



**CITY OF INKSTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 20, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.**

An orientation session was held at 6:11 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 7:01p.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 Shaw to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-090R

Presentations/Introduction of Guest/Announcements

- Michelle Lewis, Plante Moran – Budget Presentation.
 - Williams asked if there would be any tax increases.
 - Treasurer Greene expressed that he would check into tax increases.
 - Watley inquired about the impact of marihuana establishments on city resources, particularly water resources.
 - Benesch answered “no” because heavy users would typically water during non-peak hours.
 - Washington asked if the city has maximum capacity for milage rates.
 - Ms. Lewis noted that the city is at maximum but noted the availability of the public safety milage.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Howard expressed concern about the Resolution sent to State Officials in 2015 and further commented on the following:
 - Marihuana Revenues
 - Community Development Block Grant
 - Quarterly Budget Amendments
 - District Court
 - Wayne County Mental Health
 - Summer Youth Program
 - Business Licenses/Pet License
 - Chisholm commented on the Annual Audit Status and Contract Review.
 - Watley asked about the \$1.2 million for a high-rise project promised by Wayne County Commissioner Knezek and if \$85,000 from County grants was included in the budget.
 - Shaw was interested in Unencumbered money and reserves.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Shaw to approve the consent agenda with “UCI correction” to the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on June 5, 2023.

VOTE: 5-1, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-091R

Boards and Commissions Appointments

A. District II re-appointment of Shirley Hankerson to the Parks and Recreation Commission

MOTION: Motion by Washington, second by Shaw to re-appoint Shirley Hankerson to serve a two-year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission, expiring June 1, 2025.

VOTE: 5-1, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-092R

B. City Council appointment of Raymond Rapley to the Parks and Recreation Commission

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Howard, second by Shaw to appoint Raymond Rapley to serve a two-year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission, expiring June 1, 2025.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-093R

New Business

A. Amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 55: Stormwater Control

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Chisholm to adopt the amendment to Inkster Code of Ordinances, Chapter 55: Stormwater Control.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-094R

B. Budget Amendment

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Chisholm to approve a budget amendment to the current water and road projects.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-095R

C. FY 2023-2024 Annual Budget

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Williams to approve the City's Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

Yeas: Shaw, Washington, Williams, and Mayor

Nays: Chisholm, Howard, Watley

Absent: 0

VOTE: 4-3, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-096R

D. Special Land Use permit for Biggby Drive-Thru Coffee Shop

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Shaw to approve a special land use permit for a proposed drive-through restaurant in the TCD, Town Center District at 27206 Michigan Avenue for a Biggby coffee shop.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-097R

E. Offer to purchase a vacant parcel.

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Howard to approve an offer to purchase one vacant parcel located on the south side of Plum Street between Bayhan Street and Meadowdale Avenue in the amount of \$1,500.00 from Justin and Jaime Fallon.

VOTE: 5-1, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-098R

F. Offer to purchase a vacant parcel (Case #LD 23-12)

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Williams to approve an offer to purchase one (1) vacant parcel of land located on the south side of Stanford Street between Beech Daly and Meadowdale Streets in the amount of \$1,000.00.

VOTE: 0-6, motion failed. Resolution 06-23-xxxR

G. Water Rates for FY 2023-24

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Watley to approve an increase in water rates to 16.8% for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 06-23-099R

Public Participation

- Haneef Sabree announced a community event, Business Expo on June 24, 2023 from 11 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at 3620 Harrison. Vendor spots are still available. For more info call (313)695-4686.
- Jaime Fallen asked how to obtain a pet license.

Staff Reports

- J. Bivins, DPS, announced a series of Town Hall Meetings regarding projects in the city.
- Chief Ratliff announced Coffee with a Cop at Maria's Coney Island on Cherry Hill. He also mentioned a significant narcotic bust at a local motel. He further expressed that he supports the proposed milage primarily because he is losing investigators to Michigan State Police.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilmember Watley** presented the following suggestions from a constituent, Ron Johnson:
 - Invest in hand-held microphones.
 - Present positive aspects of being employed by the city, such as the best pension.
 - Hire mid-range people who are interested in a pension.
- **Councilmember Washington** thanked the Police Chief and Officer Triplett for attending to the issues on Meadowland Street.
- **Councilmember Shaw** expressed concerns about:
 - GFL, trash removal, missing routes around the city.
 - DPS monitoring GFL service and seeking recourse for missing routes.
- **Councilmember Williams** announced an honorary street naming ceremony for Ms. Dixon at Irene & Carlisle Streets.
- **Councilmember Chisholm** announced the following events:
 - Tele-Town Hall @ 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 21st with Congresswoman R. Tlaib.
 - Wayne Westland Trustee LaWanna Abney-Mitchell, at New Jerusalem Church on Saturday, June 24th from noon until 3:00 p.m.

He further commented on providing hard copies of Town Hall meetings, letters to State Legislators, and encouraged folks to join auxiliaries.

Adjournment

The regular council meeting of June 20, 2023, adjourned at 9:15 p.m. by motion of Councilmember Chisholm, second by Shaw, and unanimous consent of the body.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

Approved: July 17, 2023
Posted: July 18, 2023