



**CITY OF INKSTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 17, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.**

An orientation session was held at 6:05p.m. to allow staff to answer questions or address any concerns related to agenda items.

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan was called to order by Mayor Wimberly, Chairman at 7:02 p.m. Prayer was offered by Councilman Williams.

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 Howard, second by Chisholm to approve the agenda with the following changes: Remove Item 9E – Land Purchase on Isabelle St.

Addition of Item 9D – Special Land Use permit for Child Care on Stollman.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 04-23-053R

Presentations/Introduction of Guest/Announcements

- A. Onsolve – Emergency Communication Platform
Presented by Pete Applegard, Code Red Solutions
- B. State Representative Dist. 26, Dylan Wegela, presented an update from Lansing.
 - Repeal Right to Work
 - Restore prevailing wages for construction projects.
 - Universal background checks for firearm purchases
 - Safe storage laws for firearms in the home.
 - Red flag laws for removal of firearms from the home.
 - Bill introduced to cancel The City of Inkster School debt.
 - i. Councilmember Watley asked if there would be a remedy to restore the buildings.
 - ii. Councilmember Williams inquired about the status of funding from WC RESA.
 - Organize Communities (Community Advisory Council) meets by invitation only the 4th Saturday of each month. The next meeting is April 22, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in Romulus. Representative Wegela can be reached at dylanwegela@house.mi.gov or (517)373-3818.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Shaw to approve the consent agenda as presented.

VOTE: 5-1, motion carried. Resolution 04-23-053.5R

Boards and Commissions Appointments

MOTION: Motion by Watley, second by Shaw to appoint Shalita _____ to the Parks & Recreation Commission to serve a two year term expiring on May 1, 2025.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 04-23-054R

Ordinances

A. Second Reading

I. Amendment to Title XI, Chapter 124 of the City's Code of Ordinance

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Shaw to approve proposed amendment to Title XI, Chapter 124 of the City's Code of Ordinances.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 04-23-058R

II. Amendment to Title XV, Chapter 155, Articles 29 and 146 of the City's Zoning Ordinance.

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Washington to approve Amendment to Title XV, Chapter 155, Articles 29 and 146 of the City's Zoning Ordinance.

VOTE: 5-1, motion carried. Resolution 04-23-059R

New Business

A. Special Land Use Permit 4437 Inkster Road

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Williams to approve special land use for a proposed childcare center in the B-2, thoroughfare mixed-use district at 4437 Inkster Road.

VOTE: 5-1, motion carried. Resolution 04-23-054.5R

B. 2023 Lead Service Line Replacement Project

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Howard to authorize the administration to approve a contract with All Seasons Underground construction for the 2023 Lead Service Line replacements project in the amount of \$626,160.00, plus a 15% contingency of \$93,924.00 for a total of \$720,084.00 in construction cost.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 04-23-055R

C. Land Sale (LD 23-05) One Parcel on Notre Dame Street

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Shaw to approve the purchase of one (1) vacant parcel (Case # LD 23-05) located on the South side of Notre Dame Street between Bayhan and Meadowdale for \$1,500.00.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 04-23-056R

D. Special Land Use Permit 26260 Stollman Ave.

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Washington to approve Special Land Use permit for a Childcare Center at 26260 Stollman Ave.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Chisholm read the following letter to the City Council from resident Helene May stating:

"I am unable to attend tonight's meeting due to work obligations, but I am writing to reiterate my statements from the March meeting.

I would like to commend you for the inquisitive questions you posed in your inquiry, because your questions really spoke to some of the concerns of the neighbors. The neighbors have been there a long time; their concerns really should weigh heavily in your decision.

Ms. Flournoy as of today, does not live in the house; therefore, she is not aware of the neighborhood. It is not certain if she realizes the mount of retired residents who plan to live out their lives residing on Stollman Dr., the surrounding neighborhood, who don't want their neighborhoods to start turning into a business district.

A house in a neighborhood is more than brick and mortar; it is for the enjoyment of residing RESIDENTS, and families, not businesses.

Neighbors don't want mechanics to start businesses in their garages (actually, a neighbor was ordered to shut down, a couple of blocks from Stollman because

neighbors don't want this). Neighbors don't want beauty salons, nail salons nor any of the like, stationed within the neighborhoods. If you approve this, it opens the can of why this is allowed for some and not others or all.

Group homes are an exception because the people do LIVE there, they just need assistance with activities of daily living.

And again, there are serious questions about the fitness of a business in this house. It is very small; only 944 sq. ft., with a very small kitchen and living area. It has only one bathroom on the main floor; not aware of any egress in the basement. Drop off and pick-ups generally occur 5a– 9a and 3p-6p. AND varies throughout the day, as she stated, therefore, all day. It Is not fit for a daycare center, why, because it was built for a family not a business.

In conclusion, please allow our neighborhoods to continue to be the reason for our purchase, because it is a "Residential" neighborhood."

VOTE: 4-2, motion carried. Resolution 04-23-057R

City Clerk - Reminded everyone that nominating petitions for local offices are available at the City Clerk's office and are due back to the Clerk's office on April 25, 2023, by 4:00p.m.

Treasurer - No Comment.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilmember Washington:**
 - Requested police presence at Lexington & Wellesley.
 - Meadow Lane course of action in court.
- **Councilmember Shaw:**
 - Requested an update on NSP developers.
 - Thanked Tia Wells – Special Space initiative.
 - Thanked DPS, Ms. Triplett for a job well done.
 - Complained about estimated bills.
- **Mayor Pro Tem Howard**
 - Thanked DPS for cleaning up District V
- **Mayor Wimberly**
 - Announced Expungement Fair at the Booker Dozier Recreation Center on Saturday 9a-1p.

Closed Session

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Shaw to enter a closed session at 6:16p.m. to discuss the City of Inkster vs Blackwell, Hines, and Williams.

VOTE: Unanimous Consent, motion passed. No action taken.

Adjournment

The regular council meeting of April 17, 2023, adjourned at 10:10 p.m. by motion of Councilmember Howard, second by Shaw and unanimous consent of the body.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

Approved: May 1, 2023
Posted: May 2, 2023