

November 21, 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, November 21, 2016.

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

- A. The agenda.
- B. City Clerk Evaluation
- C. Budget Amendment

Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams Council convenes into a Closed Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.286 (e).

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT:

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Oden to adjourn the closed Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. – Motion carried unanimously.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Nolen called the meeting to order at 8:15 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 Evangelist Savanna Johnson.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Oden
to approve the agenda with deleted item "A" under New Business Added item
"F" under New Business
11-16-252R - Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

A. November 7, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Moved by Councilmember Oden, Seconded by Councilmember Jones
to approved the Consent Agenda.
Resolution 11-16-253R – Motion carried.**

Boards and Commission

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

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Watley to
to remove the following Inkster Housing Commissioners for just cause; Ernest
Hendricks, Ernestine Williams, William Acklin and Deborah Walker
Resolution 11-16-254R – Motion carried.
NAY: (Oden, Howard)**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

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

New Business

A. Discussion/Action: (~~Darin Carrington~~) Consider approval of a budget amendment. **REMOVED**

A. Discussion/Action: (Darrin Carrington) Consider authorization for the City of Inkster to enter into a 3 year Agreement with AT&T Switched Ethernet Service and conjointly a 2-year Agreement with the AT&T ILEC Service to return to the previous AT&T cost levels.

**Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Oden
to approve the AT&T Switched Ethernet Service contract for 3 years and
Conjointly a 2-year agreement with AT&T ILEC Service.
Resolution 11-16-255R – Motion carried.**

B. Discussion/Action: (Felicia Rutledge) Consider approval of the 2017 Inkster City Council meeting dates.

Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams to approve the 2017 Inkster City Council Meeting Calendar Dates. Resolution 11-16-256R – Motion carried.

- C. Discussion/Action: (Jeannie Fields) Consider approval of a Special Conditions Use (SCU 16-13) to allow a retail store in a shopping center located at 27425 Michigan in the TCD, Town Center District per the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The applicant is Brian Fabo on behalf of Dollar Express.

Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Oden to approve a Special Conditions Use (SCU 16-13) to allow a retail store in a shopping center located at 27425 Michigan in the TCD, Town Center District per the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The applicant is Brian Fabo on behalf of Dollar Express. Resolution 11-16-257R – Motion carried. NAY: (Howard, Watley)

- D. Discussion/Action: (Jeannie Fields) Consider approval of a Special Conditions Use (SCU 16-23) to allow a wholesale and retail appliance sale and liquidation store located at 27104 & 27114 Michigan Ave in the TCD, Town Center District per the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Bob Baydoun is the applicant.

Moved by Councilmember Oden, Seconded by Councilmember Jones to deny a Special Conditions Use (SCU 16-23) to allow a wholesale and retail appliance sale and liquidation store located at 27104 & 27114 Michigan Ave in the TCD, Town Center District per the recommendation of the Planning Commission; the use is not consistent with the vision for the TCD District. Bob Baydoun is the applicant. Resolution 11-16-258R – Motion failed. NAY: (Nolen, Howard, Watley, Jones, Williams, Oden)

- E. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Fill the City Council vacancy in District VI.

Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams to approve the new appointment of Connie Mitchell to fill City Council vacancy in District VI. Resolution 11-16-259R – Motion carried. NAY: (Howard)

- F. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Consider a resolution to be placed in the National Action Network momentum book being sent to President Barack Obama as an outgoing President gift.

Moved by Councilmember Jones, Seconded by Councilmember Watley to approve a Resolution to be placed in the National Action Network Momentum book being sent to President Barack Obama as an outgoing gift. Resolution 11-16-260R – Motion carried.

Public Participation

- **Yvette Brock** – Thanked Inkster residents and other supporters for their donations of the Need 2 Feed program.
- **Larry Motley** – Had city council concerns about the removal of Councilwoman DeAttriss Richardson in District VI.

- **Pauline Davis** – Stated she was disappointed in the removal of Councilwoman DeArtriss Richardson. She stated she has done a lot for the community.
- **Evonne Moore** – Stated she had her questions answered during the meeting portion about the Housing Commissioners.
- **Ernest Hendricks** – Stated he had concerns about the removal of the Housing Commissioners and concerns regarding the removal of DeArtriss Richardson.
- **Marcus Hendricks** – Stated it is a travesty to see that Councilwoman Richardson had been removed. He stated out of all his years in Inkster, he has never seen anything like this.
- **Willie Johnson** – Stated he knew that Trump would win the presidency. He further stated that the city needs more police patrol.
- **Roneisha Gale** – Stated she met Councilwoman Richardson years ago and that she has done a lot for the community. She thanked her for the scholarships, the Marlette Gold record and her service.
- **FR. Ellis Clifton** – Announced a play that would be taking place on December 10, 2016 at St. Clemons Church. He invited everyone to attend.
- **Kent** – Stated a recall of City Council members will begin and asked residents to get in contact with him.

City Clerk

- Thanked the Election Inspectors

City Manager

- City Hall offices will be open December 1, 2016 during the lunch period.
- Stated that beginning December 1, 2016 the tax bills will begin to get mailed out and encouraged residents to be on the lookout for their tax bill.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilwoman Howard** – Stated the council should be working together as a body. She stated Councilwoman Richardson should have had an opportunity to sit down with council and discuss her situation. She said she did not vote yes to remove Councilwoman Richardson because we work with residents on reducing bills and could not work with a fellow colleague. She lastly stated that the council is divided and so is the city. She wished residents a happy and safe holiday.
- **Councilwoman Watley** – Thanked everyone that attended the Veteran's Resource Fair. She stated she does have additional packets to give away to Veteran's. Lastly, she stated if weather permitted she is planning on having a clean-up on December 3, 2016. She even further state that people expect you to do what is right and sometimes doing the right thing bothers people.
- **Councilman Jones** – Wished all residents a happy and safe holiday. He announced the play being hosted by St. Clemmons Church on December 10, 2016 and encouraged everyone to purchase tickets to the play on December 8, 2016.
- **Councilman Oden** – Had a complaint about squatters on Glenwood and stated they are putting trash on the curb. He stated the lights are out on Trowbridge and it is very dark. He lastly stated that he has known Dee Richardson for a while and has enjoyed working with her. He further stated he appreciates and respects her and wishes her the best. He wished residents a pleasant holiday.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** – Stated there is dumping on Cherry Street and Isabelle. He announced to residents that the trash company has special pickups for mattress. He stated that SEMCOG has a TAP grant worth five million dollars and asked administration to look into the grant. He lastly encouraged residents to look up the Inkster Housing Commission. He stated that there was a whistleblower case with the former Director of Inkster Housing and that Inkster Housing Commission did not follow HUD guidelines.

- **Mayor Nolen** – Stated that Dee Richardson has done a lot of positive things in the city of Inkster. He further stated that her taxes were not paid for several years which by charter created a vacancy in her seat. He stated no one wanted to vote her off city council but council cannot go against the charter. He further stated that Dee Richardson filed a false police report on him and accused him of a crime. He lastly stated that everyone has to take care of their own responsibilities. He said that the new charter passed by seventy percent.

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 Jones and carried, the Regular Council meeting of November 21, 2016 was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster