APPROVED

September 19, 2016

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, September 19, 2016.

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

A. The agenda.
B. Sale of Property within the City of Inkster for Dollar General
C. New Police Commander Position
D. Boards and Commissions Policy

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Nolen called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 Thelma Jean Overman

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Oden to approve the agenda with added item "B" under Presentations and added item "G" under New Business.
9-16-219R - Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

A. Inkster Beautification Awards Presentation – Toni Bailey
B. My Brother's Keeper Presentation
C. Regional Transit Authority (RTA) – Tiffany Gunter

Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

A. September 6, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Oden to approved the Consent Agenda.
Resolution 9-16-220R

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: (Jerome Bivins) Consider authorizing the Administration to addendum the contract between the City of Inkster and Century Cement approved October 6, 2015 to include additional concrete work to provide emergency work for the most critical sink holes across the city. Funds from account 203-471-939-000 local road repair.

Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Howard to approve authorizing the Administration to addendum the contract between the City of Inkster and Century Cement approved October 6, 2015 to include additional concrete (referencing the sink holes). Funds from account 203-471-939-000 local road repair.
Resolution 9-16-221R – Motion carried.

B. Discussion/Action (Jerome Bivins) Consider authorizing Administration to accept the quote from Aielli Construction Co, INC., for $83,750.00 plus a 25% contingency totaling $104,687.50 to repair a sink hole in the backyard of 4040 Middlebelt Road. Funds from account 592-564-806-000

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Oden to authorize Administration to accept the quote from Aielli Construction Co, INC., for $83,750.00 plus a 25% contingency totaling $104,687.50 to repair a sink hole in the backyard of 4040 Middlebelt Road. Funds from account 592-564-806-000
Resolution 9-16-222R – Motion carried.

C. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins) Consider authorizing administration to adopt the attached resolution to be submitted to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for funding request for Storm water, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) grant.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Howard to authorize administration to adopt the attached resolution to be submitted to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for funding request for Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) grant.
Resolution 9-16-223R – Motion carried.

D. Discussion/Action: (Jeannie Fields) Consider approval of an offer to purchase (Case # LD16-12) 3948 Spruce which is located on the west side of Spruce between Andover and Carlysle and is legally described as Lot 548 Also E ½ Adj Vac Alley Inkster Gardens Sub T2S R9E L48 P73 WCR (Property ID #44-014-03-0548-000) in the amount of $1,500.00 to Tyneil Humphrey.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Oden to approve an offer to purchase (Case # LD16-12) 3948 Spruce which is located on the west side of Spruce between Andover and Carlysle and is legally described as Lot 548 Also E ½ Adj Vac Alley Inkster Gardens Sub T2S R9E L48 P73 WCR (Property ID #44-014-03-0548-000) in the amount of $1,500.00 to Tyneil Humphrey.
Resolution 9-16-224R – Motion carried.

E. Discussion/Action: (Jeannie Fields) Consider approval of an offer to purchase (Case # LD16-13) 3140 Walnut which is located on the west side of Walnut between Cherry St. and Chestnut Ave. and is legally described as Lot 161 West Dearborn Sub T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Property ID #44-010-01-0616-000) in the amount of $1,500.00 to Freddie Bishop III.

Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams to approve an offer to purchase (Case # LD16-13) 3140 Walnut which is located on the west side of Walnut between Cherry St. and Chestnut Ave. and is legally described as Lot 161 West Dearborn Sub T2S R9E L50 P32 WCR (Property ID #44-010-01-0616-000) in the amount of $1,500.00 to Freddie Bishop III.
Resolution 9-16-225R – Motion carried.

F. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Consideration and adoption of a Resolution per section 5.1 of the City Charter.

Moved by Councilmember Watley, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams to adopt a Resolution per section 5.1 of the City Charter.
Resolution 9-16-226R – Motion carried.
NAY: (Howard, Richardson)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

G. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Consideration of the adoption of a new appointment to Boards and Commission Policy.

Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams

to approve the adoption of a new appointment to Boards and Commissions Policy.
Resolution 9-16-227R – Motion carried.

Public Participation

- **Willie Johnson –** Had concerns about Duran Court and the City Charter.
- **Ernest Hendricks –** Stated that the new proposed charter is a strong Mayor form of government.
- **James Richardson –** Had questions related to citizens still paying the sinking fund for schools that are no longer in the City of Inkster. He asked if the citizens would be refunded money and/or given relief of payments.
- **Larry Motley –** Stated that My Brother's Keeper is a good program. He stated that the new proposed charter is a strong Mayor form of government. He stated that the limit is has been taken off of drug houses. He further stated that organizations within the city such as ICAN, VOICE, NAN and Inkster Task Force should not be supported.
- **Mr. Lee –**Stated that the Firefighters need a raise. He said they are helping to clean up the city and using vacation time to do so. He further said they could be doing important things but they are helping the city.
- **Christie King –** Stated that the worksite wellness plan for the City of Inkster is going well and the funds have been disbursed to the city. She said a Lunch and Learn will take place at the Dozier. She further stated that she no longer will be with the Kidney Foundation she has taken a job in Macomb County. Furthermore, Mr. Gambril asked if he had permission to use the water for the community garden.
- **Charles Dewhart –** Asked if water could be used for the community garden. He stated they were given permission four years ago and he wanted to make sure that still was ongoing.
- **Gabe Henderson –**Stated the Middlebelt Block Club has a van to take council members around the city to see what needs to be cleaned up. He asked everyone to be good neighbors to one another.
- **Akindele Akiayemi –** Announced the DDA meeting that would be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. He also asked for volunteers for Junior Achievement. Further he announced the Detroit Regional Chamber Breakfast.
- **Octavia Smith –** Presented Mayor Byron Nolen and Councilmember Sandra Watley with certificates. Mayor Nolen, for his participation with Western Wayne Family Health Center and Councilmember Watley for the beautiful garden she planted at Western Wayne Family Health Center. She further stated that she is an elected member of the Charter Commission and she supports the new proposed charter. She said the new proposed charter has been reviewed by the Attorney General's office and the Governor's office.
- **Jean Overman –** Asked about property in back of Mother's Pantry. If that property could be leased.
- **Rev. George Williams –** Stated that he is an elected member of the charter commission and that he supports the new proposed charter. He further stated that section 6.1 in the new proposed charter does not give the Mayor absolute power. He encouraged everyone to get educated regarding the new charter and to vote how they feel necessary. He further stated that the new proposed charter asked for city council members to work with persons in their district and holds the council person accountable
- **Shirley Hankerson –** Stated she is an elected member of the charter commission. She said the charter commission looked for feedback from the citizens. She said the main persons complaining came to the meetings watched them work and then got up and left. She stated they never put in any input while the process was taking place
- **Yvette Brock –** Stated she is a proud member of VOICE and that the organization assist with getting out voter information and increasing voter awareness. She stated that if any individual participates in the VOICE informational forums and is disruptive then VOICE forums is not the place for them.

City Clerk

- Announced that resident can request Absentee applications and ballots by contacting the City Clerk's Office.

City Manager

- Announced that Officer Lebo would be receiving an award for a 911 medical assistance call.
- September 24, 2016 the pothole repair would begin and be ongoing.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilwoman Richardson –** Stated that funds are available to different organizations. She asked when funds would be disbursed to go towards the school debt.
- **Councilman Jones –** Stated that the Youth Commission would be revitalized.
- **Councilwoman Watley –** Stated that ICAN along with the Police and Fire departments would be hosting a clean-up on the 28th of September. She announced a Veteran's Resource Fair on the 29th of September. She said that several vendors would be participating as well as the Tuskegee Airmen. Lastly she said that the Charter Commission Forum would be televised.
- **Councilwoman Howard –** Asked what the status was on the demo list that was provided to city council. She additionally stated that when it comes to the charter everyone should get educated and vote how want. She further stated that she has a job in the afternoon and is unable to attend a lot of events because she is working.
- **Councilman Oden –** Stated that the administration needs to take a look at vacant homes and figure out a way to get them back on the tax rolls. He further stated that he saw a grant for Financially Distressed Cities that is due October 12, 2016 that the city should take advantage of. He lastly stated that he enjoyed working with Middle Park Block Club and was glad they could come together for the good of the community.
- **Mayor Pro- Tem Williams –** Stated that sidewalk repair needed to be taken assessed on Andover. He stated that residents should get educated about the new proposed charter. He lastly asked residents to Shop Inkster.
- **Mayor Nolen –** Stated that his platform when he ran for Mayor was to make the city better. He said that anyone who takes the time to read the charter will see that the Mayor does not have absolute power. He stated that persons who want to make their argument against the new proposed charter should not make up lies. He said that the residents and him are either going to float or sink together. He encouraged residents to keep coming to the charter forums. He said he is excited for the city.

Closed Session

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made

by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Watley and carried,

the Regular Council meeting of September 19, 2016 was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster