



**CITY OF INKSTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 01, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan convened virtually, on Tuesday, November 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

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

- The agenda
- Entered closed session to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 (f).

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Wimberly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer

Prayer was led by Pastor Jean Overman and a moment of silence was observed in memory of Commissioner Toni Bailey.

Pledge of Allegiance

City Council and the public in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call

Mayor Wimberly	Present	Councilmember Watley	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Absent	Councilmember Chisholm	Present
Councilmember Williams	Present	Councilmember Shaw	Present
Councilmember Washington	Absent		

***A Quorum was present**

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Councilman Chisholm, Seconded by Councilman Shaw to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Williams	Aye	Councilman Chisholm	Aye
Councilwoman Watley	Aye	Councilman Shaw	Aye

Vote: 4-0, Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

Cherry Hill Family Center Project – 29744 Cherry Road

Presented by Mark Ciepiel, Esq., Vice President of Development
LARC Community Development Group

- Affordable housing based on a pilot in lieu of taxes at the family center.
- If approved, the city would begin seeing tax revenues by the end of 2022.
- Current residents would not be displaced or experience a rent increase unless their adjusted gross income increases.
- There would be special consideration for local contractors who may bid on the project incorporated into the award process.
- Next steps include adopting an ordinance and scheduling a community meeting at the proposed site.

Public Hearings

None

Consent Agenda

A. September 20, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Councilman Williams, Seconded by Councilman Shaw
To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Watley	Nay	Councilman Shaw	Aye
Councilman Chisholm	Aye	Councilman Williams	Aye

Vote: 4-0, Resolution 11-21-199COV – Motion carried.

Boards and Commission

A. Councilwoman Watley noted a few resignations in the Police and Fire Pension Board.

New Business

A. Approve 2022 City Council Meeting Schedule.

Motion: Motion by Councilwoman Watley, seconded by Councilman Shaw to approve the 2022 meeting schedule.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Chisholm	Aye	Councilman Williams	Aye
Councilman Shaw	Aye	Councilwoman Watley	Aye

Vote: 4-0, Resolution 11-21-200COV – Motion carried.

B. Approve amended rules for public comment at City meetings.

MOTION: Motion by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Chisholm to table this item for additional comment.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Shaw	Aye	Councilwoman Watley	Aye
Councilman Williams	Aye	Councilman Chisholm	Aye

Vote: 4-0, Motion carried.

- C. Approve work authorization in the amount of \$99,000.00 for Alfred Benesch & Company to provide design services for a new water main and eliminate lead services on North River Park Drive from Avondale Road to Sunningdale Road.

MOTION: Motion by Councilman Shaw and seconded by Councilman Williams.

Councilman Williams asked if lead services would be eliminated up to the homes and Councilman Shaw asked if the funds would be reimbursed. Both questions were answered in the affirmative.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Williams	Aye	Councilman Shaw	Aye
Councilwoman Watley	Aye	Councilman Chisholm	Aye

Vote: 4-0, Resolution 11-21-201COV – Motion carried.

- D. Approve a work authorization in the amount of \$140,000.00 for Alfred Benesch & Company to provide design services for a new water main and eliminate lead services in Section 17. The area bound by Middle Belt Road to Kewadin Street and Beech Street to Cherry Street.

MOTION: Motion by Councilwoman Watley and seconded by Councilman Shaw to authorize the work.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Watley	Aye	Councilman Chisholm	Yea
Councilman Shaw	Aye	Councilman Williams	Yea

Vote: 4-0, Resolution 11-21-202COV – Motion carried.

- E. Approve a work authorization in the amount of \$369,000.00 for Alfred Benesch & Company to provide design services for a new storm sewer, rehabilitation of 30-inch combined sewer, and all associated work along Notre Dame Street, John Daly Road, and Yale Street.

MOTION: Motion by Councilman Chisholm, seconded by Councilman Shaw authorizing work.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Chisholm	Yea	Councilman Shaw	Yea
Councilman Williams	Yea	Councilman Watley	Yea

Vote: 4-0, Resolution 11-21-203COV – Motion Carried.

- F. Authorize the sale of one (1) vacant parcel (Case # LD 21-38) located on Notre Dame Street between Bayan Street and Meadowdale Street in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Johnny Webster

MOTION: Motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Shaw to sell the parcel.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Williams	Yea	Councilwoman Watley	Yea
Councilman Chisholm	Yea	Councilman Shaw	Yea

Vote: 4-0, Resolution 11-21-204COV – Motion carried.

- G. Authorize the sale of two (2) vacant parcels (Case # LD 21-39) located on Norfolk Street between Sylvia Street and Princess Street on the north side of Norfolk in the amount of \$500.00 to Robert Welch. The parcels are on each side of Mr. Welch's owned and occupied property.

MOTION: Motion by Councilman Shaw, seconded by Councilman Chisholm.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Williams	Yea	Councilman Shaw	Yea
Councilwoman Watley	Yea	Councilman Chisholm	Yea

Vote: 4-0, Resolution 11-21-205COV – Motion carried.

- H. Authorize the sale of two (2) vacant parcels on Ash Street and three (3) vacant parcels on Walnut Street (Case # LD 21-40) between Elm Street and Cherry Street in the amount of \$4,500.00 to SEW, LLC/Shawn Wimberly.

MOTION: Motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Chisholm.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Watley	Yea	Councilman Williams	Yea
Councilman Chisholm	Yea	Councilman Shaw	Yea

Vote: 4-0, Resolution 10-21-206COV – Motion Carried.

- I. Authorize the sale of two (2) vacant non-adjacent parcels (Case # LD 21-41) located on Harrison Street between Pine and Andover for \$500.00 to Francisco Gonzalez.

MOTION: Motion by Councilman Williams, second by Councilman Shaw.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Shaw	Yea	Councilwoman Watley	Yea
Councilman Williams	Yea	Councilman Chisholm	Yea

Vote: 4-0, Resolution 10-21-207COV – Motion Carried.

- J. Authorize the sale of one (1) vacant parcel on Irene Street Property ID # 44009020094000 (Case # LD 21-42) located on the west side of Irene Street Between Carlyle and Andover Street in the amount of \$500.00 to Kelvin Lyons.

MOTION: Motion by Councilman Shaw, second by Councilman Chisholm.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Williams	Yea	Councilman Chisholm	Yea
Councilwoman Watley	Yea	Councilman Shaw	Yea

Vote: 4-0, Resolution 10-21-208COV – Motion carried.

Public Comment

The following persons participated in public comment:

- Kenya McKinnie
- June Patterson
- Denise Champagne
- Connie Mitchell
- Pastor Overman
- Octavia Smith
- Bill Gluckman

City Clerk

- Clerk Chapman reminded everyone of the general election being held in Inkster on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 for Taylor School Bond.

Treasurer

- Darryl Green commented on the following:
 - Annual Audit
 - Youth Basketball League
 - Karate Program
 - Plante Moran will join the December 6 meeting.

City Council

- **Councilmember Shaw**
 - Thanked Ms. Joyce, DPW, Sgt Wall, and Chief Riley for their service. He further urged everyone if they see something, say something.
- **Councilmember Chisholm**
 - Commented on how enjoyable the community hosted Halloween activity were and appreciated that they were safe.
 - Unity in the community on November 21; you will be able to pick up Thanksgiving Dinners and go; Karen Bell at the Recreation Complex is available for questions at (313)399-8447.
- **Councilmember Watley**
 - Reiterated her request for a Building Department report from the Administration.
 - YTD totals paid to Nerds Xpress.
 - General Fund Balance
 - Parks and Recreation Account Balance
 - Evaluate legal services contract
 - Expressed how devastating the loss of Toni Bailey is to the City of Inkster.
- **Councilmember Williams**
 - Echoed the sentiment on the loss of Ms. Bailey.
 - Arrangements are incomplete currently.
 - Keep the family in prayer
- **Mayor Wimberly**
 - Echoed everyone's sentiment as it pertains to Commissioner Bailey.
 - He added that her smile and tireless efforts were beautiful.
 - True model of a public servant and loved her community.
 - Commended the Inkster Buccaneers for playing well in their last game.
 - Stephan Smith is the Officer of Month for November.
 - November 20, the sisters of Inkster will feed the seniors at the towers at 11:00 a.m.
 - Sunday, November 21 hot meals in conjunction with Unity in the Community will be distributed.
 - **Lastly, November 21 is family skate night at 6:pm at the Inkster Family Skating Rink; reservations are required.**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made by Councilmember Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Chisholm, and unanimously carried, the Regular Council meeting of November 1, 2021, was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

Approved: November 15, 2021

Posted: November 16, 2021