

December 7, 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, December 7, 2015

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

- The agenda.
- Charter Amendment/Revision Discussion

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Jones that Council convenes into a Closed Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.286 (e).

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1-Richardson

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Jones to adjourn the closed Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. – Motion carried unanimously.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Nolen called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 led by Father Clifton Ellis.

Roll Call

Mayor Nolen	Present	Councilwoman Howard	Present
Councilwoman Watley	Present	Mayor Pro-Tem Williams	Present
Councilman Oden	Present	Councilman Jones	Present
Councilwoman Richardson	Absent		

***A Quorum was present**

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Williams

to approve the agenda

Resolution 12-15-213R - Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

- A. Inkster Legends – Mr. Smiley
- B. Retirement of Charlie Guy – Jerome Bivins, DPS Deputy Director and Mayor Nolen
- C. FY 2015 Audit Presentation – Mark Kettner, Rehmann Robson
- D. Southwest Block Club Wish List – Mr. Motley
- E. Wayne County Commissioner, Richard LeBlanc
- F. State Representative, Julie Plawecki

Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

- A. November 16, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Allen Brother's and Attorney's PLLC. Invoice \$60,479.69

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Oden
Resolution 12-15-214R – 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: (Jeannie Fields) Consideration and approval of a Special Conditions Use (SCU 15-02) for a proposed addition to a day care facility in the B-2 District (Thoroughfare Mixed Use District).

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Howard
Resolution 12-15-215R – Motion carried.

- B. Discussion/Action: (Mark Stuhldreher) Consideration to join SEMCOG and vote on the city representation and city alternate.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Jones
to appoint Councilmember Clarence Oden, Jr. to SEMCOG.
Resolution 12-15-216R – Motion carried.

Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Watley
to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Timothy Williams as an Alternate to SEMCOG
Resolution 12-15-217R – Motion carried.

- C. Discussion/Action: (John Adams) Consideration to apply for two 2016 Assistance to Firefighter's Grants (AFG). One for a new fire apparatus and the second for EMS equipment.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Jones
Resolution 12-15-218R – Motion carried.

- D. Discussion/Action (City Council) Consideration of the three (3) Charter Amendments to be placed On the March 8, 2015 Ballot.

Moved by Councilmember Oden, Seconded by Councilmember Jones
to table until a Wednesday December 9, 2015 at a Special Meeting.
Resolution 12-15-219R – Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Jones	Yes	Councilmember Howard	Nay
Mayor Pro-Tem Williams	Yes	Councilmember Richardson	Absent
Councilmember Oden	Yes		
Councilmember Watley	Yes		
Mayor Nolen	Yes		

Public Participation

- **Larry Smith** – Concerns regarding dogs in the city that are loose.
- **Crystal Linton** – Announced the Inkster Listening Project to be held December 12, 2015 at St. Episcopal Church.
- **Willie Johnson** – Concerns regarding hiring more Police Officers and dumping on Cherry Street.
- **Tariq Shariff** – Announced he would like for citizens that have trash or know of any resident that needs assistance around their property to please contact him with their address. He announced his phone number 734-628-2913.
- **Octavia Smith** – Encouraged members of city council to join the Inkster Chamber of Commerce.
- **Gabe Henderson** – Thanked residents for supporting the Inkster Good fellow's paper drive. He encouraged residents to join the Inkster Good fellows.
- **Dorothy Gardner** – Offered congrats to all the new and returning city council members. Thanked participants who attended the Senior Luncheon. Announced the Blues and More night to be held at the Recreation Complex on December 18, 2015. Further she asked for Christmas lights and for everyone to pray for the city.
- **Michael Wells** – Announced he would be leaving the Inkster Library summer calendar.

Mayor and Council

- **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** – Wished all residents and members of city council happy holidays. He further encouraged residents to shop Inkster.
- **Councilman Jones** – Thanked supporters. He stated there are a lot of positive things going on within the city of Inkster. He stated he would be participating with the Inkster Warriors with a focus on Literacy. Further stated a group would be going to Lansing from several municipalities to push an urban agenda.
- **Councilwoman Watley** – Stated that the group V.O.I.C.E would be doing several shop talks in order to encourage voter participation. The next shop talk will take place on December 11, 2015 from 3-5 p.m. She said that 100 men met on the past Friday. The group is focused on getting youth back involved in the community. Further stated that watsoniaparkblockassoc@gmail.com can be contacted to receive community notifications.

- **Councilman Oden** —Acknowledged Ms. Crystal Linton for always doing positive things in the community. He thanked Father Clifton Ellis for opening the doors to his church. He further congratulated Councilmember Jewell Jones and his sister Shanna about their article in the Starfish paper. He wished everyone happy holidays.
- **Mayor Nolen** — Asked residents to pray for James Richardson. He stated he is still optimistic about what the city can do and accomplish. He stated that change does not come easy for some but that looking at revising and amending the charter is a good thing. Further stated sometimes stall tactics are used when change is to come about and that the city should look very hard at governing ourselves, take a stance and do something.

City Clerk

- Announced the March 8, 2015 Presidential Primary Election and stated further details would be forth coming.

City Manager

- Stated the Mayor and him met with the State Treasury department. He said in the future, he would like to have other members attend a meeting with the Treasury department. He further stated he is looking forward to exiting the Consent Agreement.

Closed Session

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made by Councilmember Oden, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and carried, the Regular Council meeting of December 7, 2015 was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster