APPROVED

December 21, 2020

Regular (Virtual) City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, and Michigan was a virtual meeting held on the Zoom platform in compliance with the State of Michigan Open Meetings Act. Monday, December 21, 2020.

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

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Howard called the meeting to order at 7:00p.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 Barbara Cooper

Roll Call

Mayor Wimberly	Excused Absence
Councilwoman Howard	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilwoman Watley	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilman Williams	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilwoman Washington	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilman Chisholm	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilman Shaw	Present (Inkster, MI

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the agenda with added items "D", "E", "F", "G" under New Business.
Resolution 12-20-206COV - Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Chisholm	**Yea**	**Councilmember Washington**	**Yea**
Councilmember Watley	**Yea**	**Councilmember Williams**	**Yea**
Councilmember Howard	**Yea**	**Councilmember Shaw**	**Yea**

Presentations/Discussion

Public Hearings

A. Property development at John Daly and Bayhan – Mr. Guasia Jones of Zimcube

Consent Agenda

A. December 7, 2020 (Virtual) City Council Meeting Minutes.

B. Receive and File the Planning Commission 2021 Calendar Dates.
C. Allen Brother's and Attorney's PLLC Invoice $ 31,717.80

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Washington
Resolution 12-20-207COV - Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Williams	**Yea**	**Councilmember Shaw**	**Yea**
Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	**Yea**	**Councilmember Chisholm**	**Yea**
Councilmember Washington	**Yea**	**Councilmember Watley**	**Nay**

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 for a one year term.
Resolution 12-20-208COV - Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Chisholm	**Yea**	**Mayor Pro-Tem Howard**	**Yea**
Councilmember Shaw	**Yea**	**Councilmember Williams**	**Yea**
Councilmember Washington	**Yea**	**Councilmember Watley**	**Yea**

Previous Business

A. Consider approval of offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-15) three (3) adjacent vacant residential lots which are located on the east side of Bayhan between Trowbridge St. and Carlysle Ave. and are legally described as 30J 1011 TO 1014 LOTS 1011 TO 1014 INCL WESTWOOD SUB OF VAN ALSTINE FARM T2S R10E L40 P29, 30 WCR (Property I.D. 44 022 01 1011 302), 30J1015 LOTS 1015 TO 1020 WESTWOOD SUB OF VAN ALSTINE FARM T2S R10E L40 P29, 30 WCR (Property I.D. 44 022 01 1015 304), and 30J1021-1023 LOTS 1021 TO 1023 INCL WESTWOOD SUB OF VAN ALSTINE FARM T2S R10E L40 P29, 30 WCR (Property I.D. 44 022 01 1021 302) in the amount of $28,650.00 to Zimcube, Inc./Guasia Jones.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to *REMOVE FROM THE TABLE* an offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-15) three (3) adjacent vacant residential lots which are located on the east side of Bayhan between Trowbridge St. and Carlysle Ave. and are legally described as 30J 1011 TO 1014 LOTS 1011 TO 1014 INCL WESTWOOD SUB OF VAN ALSTINE FARM T2S R10E L40 P29, 30 WCR (Property I.D. 44 022 01 1011 302), 30J1015 LOTS 1015 TO 1020 WESTWOOD SUB OF VAN ALSTINE FARM T2S R10E L40 P29, 30 WCR (Property I.D. 44 022 01 1015 304), and 30J1021-1023 LOTS 1021 TO 1023 INCL WESTWOOD SUB OF VAN ALSTINE FARM T2S R10E L40 P29, 30 WCR (Property I.D. 44 022 01 1021 302) in the amount of $28,650.00 to Zimcube, Inc./Guasia Jones.
Resolution 12-20-209COV - Motion carried

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Watley	**Nay**	**Councilmember Williams**	**Yea**
Councilmember Washington	**Yea**	**Mayor Pro-Tem Howard**	**Yea**
Councilmember Chisholm	**Yea**	**Councilmember Shaw**	**Yea**

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to *TABLE* to the January 4, 2021 meeting an offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-15) three (3) adjacent vacant residential lots which are located on the east side of Bayhan between Trowbridge St. and Carlysle Ave. and are legally described as 30J 1011 TO 1014 LOTS 1011 TO 1014 INCL WESTWOOD SUB OF VAN ALSTINE FARM T2S R10E L40 P29, 30 WCR (Property I.D. 44 022 01 1011 302), 30J1015 LOTS 1015 TO 1020 WESTWOOD SUB OF VAN ALSTINE FARM T2S R10E L40 P29, 30 WCR (Property I.D. 44 022 01 1015 304), and 30J1021-1023 LOTS 1021 TO 1023 INCL WESTWOOD SUB OF VAN ALSTINE FARM T2S R10E L40 P29, 30 WCR (Property I.D. 44 022 01 1021 302) in the amount of $28,650.00 to Zimcube, Inc./Guasia Jones.
Resolution 12-20-210COV - Motion carried

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Shaw	**Nay**	**Councilmember Watley**	**Yea**
Councilmember Williams	**Yea**	**Councilmember Washington**	**Yea**
Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	**Yea**	**Councilmember Chisholm**	**Yea**

Ordinance(s)

A. First Reading(s)

B. Second Reading(s)

New Business

A. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins) Consideration and approval authorizing the Director of DPS, as a representative of the City to make an application to the Wayne County Department of Public Services for necessary annual permit to occupy the Right-of-Way of County Roads on behalf of the City of Inkster. Consider adopting the attached Resolutions to be submitted to the Wayne County as part of the requirements to submit the permit application

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the Director of DPS, as a representative of the City to make an application to the Wayne County Department of Public Services for necessary annual permit to occupy the Right-of-Way of County Roads on behalf of the City of Inkster. Consider adopting the attached Resolutions to be submitted to the Wayne County as part of the requirements to submit the permit application
Resolution 12-20-211COV – Motion carried

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Washington	**Yea**	**Councilmember Watley**	**Yea**
Councilmember Howard	**Yea**	**Councilmember Shaw**	**Yea**
Councilmember Chisholm	**Yea**	**Councilmember Williams**	**Yea**

B. Discussion/Action: (Kaitlyn Hines) Consider approval of Special Land Uses (SLUs 20-21, 20-22, 20-23, 20-24) for a proposed Medical Marijuana and Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation and Processing Facility to be located on Bayhan St. between Dunning and the railroad tracks in the M-1, Light Industrial District with the conditions noted per the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Fred Bishop Jr., on behalf of Five Blind Mice is the applicant.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw

to approve of Special Land Uses (SLUs 20-21, 20-22, 20-23, 20-24) for a proposed Medical Marijuana and Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation and Processing Facility to be located on Bayhan St. between Dunning and the railroad tracks in the M-1, Light Industrial District with the conditions noted per the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Fred Bishop Jr., on behalf of Five Blind Mice is the applicant.
Resolution 12-20-212COV – Motion carried

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Chisholm	**Yea**	**Councilmember Washington**	**Yea**
Councilmember Watley	**Yea**	**Councilmember Williams**	**Yea**
Councilmember Shaw	**Yea**	**Mayor Pro-Tem Howard**	**Nay**

C. Discussion/Action: (Kaitlyn Hines) Consider approval of a 6-month extension for Special Land Uses (SLUs 18-19, 18-20, 18-21, 18-22) for a proposed Medical Marijuana Multi-use Facility to be located on Industrial Drive between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt in the M-1, Light Industrial District with the conditions noted per the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The original approval was on October 21, 2019, and the preliminary site plan was given approved for extension on December 14, 2020 by the Planning Commission. Abe Hachem on behalf of MAD Collective is the applicant.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve of a 6-month extension for Special Land Uses (SLUs 18-19, 18-20, 18-21, 18-22) for a proposed Medical Marijuana Multi-use Facility to be located on Industrial Drive between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt in the M-1, Light Industrial District with the conditions noted per the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The original approval was on October 21, 2019, and the preliminary site plan was given approved for extension on December 14, 2020 by the Planning Commission. Abe Hachem on behalf of MAD Collective is the applicant.
Resolution 12-20-213COV – Motion carried

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	**Nay**	**Councilmember Watley**	**Yea**
Councilmember Williams	**Yea**	**Councilmember Chisholm**	**Yea**
Councilmember Washington	**Yea**	**Councilmember Williams**	**Yea**

D. Discussion/Action: (Vijay) Consider approval of Consider an approval to authorize the City Treasurer to make an emergency IT expenditure in the amount of $5,226.91 annually for FY20-21, FY21-22, and FY22-23 for a total of $15,680.72. Annually, $3,484.61 will be disbursed from budget line 101-228-740.000 and $1,742.30 will be disbursed from 101-371-727.000.

Resolution 12-20-214COV – Motion died

E. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Consider approval to place a moratorium on new Recreational retail stores business licenses, except for Microbusinesses for one year.

Moved by Councilmember Washington, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve to place a moratorium on Recreational retail stores business licenses, except for Microbusinesses for one year.
Resolution 12-20-215COV- Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Williams	**Yea**	**Mayor Pro-Tem Howard**	**Yea**
Councilmember Chisholm	**Yea**	**Councilmember Shaw**	**Yea**
Councilmember Washington	**Yea**	**Councilmember Watley**	**Yea**

F. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Consider approval to request a Resolution extension/assistance from State Representative Jewell Jones office to the department of Treasury to request an extension on the $150,000.00 grant for the amphitheater.

Moved by Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Watley to approve to request a Resolution extension/assistance from State Representative Jewell Jones office to the department of Treasury to request an extension on the $150,000.00 grant for the amphitheater.
Resolution 12-20-216COV- Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Shaw	**Yea**	**Councilmember Washington**	**Yea**
Councilmember Watley	**Yea**	**Councilmember Chisholm**	**Yea**
Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	**Yea**	**Councilmember Williams**	**Yea**

G. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Consider approval to formally accept the $800,000 grant from Wayne County for the Recreation Complex.

Moved by Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Watley to approve to formally accept the $800,000 grant from Wayne County for the Recreation Complex.
Resolution 12-20-217COV- Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Chisholm	**Yea**	**Councilmember Washington**	**Yea**
Councilmember Williams	**Yea**	**Councilmember Shaw**	**Yea**
Councilmember Watley	**Yea**	**Mayor Pro-Tem Howard**	**Yea**

H. Discussion/Action: (City Council) To Vote in Accordance with the discussion in Closed Session. (McGill)

Moved by Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Washington to approve To Vote in Accordance with the discussion in Closed Session. (McGill)
Resolution 12-20-218COV- Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Watley	**Nay**	**Mayor Pro-Tem Howard**	**Yea**
Councilmember Washington	**Yea**	**Councilmember Chisholm**	**Yea**
Councilmember Shaw	**Yea**	**Councilmember Williams**	**Yea**

Public Participation

- **Jerome Bivins –** Thanked Wayne County on behalf of Mayor Wimberly and the citizens of Inkster for the donation of Mask from Wayne County Executive Warren Evans for the City of Inkster residents.

- **Adrian Monk -** Hello my name is Adrian Monk. I am a City of Redford resident. I have a question for Mayor Wimberly. Mayor Wimberly do you care to be honest with the public and city council and tell us about why you had a bench warrant issued for your arrest in 2017 from Wayne County Circuit Court? It is important you tell everyone about this bench warrant. Please be transparent.
- **Charles Blackwell –** Asked why Jerome Bivins is sticking up for Mayor Wimberly, he needs to be clarifying about his $5000.00 water bill at his home as the Director of Public Works. He stated that Reverend Williams made a valid point at the last city council meeting about allowing the public to access and be seen on zoom.
- **Robin Broadnax –** Stated she has contacted Councilwoman Sandra Watley about semi-trucks taking an illegal route around her home. She further stated she has spoken with Code Enforcement officer Wall regarding illegal dumping and drug usage in a home behind her house.
- **Octavia Smith –** Announced that Western Wayne is still doing free COVID-19 testing and administering the flu shot vaccine. She asked administration if the city is participating in Wayne County "Pay as you Stay" program. She lastly asked if gift cards would be given out by the Mayor this year.
- **Yvette Brock –** Stated that accountability of the board and administration needs to be had with regards for spending money and then asking for permission. She wished residents a Happy Holiday Season.
- **Kufensa Mandisa –** Asked if the city had a COVID-19 Response plan for employees returning back to work. He asked if these procedures are updated in the handbook. He further asked about a COVID-19 dash board.
- **SGT. Wall –** Stated that Robin Broadnax issues have been addressed.
- **Gina Wilson-Steward –** Wished residents a Merry Christmas. She further stated that when she is around the city delivering the Telegram news, she stills sees residents going into establishments without a mask. She has asked resident to please wear their mask.
- **Pastor John Hearn –** Commend the council for their actions on the marijuana moratorium. He stated the NAACP will be hosting a listening tour and speaking to police chiefs in several municipalities in Wayne County on January 14, 2020.
- **Paris Jones –** Stated that the Community Referral Center has free formula for infants and small packages of pampers. She asked how to handle the deplorable conditions in Hamlin Place. She stated she is getting several calls from residents there that are in jeopardy of losing their section 8 because of the poor conditions.
- **Shirley Hankerson –** Thanked City Council for their support with the marijuana moratorium vote. She stated that residents should have a chance to own some businesses in that industry.
- **Sammy Ward-Bey -** I'm reaching out to Inkster city counsel for assistance who do I talk to about the rights of the indigenous people can any of the city council members point me in the right direction the Declaration of the rights of the indigenous people said reach out to local counsel men and women and come up with a resolution and ways to work with your local government.

City Clerk

I want to place on the record that Charles Blackwell's constant emails, and phone calls have become in my opinion harassment. I am in fear of him. I have 180 emails from Charles Blackwell in which some are inappropriate communications that are NOT FOIA Request related or otherwise properly related to my job functions as city clerk. He continues to email me not only during business hours but after hours and on weekends, in addition to numerous calls to my office at city hall. He now has my personal cell phone number and my home address. I believe based on these actions that he is targeting me. He has used up a considerable amount of employee and departmental resources and time responding to his numerous FOIA requests. In fact, the city has already paid approximately $15,000 in attorney fees to defend against the FOIA and Opens Meeting lawsuits he filed against the city. He is harassing, and, I believe, demonstrating stalking tendencies. I am in fear of the unknown because of his erratic and unpredictable

behavior. In this day and age, we have seen too many tragic cases, where public officials have been harmed. I have placed my employer, the city attorney, my family and now the public on alert that I am in fear for my safety as a result of the ongoing and unrelenting conduct of Charles Blackwell. Thank you

City Treasurer

- Stated that the city will be processing tax payments over city hall's holiday closure. He further stated that if you leave an envelope with your address, you will be mailed your receipt.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilwoman Washington –** Thanked the Inkster Police Department for stopping cars and providing residents with $50.00 gift cards.
- **Councilwoman Watley –** Asked if the Police vehicles had arrived that were purchased. She additionally asked the status on the large event that was at the Recreation complex on Saturday, December 19, 2020. She also asked about how residents receive a receipt for their tax payments. Lastly she asked about a story on Fox News regarding property being purchased and developed. She said a vote had not been taken, just a presentation on the land in question.
- **Councilman Williams –** Stated that Mayor Wimberly had every intention on addressing city council on the event at the Recreation Complex, however, due to his excused absence he is unable to do so. He announced a Coat Drive at the building on Walnut. He said he is getting a lot of calls about taxes and water bills. He commended the new City Treasurer for taking calls from residents.
- **Councilman Chisholm –** Made motions "F" and "G" under New Business.
- **Councilman Shaw –** Wished residents Happy Holidays. He stated that Police patrol is needed on Arlington, Sunningdale and North River Park.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Howard –** Asked the City Treasurer about receiving the expenditure reports and the check registry that was normally provided to city council every month. She further asked about the laptops that are being programmed by NerdsXpress, when she would be receiving hers. She wished residents a safe and Happy Holiday Season. She stated that COVID-19 is still here and asked residents to wear their mask.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to go into closed session 8:43p.m. to discuss pending litigation. (McGill)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Watley	**Yea**	**Councilmember Washington**	**Yea**
Councilmember Williams	**Yea**	**Councilmember Shaw**	**Yea**
Councilmember Howard	**Yea**	**Councilmember Chisholm**	**Yea**

Adjournment

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

By Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams carried, to conclude

The Regular Virtual City Council meeting of December 21, 2020 was adjourned at 9:07p.m.

Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk

City of Inkster