
to appoint Uche Ndubuisi to the DDA Commission
Resolution 07-15-134R – Motion carried.

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

- A. First Reading(s)

B. Second Reading(s)

1. Consider a ***second*** 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 Canty, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
Resolution 07-15-135R – Motion carried.

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Felicia Rutledge) Consider a street closure on Florence between Sylvia and Princess July 25, 2015 (weather permitting) OR August 1, 2015 from 12pm until 8:30pm for a Block Party (Donna Lawrence)

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Canty
Resolution 07-15-136R – Motion carried.

- B. Discussion/Action: (Jeannie Fields) Consideration to transfer blighted city owned residential properties to the Michigan Land Bank (MLB) for demolition under out Hardest Hit grant with MSDHA.

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams
Resolution 07-15-137R – Motion carried.

- C. Discussion/Action: (Jeannie Fields) Consider approval of a Special Conditions Use (SCU 15-03) and accompanying Site Plan (SP14-09) for the operation of a commercial warehouse located at 26051 Michigan Ave. in the B-3 District (General Business) with the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
Resolution 07-15-138R – Motion carried.

- D. Discussion/Action: (Jeannie Fields) Consider approval of an offer to purchase (Case# LD15-6) Vacant Walnut and 3741 Walnut which are located on the east side of Walnut between Carlyle and Andover and are legally described as Lot 146 also W ½ Adj. Vac. Alley and Lot 147 also W ½ Adj. Vac. Alley Inkster Garden Sub T2S R9E L84 P73 (Property ID# 44-014-03-0146-000 and 44-014-03-0147-000) in the total amount of \$1,750 to Key Management (Kimani Powell)

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
Resolution 07-15-139R – Motion carried.

- E. Discussion/Action: (Jeannie Fields) Consider approval of the July 1, 2015-June 30, 2020 Charter County of Wayne Contract for CDBG funding in the amount of \$241,708.44 for the HUD funding program Year 2015 (July 1, 2015-December 31, 2016).

Moved by Councilmember Moner, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
Resolution 07-15-140R – Motion carried.

- F. Discussion/Action: (Craig Lewis and Denise Champagne) Consider approving our request to have the attached ballot language placed on the November 3, 2015 ballot asking voters to approve a renewal and a new senior service millage.

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Moner
Resolution 07-15-141R – Motion carried.**

Public Participation

- **Michael Green** - Questions regarding the Tax Levy, Judgments and his interest in an Emergency Manager.
- **Juan Bradford** – Stated the city owes him money and he is not being paid. Additionally, he is concerned with the Special Event fees and if fees can be waived for the Robichaud High All Class Reunion picnic on September 5, 2015.
- **Peter Cimeot** – Gave an overview of his business ownership within the City of Inkster and the benefits of Suite B. He further stated that he volunteered to donate and help kids.
- **William Miller** – Stated the pothole problem on Sunningdale and that medical marijuana needed to expand past the M-1 district.
- **George Williams** – Stated that all activities for the youth do not occur at the Recreation Complex. Further stated that tax levies should be stopped and he is interested in an Emergency Manager.
- **Dr. Golani** – Stated that the new business Applewood is open and will be doing a grand opening. She stated that the Chamber is still interested in doing a city calendar and needs ads.
- **Dorothy Gardner** – Concerns with the Senior Program, the boxes on Michigan Ave., Christmas lights, residential demo and the shop Inkster activity. When the next Police Chief would be announced and that she supports Interim, Chief Thomas.
- **Jessie Shelby** – Concerns regarding the Parks and Recreation Senior Program, the new Police Chief and info for the website (flier).
- **Linda Deleon** – Keep land line phones in Inkster, tax levies and screening of employees against marijuana.
- **Gabe Henderson** – Goodfellow activities, the Recreation complex, closing of City Hall as opposed to the Recreation complex. Announced Sunday, July 26, 2015 there would be an All Inkster High Reunion at 12 noon.
- **Crystal Linton** – Stated there is a need for medical marijuana. Informed residents of the Mayoral debate Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the recreation complex. Further stated that her mom passed who lived 60 years on Florence.
- **Byron Nolen** – Presented information related to federal funds and how it would affect a community.

City Council

- **Councilman Moner** – Gave tribute to brave Veteran Lazarus Pendergrass, Jr. Korean Veteran.
- **Councilman Canty** – Stated there was an article regarding elections that stated that Councilman Canty was a candidate and he stated he is not running for City Council. Stated that the Nankin Transient is looking for part time drivers. He further stated that he is looking into a resolution regarding the increase in air plane noise.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Hendricks** – Stated he is getting calls from residents stating that their water bill is higher.

City Clerk

- Absent (Bereavement)

City Manager

- Announced that the new Police Chief, William Riley of Selma, Alabama would start on August 10, 2015.

- Stated that Interim Chief, Joseph Thomas would stay a couple of days and help assist with the transition.

Closed Session

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Moner and carried, the Regular Council meeting of July 20, 2015 was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster