



**CITY OF INKSTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 5, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.**

An orientation session was held at 6:15 p.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 Patrick Wimberly, Chairman at 7:30p.m. Prayer was offered by Rev. Williams, Councilmember.

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 Watley to approve the agenda with the following additions to new business:

ITEM C – Resolution of closed session item.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-080R

Presentations/Introduction of Guest/Announcements

- LaWanna Abney Mitchell, Melanie Hines, and Kimberly May presented the city with the Champion Breakfast Award from the Wayne-Westland School Board of Education.

Public Hearing

A. Inkster Storm Water Control – Post Construction Ordinance, Chapter 55.

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Watley to open the public hearing for an ordinance amendment to Chapter 55 of the code.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-081

- Deatris Richardson asked how the Amended Ordinance would relate to flooding.
- Tim Williams asked if a third basin is being considered.
- Sandrew was concerned about what authority would regulate the ordinance.

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Shaw to close the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-082

B. 2023-24 FY Budget Hearing

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Watley to open the public hearing for the 2023-24 FY Budget at 7:50 p.m.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-083

Darryl Greene, Treasurer, presented this item leading with the Deficit Elimination Plan has been agreed to by the State of Michigan and the City of Inkster since 2021 for a period of three years. He also noted that the former City Manager, Joyce Parker, may be retained by the State to develop a needs assessment for the City. Mr. Greene further pointed out that representatives from Plante Moran would attend the June 20th meeting to answer questions about the budget.

- Councilmember Washington asked if the city received any federal revenue benefits from the City's lobbyist, and feels confident that Joyce Parker, in this role understands the city and the limitations imposed by lack of additional revenues.

- Councilmember Shaw expressed interest in the mayors' meeting with the State of Michigan Deputy Treasurer. He asked about the consistency of contract reviews by the administration.
- Deatress Richardson inquired about the size of the deficit.
 - The treasurer explained that the city has a structural deficit which means that there are variable dollars to support the fixed cost, which would not exist if there were guaranteed revenue to support fixed cost.
- Sandrew King asked what is being done to increase revenues.
- Rebecca Daniels wanted to confirm that the State would pay for the consultation services provided by Joyce Parker.
- LeWanna Abney complimented the City Council for displaying unity and working together at tonight's meeting.
- Pastor Steven suggested ideas to use the church's square footage and convert to dollars for the city.
- Marla Edwards-Wheeler asked all to simply buy in Inkster and put properties back on the tax role.

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Chisholm to close the 2023-24 FY Budget Public Hearing at 8:30 p.m.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-084R

Consent Agenda

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

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-085R

Boards and Commissions Appointments

A. Mayoral appointment of Akindele Akinyemi to the Downtown Development Authority

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Howard to accept the mayoral re-appoint of Akindele Akinyemi to serve a four-year term on the Downtown Development Authority, expiring June 1, 2027.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Watley asked if he and O. Rerhi Onomake were part of the mass resignation that took place on the DDA.

VOTE: 5-1, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-086R

B. Mayoral appointment of O. Rerhi Onomake to the Downtown Development Authority

MOTION: Motion by Washington, second by Howard to accept the mayoral re-appointment of O. Rerhi Onomake to serve a four-year term on the Downtown Development Authority, expiring June 1, 2027.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-087R

New Business

A. Vacant Parcel Purchase

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Shaw to approve an offer to purchase one (1) vacant parcel located on the north side of Hazelwood Street between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt roads, in the amount of \$1,500.00 to JTK Property Solutions.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-088R

B. Street Closure

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Chisholm to approve the street closure/block party request submitted by Annette R. Cook-Sparkman to celebrate an anniversary on New York Street between Inkster and Wellington on June 10, 2023, from 2 p.m. until midnight.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-089R

Public Participation

- Evonne Moore thanked Alana Mitchell and Wayne Westland. Summer School begins 2nd Saturday Academics, noting Tim Williams would provide piano instruction.
- Marla J. Wheeler on behalf of WCCC and Just Try Recovery, noted that she is still waiting for a Memorandum of Understanding to be executed between the city and her organizations. She also

expressed that she wants to meet with the Chancellor of WCCC and the City's attorney regarding the Outpatient Community Health Center at 1250 Middlebelt.

- Craig Kobycka complemented the city on how the road projects are managed.
- Sandrew King complained about the potholes in the city.
- Ashawanna Butts commented on the four inactive members on the Parks and Recreation Commission as well as other vacancies.

Staff Reports

- J. Bivins, DPS, announced a series of Town Hall Meetings regarding projects in the City.
- Chief Ratliff expressed that Movie Night was a success, however, the Saturday Gun Lock Give-Away was not a success because only one person showed up. He noted that National Night Out will be held on August 1, 2023 and the Youth Explorer Program (for 14-21 year olds) is reemerging. If interested pleas, call (313)563-9873. Next Movie Night will be June 30th at the police station.

Clerk – Ms. Chapman announced a correction to the calendar. In observance of the upcoming Juneteenth holiday on Monday, June 19, 2023, City Hall will be closed. Therefore, **the next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.**

Treasurer - Mr. Greene announced that he would be adding classes at the Booker Dozier Recreation Center.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilmember Watley** Inquired about the status of UCI.
- **Councilmember Washington** complimented the Chief of Police and City administration for a successful Homecoming Weekend.
- **Councilmember Shaw** suggested improving Code Enforcement to increase revenues, encouraged the mayor to forward department head reports to the council, thanked Chief and Chisholm for handling issues in the district, thanked Latoria Triplett and Gina Triplett for good work.
- **Councilmember Williams** suggested that a RFP go out for auditing services.
- **Councilmember Chisholm** announced the following events:
 - **Juneteenth, Sat, June 17 at the Library**
 - **Gunwalk on Wednesday, June 14 – wear the color Orange.**
 - And commented on the road work in Dearborn Heights.
- **Mayor Pro Tem Howard** thanked DPS for their quick response.

Adjournment

The regular council meeting of June 5, 2023, adjourned at 9:20 p.m. by motion of Councilmember Shaw, second by Chisholm, and unanimous consent of the body.

□erna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

Approved: June 20, 2023
Posted: June 21, 2023