

August 19, 2019

Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan convened in the Council Chambers, 26215 Trowbridge, on Monday, August 19, 2019.

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

A. Agenda Discussion

Moved by Councilmember Mitchell, Seconded by Councilmember Oden to go into Executive Session 6:30 p.m. to discuss pending litigation, personnel and land sales in accordance with MCL 15.286 (e). Motion carried unanimously

Moved by Councilmember Oden, Seconded by Councilmember Watley adjourn the closed Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Nolen called the meeting to order at 7:15 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 Reverend George Williams

Roll Call

Mayor Nolen	Present	Councilwoman Howard	Exc. Absence
Councilwoman Watley	Present	Mayor Pro-Tem Williams	Present
Councilman Oden	Present	Councilman Chisholm	Present
Councilwoman Mitchell	Present		

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilmember Watley, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve the agenda with the addition of item "B" and "C" under New Business.
Resolution 8-19-136R - Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

A. August 5, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Oden

to approve the Consent Agenda.
Resolution 8-19-137R – Motion carried.

Boards and Commission

- A. Update of current list of appointments to Boards & Commissions.
- Nomination of Barbara Cooper to the DDA

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

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

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins) Consideration and approval authorizing Administration approval of a contract for Concrete and Turf Restoration with Century Cement to repair city property after water main breaks and minor roads work for an initial term of three (3) years, with three options to renew the contract one year at a time. The contract bid was \$178,000.00, we are asking for a not to exceed \$250,000.00.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Oden to approve authorizing Administration approval of a contract for Concrete and Turf Restoration with Century Cement to repair city property after water main breaks and minor roads work for an initial term of three (3) years, with three options to renew the contract one year at a time. The contract bid was \$178,000.00, we are asking for a not to exceed \$250,000.00.
Resolution 8-19-138R– Motion carried.

- B. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Consideration and approval for the Auxiliary Police to host their Annual Picnic in Wheatley Park on August 24, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve for the Auxiliary Police to host their Annual Picnic in Wheatley Park on August 24, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Resolution 8-19-139R– Motion carried.

- C. Discussion/Action: (City Council) To Vote in accordance with the vote taken in closed session (Williams).

Moved by Councilmember Mitchell, Seconded by Councilmember Watley to approve to vote in accordance with the vote taken in closed session (Williams)
Resolution 8-19-140R– Motion carried.

Public Participation

- **Willie Gibson** – Had Ordinance questions and concerns regarding garbage cans.
- **LaDonna Wesley** – Stated there was a water main break in front of her driveway. She stated that her front driveway and grass still have not been repaired. She further stated that since, her cooper piping has been stolen. She asked when the repairs to the driveway and grass would occur. She lastly stated that her daughter resides on Old Henry street and every time it rains her basement floods.
- **Reginald Woods** – Inquired about the ordinance for signs being amended. He stated that for political signs, he would like to see the ordinance read forty five days as opposed to thirty days. He stated that absentee ballots go out forty five days prior to an election.
- **Officer Heyward** – Announced the Police Movie Night on August 30, 2019. He further announced Coffee with at Cop at Oak Street Health on August 21, 2019.
- **Yvette Brock** – Asked Mayor Pro-Tem Williams to explain his Facebook post stating that the Mayor and his colleagues are unethical.
- **Tarik Hunter** – Stated he is giving a neighborhood BBQ on September 22, 2019 and would like to know when he would be receiving street closure approval.
- **Michael Wells** – Thanked residents for the passage of the Library Millage. He further requested information for administration regarding payment in lieu of taxes for the TIFA, DDA and Brownfield. Lastly he inquired about a seventeen thousand property tax bill for the library's old location.
- **Samuel Ward-Bey** – Inquired about the property on Cherry and Allen all the way down to Cherry and Hickory. He stated that grass is very high and Community Up would like to maintain the property. He further announced Boys Scouting being brought back to the city of Inkster.
- **Barbara Cooper** – Stated that backpack give-away was a success. She stated that she wished more persons in the community knew about the event. She stated that the Good fellows would be hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast on October 19, 2019.
- **Mardina Willis** – Asked about funds from the community block grant to fix her home. She further stated she worked for Senior Alliance and encouraged residents to call for different type programs offered to seniors. She provided Senior Alliance telephone number 734-727-2830.
- **Tabatha Kerr** – Stated she had a daughter that was killed by a school lunch room table. She asked residents and city council to support the Liliana Bill if and when it is introduced. She further asked for persons to ask for local school's records on building hazards. She said that if you find non-compliance to report to OSHA.
- **Jackie Hoskins** – Stated that there should be a noise ordinance.
- **Randa Davis** – Announced Smith Chapel's 95th Anniversary. She said the church family would be hosting events on October 19, 2019 at the Charles H. Wright Museum and a banquet on October 20, 2019. She invited all to attend.

City Clerk

- Announced Councilwoman Howards District V Advisory Meeting on August 26, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. to be held in the TIFA Room

City Treasurer

- Announced due to holidays and the tax deadline being on a Sunday, the tax deadline date with no penalties would be on September 3, 2019.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilwoman Watley** – Acknowledged the Wayne Robotics Team. She said she was invited to see them perform. She stated she will now be doing a segment titled "Clear the A.I. R.; which will be addressing rumors that have been put out in the community. She intends to provide facts for these rumors and at least give residents the opportunity to see the facts then make their own judgment. She lastly announced the City of Inkster second annual car show to be held on September 21, 2019.
- **Councilman Oden** – Asked about a program that was had in Inkster back in the day, paint the town. He said the program provided residents with paint, to paint their homes. He lastly thanked persons that voted for him and said that although he didn't make the primary, he will be still doing work in the community.
- **Councilwoman Mitchell** – Thanked everyone for attending the backpack give-away. She stated that there are extra back packs that can be provided to students. She asked about signage for Penn Park. She further discussed one hundred families, one hundred homes. She announced the September 28, 2019 Bike-A-Thon so that persons can bike around the city and see the homes available. She lastly announced the Inkster Task Force Annual 5K Walk on November 2, 2019, Woodson Block Club on August 26, 2019 and District VI Advisory Meeting on September 10, 2019.
- **Councilman Chisholm** – Stated that Congresswoman Rashida Talib would be attending the Elder Abuse seminar that Dana Nesell will be hosting. He provided State Representative, Jewell Jones telephone number 517-373-0839.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Williams** – Stated that a citizen on Brentwood has been receiving code enforcement tickets for high grass and that he rode by the property and does not see high grass. He further stated that he made a post on his FB page regarding the Mayor and his colloquies being unethical regarding the INSP program because city council did not approve the vendors. He stated that friends and family members are part of the INSP program. He lastly stated that he attended an event where he was told that it is illegal for the county to take the homes and sell to investors. He said we should be trying to help residents stay in their properties not take them.
- **City Treasurer** – Stated that Wayne County forecloses on properties not the city. He stated that the city purchases the properties thru the first right of refusal. He said that the INSP program was created so that homes could be brought up to code, sold and/or rented to home owners.

Adjournment

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

By Councilmember Oden, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm and carried,

the Regular Council meeting of August 19, 2019 was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster