



**CITY OF INKSTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 7, 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 7:23p.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 08-23-116R

Presentations/Introduction of Guest/Announcements – None

Consent Agenda

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

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 08-23-117R

Ordinance(s)

A. First Reading of the zoning amendments for additional uses and definitions as well as sign standards for the Twon Center District.

Jane Dixon, Planning, presented the First Reading

QUESTIONS:

- Councilwoman Watley asked if the city had a towing ordinance.
- Jane responded "no".
- Councilman Chisholm asked about storage yards and food processing considerations.
- Jane responded that there are no additional use standards and that environmental considerations were addressed. She further asked the council to strike from the ordinance what is not wanted.
- Councilman Shaw inquired about the two towing service yards within the city.
- The answer is that the yards are grandfathered.

New Business

A. Dedication of the Inkster Amphitheater to the memory of Geraldine Calhoun

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Howard to authorize the administration to dedicate the Inkster Amphitheater to Geraldine Calhoun in memory of her years of service and dedication as community volunteer and auxiliary personnel to the City of Inkster.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 08-23-118R

B. Inkster Justice Center HVAC Units

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Watley to authorize the Department of Public Works Director to enter into an agreement with OMNIA to perform work on the Inkster Justice Center HVAC units for forty-three thousand, eight hundred, ninety-one dollars and fourteen cents (\$43,891.12) with a six percent (6%) contingency of two thousand, six hundred, thirty four dollars and zero cents (\$2,634.00) for a total of forty-six thousand, five hundred, twenty-five dollars and fourteen cents (\$46,525.14).

DISCUSSION: Councilman Shaw asked if the cost were budgeted. Councilwoman Washington asked about the number of bids received and if the one bid was reputable. The director of DPW answered yes to both questions.

VOTE: 6-0, MOTION CARRIED. Resolution 08-23-119R

C. Ink Town Ryderz Annual Car and Bike Show

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Williams to approve a special event permit for the Ink Town Ryderz Annual Car and Bike Show to be held at 3250 Middlebelt Road on Sunday, September 3, 2023, between the hours of 12PM and 8PM.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 08-23-120R

D. Special Land Use Permit for a tattoo establishment

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Howard to approve special land use for a proposed tattoo establishment at 161 Middlebelt Road in the B-2 Thoroughfare Mixed Use District.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 08-23-121R

E. Womack Temple CME Church Street Closure/Block Party Request

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Chisholm to approve a street closure request from Womack Temple CME Church for Cherry and Harrison Streets on August 26, 2023, for a Back-to-School Fair from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 08-23-122R

F. Renaming the Mini Police Station

Chief Ratliff and an IPD Sergeant presented this item and provided the background information.

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Howard to approve naming the recently renovated mini police station at 4310 Middlebelt the Alex A. Chapman, Jr. Community Policing Center.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 08-23-123R

G. Inkster Housing Commission and Inkster Police Department Agreement

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Shaw to approve a contract between the Inkster Housing Commission and the Inkster Police Department allowing the Inkster Police Department to provide police services to the Inkster Housing Commission from June 30, 2023, through May 30, 2025 in the amount of \$102,000.00 annually including compensation for one officer and the lease of a police vehicle for housing.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 08-23-124R

H. Intergovernmental Agreement with Inkster Housing Commission

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Howard to authorize the administration to enter an Intergovernmental Agreement with Inkster Housing Commission and the City of Inkster.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 08-23-125R

I. Financial Health Assessment Agreement

MOTION: Motion by Howard, second by Shaw to approve the financial health assessment agreement between the City of Inkster and the Maner Costerisan Company.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 08-23-126R

Public Participation

- Sandrew King Sr, commented on lot maintenance, grow houses/dispensaries within 1,000 ft of day care providers, AIA enrollment and WCCC and AIA dual enrollment.
- Stephanie Bradshaw commended AIA for their appreciation for educations, she complained about mowing, and cannabis facilities.
- Velma Overman announced the NAACP Event on Monday August 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. where County Clerk, Cathy Garrett will be the key note speaker.
- James Horne inquired about Employee Life Insurance benefits.
- Toni Dunbar, R. Tlaib representative, provided information on the following:
 - Pact Act, Thursday, August 9, 2023.
 - Status of Passport Agencies.
 - Community Project Funding will come to Inkster.
 - Resources for Seniors.
- Julia Lowe, expressed the following concerns:
 - River Rouge School signs in Inkster
 - Robichaud Back-to-School signs are stolen.
- Tarikh Hunter announced the 5th Annual Ink Town Ryderz car show on September 3, 2023, and he commended the administration on their excellence in performing their roles.
- Barbara Cooper commented on:
 - Awesome Police Department National Night Out.
 - Unity in the Community on August 17th.
 - Barbeque fund raiser for "No Child Without a Christmas" on August 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 -

City Clerk reminded everyone and reiterated the August 8th primary election for District 6.

Chief Ratliff commended his staff for an awesome National Night Out, he announced the Police Memorial on August 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the police station. He expressed that the department is training new officers, ordinance officers are tasked with noticing business and individual blight; and finally asked that everyone use 1-800-speak up. The recent homicide is being investigated by MSP and IPD.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilmember Watley** commended Chief Ratliff on how he handled an ordinance dispute between neighbors.
- **Councilmember Shaw** echoed comments made by colleagues.
- **Councilmember Williams:**
 - Commended IPD & MSP on investigation in District 3.
 - He expressed that the joint trip with housing was a joyful time to be had by all.
- **Councilmember Chisholm** provided information about the free mobile clinic.
- **Mayor Pro Tem Howard** asked about the demolition of the school on Annapolis.
- **Mayor Wimberly** echoed Councilman Shaw's regular sentiment, if you see something, say something.

Closed Session: Motion by Howard, second by Shaw to enter into closed session to discuss litigation at 6:55 p.m. No action will be taken. **VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 08-23-127R**

Adjournment

The regular council meeting of August 7, 2023, adjourned at 8:45p.m. by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Howard, second by Shaw, and unanimous consent of the body.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

Approved: August 21, 2023
Posted: August 22, 2023