

December 16, 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, December 16, 2019

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

A. Agenda Discussion

B. HR Policy Discussion – HR Director, Gina Clark

Moved by Councilmember Watley, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to go into Executive Session 6:50 p.m. to discuss pending litigation, personnel and land sales in accordance with MCL 15.286 (e). Motion carried unanimously

Moved by Councilmember Watley, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to come out of Executive Session 7:10 carried unanimously

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Wimberly called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 Hearn

Roll Call

Mayor Wimberly	Present	Councilwoman Howard	Present
Councilwoman Watley	Present	Councilman Williams	Present
Councilwoman Washington	Present	Councilman Chisholm	Present
Councilman Shaw	Present		

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
to approve the agenda with the addition of added item "C" and "D" under
Presentations
Resolution 12-19-199R - Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

- A. Mary McClendon of Commissioner Glenn Anderson's office
- B. Introduction of New Police Officer's – Police Chief, William Riley
- C. Gift Card Presentations – National Christians in Action and Mayor Wimberly
- D. Financial Update – Plante Moran

Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

A. December 2, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Moved by Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
to approve the Consent Agenda.
Resolution 12-19-200R – Motion carried.**

Boards and Commission

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

**Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
to appoint Lenoria Warmack to the Board of Review
Resolution 12-19-201R – Motion carried.**

**Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm
to appoint Lenoria Warmack to the Beautification Commission
Resolution 12-19-202R – Motion carried.**

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard
to appoint Norma McDaniel to the Zoning Board of Appeals
Resolution 12-19-203R – Motion carried.**

**Moved by Councilmember Washington, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm
to appoint Ruth Williams to the Zoning Board of Appeals
Resolution 12-19-204R – Motion carried.
Abstain: (Williams)**

**Moved by Councilmember Wimberly, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
to appoint Courtney Owens to the Compensation Commission
Resolution 12-19-205R – Motion carried.
NAY: (Watley)**

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

A. First Reading(s)

B. Second Reading(s)

New Business

A. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins) Consideration and approval authorizing the DPS to accept the proposal from Alfred Benesch & Company to develop the City's plan for compliance to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) lead and copper rule requirements. These amount of the proposal is not to exceed \$36,000.

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams

to approve authorizing the DPS to accept the proposal from Alfred Benesch & Company to develop the City's plan for compliance to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) lead and copper rule requirements. These amount of the proposal is not to exceed \$36,000.

Resolution 12-19-206R – Motion carried

B. Discussion/Action: (Kaitlyn Hines) Consideration and approval of an offer to purchase (Case # LD 19-10) one (1) vacant residential lot which is located on the south side of Oakwood between Avondale and Glenwood St. and is legally described as *24m56* lot 56--- maple row sub t2s r9e l 48 p 68 wcr-k-67.66 (Property I.D. 44 005 02 0056 304) in the amount of \$500.00 to Tonis Buckley.

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve of an offer to purchase (Case # LD 19-10) one (1) vacant residential lot which is located on the south side of Oakwood between Avondale and Glenwood St. and is legally described as *24m56* lot 56--- maple row sub t2s r9e l 48 p 68 wcr-k-67.66 (Property I.D. 44 005 02 0056 304) in the amount of \$500.00 to Tonis Buckley.

Resolution 12-19-207R – Motion carried

Public Participation

- **Mary McClendon** – Provided updates of the Coffee Hour for Commissioner Glenn Anderson. She stated the Coffee Hours would start back the second Monday of the month in various communities. She announced the Wayne County Light Fest.
- **Chantel Wesley** – Announced she would be doing a digital Inkster Reader. She asked if anyone had information they would like to provide to contact her at 734-444-3021 or (844) 224-7562.
- **Wydella Dixon** – Stated she is a resident of Inkster Housing and is still having issues with feces leaking from her bathroom to her second level. She stated she has contacted the Inkster Housing for repairs and the unit still is not repaired. She further stated she is seven months pregnant and high risk. She said her case worker stated her home is unfit and she can't bring her baby or her ten year old home to live in the unit she currently occupies.
- **Ernest Hendricks** – Congratulated all the winners of the election. He asked why the audit was not complete. He asked what was the fund balance for the general fund and if the DPS Director was implementing a sidewalk program. He lastly stated that when he watches the city council meeting on cable, the lips are moving but there is not sound.
- **Paris Jones** – She thanked the community for helping to assist a resident in need. She stated the resident now has a permanent place to live. She announced Operation Refugee Gala and stated that at the gala they would be honoring Mother Greenwood. She stated she use to work for Inkster Housing and has since resigned but that she is still advocating for the residents. She stated that something needs to be done regarding infestations, rats and bats.
- **C. Porter** – Asked if four hundred homes had been tested for lead. She additionally asked if Inkster Housing was included in that four hundred homes. She stated that she lives in Inkster Housing and that new residents are moving into infestations. She said these problems are already in units when new residents move in.
- **Yvonne Moore** – Thanked everyone for their donations for the Inkster Housing Holiday Party. She stated she is still in need. She thanked the Inkster Citizens that Care and Ruth E. Williams for blessing the children with coats.
- **Gabe Henderson & Barbara Cooper** – Stated he watched the positive story on Channel 7 Action News. He stated the Inkster Good fellows didn't do so well this year with the paper drive but are looking forward to next year. Mrs. Cooper stated that she met her goal this year of \$10,000 but had an additional three hundred kids to service. She thanked the Inkster Chamber

for assisting her with contacting businesses. She said that no child will receive a give under twenty five dollars. She further announced Walmart had given trees that would be donated the Inkster Legends.

- **Juanita Davis** – Stated she volunteers at the front desk and city hall and wanted to thank Jerome Bivins for helping her stay warm when the door opens. She asked if attendance was taken when the various boards and commissions have meetings.
- **Will Miller** – Stated his interest in being appointed to the Inkster Housing Commission. He stated that their needed to be accountability at every level in Inkster Housing.
- **Mr. Monk** – Stated that during the budget presentation, nothing was stated about the non-mandated CSO Basins that the City of Inkster has to pay for. He stated he has been assisting in Flint for four years with their water crisis. He said that the seventeen parts per billion for Inkster is unacceptable and needs to be remediated immediately.
- **Officer Lebo** – Stated she is back from maternity leave. She stated the Police Department held their annual Shop with a Cop which was a great event. She apologized for not making this years' Inkster Good fellows paper drive and stated she is looking forward to next years.
- **Hardy Robb** – Stated he apologized for not making the Inkster Good fellows Paper Drive. He asked Mayor Patrick Wimberly and the new council to unite. He stated the city needs to be inclusive. He wished all residents a Merry Christmas.
- **Pastor Jean Overman** – Stated tickets are sold out for Operation Refugee Gala. She asked residents to continue to pray for Operation Refugee.

City Clerk

- Announced the City Holiday Schedule.

City Treasurer

- Announced that the last day to pay in city hall for the winter tax bill payments is December 23, 2019 by 12:00 noon. He further stated that checks can be left in the drop box. He asked residents not to leave cash in the drop box.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilwoman Washington** – Stated she attended the Inkster Commission on Aging Luncheon and was forced to sing. She stated she had a great time. She stated that Ms. Barge spoke at the NAACP event regarding the 2020 Census. She stated she missed the Tree Light Ceremony but it looked really exciting. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- **Councilman Chisholm** – Stated he attended the Inkster Commission on Aging Luncheon but didn't have to sing. He stated he attended the Tree Light Ceremony and it was very cold. He said it was a nice event. He stated he helped with the Inkster Goodfellows paper drive.
- **Councilwoman Watley** – Thanked Inkster Housing Commissioner Yvette Brock for helping to assist with a gentlemen that didn't have heat. She thanked her for being effective.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Howard** – Wished all residents a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- **Councilman Shaw** – Wished residents a Happy Holiday and a safe New Year. He thanked Commissioner Glenn Anderson's office for funds that he brought to the Parks and Recreation Department.
- **Councilman Williams** – Stated that the main sewer on Harriet Street needs to be cleaned. He asked about raises given last year. He asked were the raises paid at a lump sum or ongoing.
- **Mayor Wimberly** – Announced the Lunch with the Mayor on Thursday December 19, 2019. He stated it would be a winter wonderland and they are going to deck the halls and have all the trimmings. He stated it is very important that everyone be counted for the 2020 Census for Inkster to get the money received. The Mayor further stated that the Tree Lighting Ceremony was a huge success. He thanked Gennifer Williams for her assistance with the Tree Lighting

Ceremony and Cordons Chocolate for providing chocolates. He lastly wished all residents a Merry Christmas.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made
By Councilmember Wimberly, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw and carried,
the Regular Council meeting of December 16, 2019 was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster