

January 19, 2016 (Tuesday)

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 Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

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

- The agenda.
- Boards & Commission Discussion (Consolidation and/or Elimination)

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Williams 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 led by Pastor Nick Edwards.

Roll Call

Mayor Nolen	Exc. Absence	Councilwoman Howard	Exc. Absence
Councilwoman Watley	Present	Mayor Pro-Tem Williams	Present
Councilman Oden	Present	Councilman Jones	Present
Councilwoman Richardson	Present		

***A Quorum was present**

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Oden to approve the agenda with added item "C" under New Business.

Resolution 1-16-08R - Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

A. Proclamation for Son Hargrove – Councilwoman DeArtriss Richardson & Council

Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

A. January 4, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Oden

to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2016.
Resolution 1-16-09R – Motion carried.

Boards and Commission

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

**Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Richardson
to appoint William Miller to the Board of Review.**
Resolution 1-16-10R – Motion carried.

**Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Oden
to appoint Peggy Jordan to the Board of Review.**
Resolution 1-16-11R – Motion carried.

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

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

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Jeannie Fields) Consideration and approval to apply for Wayne County 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in the amount of \$241,700.00

**Moved by Councilmember Oden, Seconded by Councilmember Richardson
to approve to apply for a CDBG Grant funding in the amount of \$241,700.**
Resolution 1-16-12R – Motion carried.

- B. Discussion/Action: (Mark Stuhldreher) Consider approval of a Resolution in support of encouraging Wayne County to retain the local parks partnering initiative whereby 15% of Parks Millage are returned to the local communities via a program in coordination with the local County Commissioner.

**Moved by Councilmember Oden, Seconded by Councilmember Richardson
to approve a Resolution in support of Wayne County Local Parks Program.**
Resolution 1-16-13R – Motion carried.

- C. Discussion/Action (City Council) Resolution in opposition to PA. 269 and to forward to Resolution to the State Representative and State Senator for the city.

**Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Oden
to oppose PA. 269.**
Resolution 01-16-14R – Motion carried.

Public Participation

- **Deborah Owens** - Asked administration to look into possible programs to allow police officers, firefighters and even city employees to purchase blighted homes.
- **Rev. George Williams** – Thanked Mayor and Council for attending his Martin Luther King event.

- **DeAndrea Watley** – Informed residents that the Inkster Library board meets every third Thursday. She also stated that at the next Board meeting the library will be discussing their strategic plan. Further stated that the library is looking for a director and Friends of Inkster Library have started back up.
- **Jean Overman** – Thanked Ms. Fields for the donation of bags. She stated next Friday that hot soup would be given out along with commodities at Mother's Pantry.
- **Willie Johnson** – Thanked the Chief of Police for responding to his call quickly when a person was casing his street. He further stated persons are dumping on Michigan Ave.
- **Crystal Linton** – Stated that a Boy Scout Troop and a Cub Scout Pack has been formed with students from Tomlinson, Daly and Thorn schools. She further stated that DeAndrea Watley would be the program director now for this program. She stated she is excited about the boy scouts program starting back up in Inkster.
- **Elijah Fizer** – Asked city administration if Lehigh Street could be named after him. He stated he has done a lot of clean up on that street.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilwoman Watley** – Encouraged residents to participate in VOICE shop talks where discussion is had on raising voter awareness and increasing voter participation at local beauty salons. She stated the next shop talk is Saturday, January 30, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Styles by Thomas. She additionally thanked the ladies who assisted with taking soup to the Firemen. She further thanked Kara Woods who paid for the dumpsters out of his own pocket for the clean-up effort.
- **Councilman Oden** – Stated the Inkster Housing Director would be speaking with the Interim City Manager regarding a grant that the new Inkster Housing Director is working on. He said the grant would focus on upgrading the Lemoyne Garden area. He further stated that the Inkster Chamber of Commerce is doing a great job with helping new and existing businesses.
- **Councilwoman Richardson** – Stated that a bill was passed regarding schools and refinancing of bonds and reducing the interest. She stated she has State Representative, Julie Plawecki looking into the matter. She further asked about dump trucks in the city that are demolishing homes. She stated that the several trucks were on her street and that she followed the truck and saw them dump by the railroad track. She stated that next month, February is Black History Month and she would like to see the city show some of Inkster's residents on the cable channel.
- **Councilman Jones** – Congratulated Master William and the karate club. He stated that the Inkster Task Force and Senior Services would be hosting a game night at the recreation complex. He further stated that he would be participating in a water drive for Flint residents and that he will be having his election celebration at the recreation complex.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** – Stated he would be helping to assist Senator Knezek with water donation to Flint.

City Clerk

- Stated that a March 8, 2016 Primary Presidential Election is being held and that the City of Inkster does have a charter question on the ballot. She encouraged residents who need an absentee ballot to contact the Clerk's office.

City Manager

- Stated that city calendars are available for pick up, they will not be delivered. She asked residents to do their part with assisting the city on notification of illegal dumping within the city.

Closed Session

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made by Councilmember Oden, Seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the Regular Council meeting of January 19, 2016 was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster