



**CITY OF INKSTER  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
December 6, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan was called to order by Mayor Patrick Wimberly, Chairman, at 7:00 p.m. and convened virtually on Monday, December 6, 2021.

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).

**Prayer**

Prayer was led by Pastor Leon Crawford, City Praise Gospel Café located at 351 Inkster Rd.

**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     | Present | Councilmember Chisholm | Present |
| Councilmember Williams   | Present | Councilmember Shaw     | Present |
| Councilmember Washington | Present |                        |         |

**\*A Quorum was present**

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** Motion by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

|                          |     |                      |     |
|--------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Councilmember Williams   | Aye | Mayor Pro Tem Howard | Aye |
| Councilmember Chisholm   | Aye | Councilmember Watley | Aye |
| Councilmember Washington | Aye | Councilmember Shaw   | Aye |

**Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.**

**Presentations/Discussion**

A. Audit Preview and Budget Amendments

Brian Camiller, Plante Moran, presented the financial state of the City and made recommendations for future budget years.

**Public Hearing - None**

## Consent Agenda

- A. November 15, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Allen Brothers Invoice – September 2021

**MOTION:** Motion by Councilmember Watley, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item B.

Roll Call Vote:

|                          |     |                        |     |
|--------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Councilmember Washington | Aye | Councilmember Shaw     | Aye |
| Councilmember Watley     | Aye | Councilmember Williams | Aye |
| Councilmember Chisholm   | Aye | Mayor Pro Tem Howard   | Aye |

**Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.**

## Previous Business

None

## Ordinance(s)

A. Second Reading(s)

The council offered a second reading of the **Cherry Hill Family Development Ordinance** that pertains to provisions for a service charge in lieu of taxes for housing projects for low-income persons and families financed with a federally aided or authority-aided mortgage loan or an advance or grant from the authority pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966 (1966 PA 346, as amended: MCL 125.1401, et seq (the "Act")

## New Business

- A. Resolution commending the cities of Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Wayne, and Westland for providing automatic mutual aid for fire response at Cherry Hill Place Apartments on October 8, 2021.

**MOTION:** Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Howard, second by Councilmember Chisholm to approve Resolution as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

|                        |     |                          |     |
|------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Councilmember Shaw     | Aye | Councilmember Washington | Aye |
| Councilmember Williams | Aye | Mayor Pro Tem Howard     | Aye |
| Councilmember Chisholm | Aye | Councilmember Watley     | Aye |

**Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.**

B. Firehouse Roof Replacement

**MOTION:** Motion by Councilmember Chisholm, second by Councilmember Williams to accept bid from Lutz Roofing to replace the firehouse roof in the amount of \$75,241.84.

Roll Call Vote:

|                          |     |                      |     |
|--------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Councilmember Williams   | Aye | Mayor Pro Tem Howard | Aye |
| Councilmember Chisholm   | Aye | Councilmember Watley | Aye |
| Councilmember Washington | Aye | Councilmember Shaw   | Aye |

**Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.**

C. Firehouse Restroom Upgrades

**MOTION:** Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Howard and seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve the acceptance of an alternate bid from Midwest Construction to upgrade restrooms at the firehouse.

Roll Call Vote:

|                          |     |                        |     |
|--------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Councilmember Chisholm   | Aye | Councilmember Watley   | Aye |
| Councilmember Washington | Aye | Councilmember Shaw     | Aye |
| Mayor Pro Tem Howard     | Aye | Councilmember Williams | Aye |

**Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.**

D. Firehouse HVAC Replacement

**MOTION:** Motion by Councilmember Williams, second by Councilmember Chisholm to approve acceptance of bid from Expert Mechanical Service to replace HVAC system at the firehouse.

Roll Call Vote:

|                          |     |                        |     |
|--------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Councilmember Washington | Aye | Councilmember Shaw     | Aye |
| Mayor Pro Tem Howard     | Aye | Councilmember Williams | Aye |
| Councilmember Watley     | Aye | Councilmember Chisholm | Aye |

**Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.**

E. Inkster Trailhead Project Grant Application

**MOTION:** Motion by Councilmember Watley, second by Councilmember Washington to approve a letter of support for the Inkster Trailhead Project grant application for Design Development Grant funding through the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

Roll Call Vote:

|                      |     |                          |     |
|----------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Mayor Pro Tem Howard | Aye | Councilmember Williams   | Aye |
| Councilmember Watley | Aye | Councilmember Chisholm   | Aye |
| Councilmember Shaw   | Aye | Councilmember Washington | Aye |

**Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.**

**Public Comment**

The following persons participated in public comment:

- Octavia Smith commented on the availability of services and COVID vaccines at Western Wayne Family Health Center. (313)561-5100.
- Carlos Spicy Weiner – No comment once called upon
- Timothy Williams asked if the city has a plan for infrastructure projects. Answer: Yes, projects have been identified and are shovel ready.

- Bill Ratliff commented on the great loss of Toni Bailey to the City of Inkster, commending her endless clean-up efforts. He proposed to the Council to consider renaming Westwood Park to the "Community Toni Bailey Memorial Park".

#### **City Clerk**

- No comment.

#### **Treasurer**

- No comment.

#### **City Council**

- **Councilmember Watley**
  - Requested a song from Mayor Wimberly, he respectfully declined.
- **Councilmember Washington**
  - Expressed that Middlebrook Manor Block Club is requesting reimbursement for the speed bumps that were installed.
  - Asked the Treasurer to confirm if the city can accept donations for the speed bumps.
  - Residents expressed concerns about water bills.
- **Councilmember Shaw**
  - Reported that the gates to the basketball court on Inkster Road are open and asked if the gates could be closed.
  - Reported a fallen tree near the old library.
  - Expressed a need for the City to hire permanent grant writers; the Balmer Group would pay a person for three years.
  - Requested road patrol on Woodland
- **Councilmember Williams**
  - No Comment
- **Councilmember Chisholm**
  - Reminded everyone that the last day for Yard Waste pick up is December 15, 2021.
  - Commented on redistricting the City based on the 2020 Census.
  - Robo Call policy.
  - Requested monthly reports
  - IT Contract
  - 123 Net Status
  - Chamber of Commerce Trash Initiative
- **Mayor Pro Tem Howard**
  - Requested Plante Moran to present YTD Budget and required Amendments
  - Wished everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday
- **Mayor Wimberly**
  - Moms Against Violence will give away meals at 11:00 a.m., November 23<sup>rd</sup> at Thompson Towers.
  - Unity in the Community with the Flight Club will give away Thanksgiving Dinners on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Booker Dozier Recreation Center.
  - Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> Turkey give away at Harrison Market at 3:00 p.m.
  - Thanksgiving Day meals with Inkster Cobra's from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Booker Dozier Recreation Center.

#### **Closed Session**

Council may enter Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations, purchase or lease of real property and/or pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 (a), (c), (d), (e) and/or (f).

**MOTION:** Motion by Councilmember Chisholm, second by Councilmember Washington to enter Closed Session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

Roll Call Vote:

|                        |     |                          |     |
|------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Councilmember Watley   | Aye | Councilmember Chisholm   | Aye |
| Councilmember Shaw     | Aye | Councilmember Washington | Aye |
| Councilmember Williams | Aye | Mayor Pro Tem Howard     | Aye |

**Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.**

**MOTION:** Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Howard, second by Councilmember Chisholm to reconvene the Regular Council Meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

|                        |     |                          |     |
|------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Councilmember Shaw     | Aye | Councilmember Washington | Aye |
| Councilmember Williams | Aye | Mayor Pro Tem Howard     | Aye |
| Councilmember Chisholm | Aye | Councilmember Watley     | Aye |

**Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.**

**MOTION:** Motion by Councilmember Chisholm, second by Councilmember Washington to accept the recommendation by General Counsel in the Clark-Harrington matter.

Roll Call Vote:

|                          |     |                      |     |
|--------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Councilmember Williams   | Aye | Mayor Pro Tem Howard | Aye |
| Councilmember Chisholm   | Aye | Councilmember Watley | Aye |
| Councilmember Washington | Aye | Councilmember Shaw   | Aye |

**Vote: 6-0, Motion carried.**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made by Councilmember Washington, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, and unanimously carried, the Regular Council meeting of December 6, 2021, was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk  
City of Inkster

Approved: December 20, 2021

Posted: January 6, 2022