



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

An orientation session was held at 6:00 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 Pro Tem Howard, Chairman at 7:00p.m. Prayer was offered by Rev. Williams.

Roll Call

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

***A Quorum was present**

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Williams to approve the agenda with the addition of the following: **Item 3A** - Denise Champagne , Senior Services Project.

VOTE: 4-0, motion carried. Resolution 07-23-106R

Presentations/Introduction of Guest/Announcements

- A. The Senior Services Project introduced hand made placemats to be delivered to the seniors receiving Meals on Wheels.
- B. Rod Taylor, The Municipal Group addressed the council regarding financial challenges. Mr. Taylor stated that the goals are as follows:
 - Financial Strength
 - Transparency
 - Accurate Accounting
 - Debt
 - Findings

He further spoke about legacy debt, OPEB, Enterprise, and Public Services. Mr. Taylor listed the State supported activities as follows:

1. FHA
2. OPS Plan
3. Implementation
4. Preliminary Assessment
5. Public Engagement
6. 5 Year Assessment Report

Councilmember Watley inquired about the timeline for the suggested activities and who in the administration would be the lead, Mr. Taylor said that it would be approximately 6 months for financial assessment and engagement; and that Mr. Greene would be the lead for the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Howard asked about the proposed start date, the reply was that he had a flexible schedule and could start next week.

- C. Mueller Water Products, Ozzie Zambrano, Territory Manager and Rossi Manning presented the water meter product that is recommended for the City of Inkster. The discussion went as follows:

- **Councilman Shaw** asked if the meters were smart meters and if leak detectors would be placed on the fire hydrants.
 - i. Answer: 50 smart hydrants would be installed based on engineers' recommendation.
- **Councilmember Watley** asked about the trade name for the system, professional meters, leak protection and the 6-month pilot for monitoring.
- **Councilmember Chisholm** inquired about national sanitation, billing, battery life of the meter, starting point, and timing for completion.
- **Mayor Pro Tem Howard** asked about the turn around time on parts, will it work with store equipment, and the overall reliability of the system. Mueller representatives responded that they work with just-in-time inventories.
- **Councilmember Williams** asked who pays for water loss and Mr. Bivins, DPS Director, responded the rate payer.

Public Hearing

A. Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Williams to open the public hearing to hear from City of Inkster residents regarding the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant application.

VOTE: 4-0, motion carried. Resolution 07-23-107R

No response from the public.

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Williams to close the public hearing for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application.

VOTE: 4-0, motion carried. Resolution 07-23-108R

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Chisholm to approve the consent agenda as presented.

VOTE: 3-1, motion carried. Resolution 07-23-109R

Previous Business

A. Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Watley to authorize the administration to submit a grant application to the Michigan natural Resources Trust Fund.

VOTE: 4-0, motion carried. Resolution 07-23-110R

New Business

A. Purchase of Water Meters

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Chisholm to authorize the Department of Public Services, Water Division, to negotiate with Mueller Water Products for the purchase of water meters and an advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) system.

VOTE: 4-0, motion carried. Resolution 07-23-111R

B. Land Sale Case #LD 23-08

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Shaw to approve an offer to purchase one (1) vacant parcel (parking lot) located on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Hill and John Daly Streets in the amount of \$19,341.00 from Thomas Costello.

VOTE: 3-1, motion carried. Resolution 07-23-112R

C. Land Sale Case #LD 23-12

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Chisholm to approve an offer to purchase one (1) vacant parcel located on the south side of Stanford Street between Daly and Meadowdale Streets in the amount of \$1,500.00 from Lorenzo Boyd.

VOTE: 3-1, motion carried. Resolution 07-23-113R

D. Land Sale Case #LD 23-13

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Chisholm to approve an offer to purchase two (2) adjacent parcels located on the north side of Carlisle Street between Henry and Spruce Streets and the west side of Henry Street between Carlisle and Beech Street in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Kiantay Winston.

VOTE: 4-0, motion carried. Resolution 07-23-114R

Closed Session

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Shaw to enter Closed Session for updates on pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 (a), (c), (d), (e) and/or (f). No action anticipated.

VOTE: 4-0, motion carried. Resolution 07-23-115R

Public Participation

- Darlene Heard Thomas requested a speed bump on the intersection of Carlisle & Burton.
- Gabe Henderson commented on the beautification efforts and the Clean-Up that happens on the last Saturday of each month. Dumpsters will be at Lemoyne Gardens, Westwood Park and other locations.
- Shirley Hankerson expressed her concerns about the weeds on the walkways and asserted that there is a group of people (Inkster Dems Club) who are concerned about the upcoming election and held a meeting with three councilmembers to discuss alleged election inconsistencies.
- Ernest Hendricks commented on issues surrounding Inkster parks and State funding for the parks.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilmember Watley** wanted to expound on the alleged election inconsistencies mentioned by Ms. Hankerson in public participation/comment.
- **Councilmember Williams** is calling for a public meeting to discuss the whole Community. He also announced the meeting of the Inkster Housing Commission on July 20th, from 1-5 p.m. at Pine and Middlebelt. There will also be a celebration at Lemoyne Garden for Brother Sean. He noted that there would be food and games.

Adjournment

The regular council meeting of July 17, 2023, adjourned at 9:07 p.m. by motion of Councilmember Chisholm, second by Shaw, and unanimous consent of the body.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

Approved: August 7, 2023
Posted: September 19, 2023