

December 18, 2023

**Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, was held on December 18, 2023 in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Prior to the Regular Council Meeting: City Council members discussed: The Agenda.

**Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Howard to go into Closed session @ 6:22pm to discuss pending litigation.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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| <b>Councilmember Howard</b>     | <b>Yea</b> | <b>Councilmember Scott</b>  | <b>Yea</b> |
| <b>Councilmember Rutledge</b>   | <b>Yea</b> | <b>Councilmember Bishop</b> | <b>Yea</b> |
| <b>Councilmember Richardson</b> | <b>Yea</b> |                             |            |
| <b>Councilmember Chisholm</b>   | <b>Yea</b> |                             |            |

**Call Meeting to Order**

Mayor Byron Nolen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

City Council and the public in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**Prayer**

Prayer was led by Pastor Deacon Rose

**Roll Call**

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| Mayor Nolen            | Present (Inkster, MI.) |
| Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm | Present (Inkster, MI.) |
| Councilwoman Rutledge  | Present (Inkster, MI.) |
| Councilman Bishop, II  | Present (Inkster, MI.) |
| Councilwoman Scott     | Present (Inkster, MI.) |
| Councilman Howard      | Present (Inkster, MI.) |
| Councilman Richardson  | Present (Inkster, MI.) |

**Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Richardson to approve the agenda with the removal of item "A" under New Business Resolution 12-23-020FR - Motion carried.**

**Presentations/Discussion**

**Public Hearings**

### **Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of the December 4, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Moved by Councilmember Howard, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm  
Resolution 12-23-021FR - Motion carried.**

### **Boards and Commission**

A. Update of current list of appointments to Boards & Commissions.

**Moved by Councilmember Scott, Seconded by Councilmember Rutledge  
to appoint Judy Street to the Parks and Recreation Commission.  
Resolution 12-23-022FR- Motion carried.**

**Moved by Councilmember Howard, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm  
to appoint Ruth E. Williams to the Election Commission.  
Resolution 12-23-023FR - Motion carried.**

### **Previous Business**

#### **Ordinance(s)**

- A. First Reading(s)
- B. Second Reading(s)

### **New Business**

~~A. Discussion/Action: (Mayor) Consider authorizing the administration to approve the towing contracts with Bishop Auto Wrecking and Holts Towing. **REMOVED**~~

A. Discussion/Action: (Economic Development Director) Consider approval to purchase two (2) vacant parcels (Case #LD23-26) The 1<sup>st</sup> parcel is located on the south side of Cherry St. between Kewadin Street and Irene Street Parcel ID: 44009020045000 for \$1500. The 2<sup>nd</sup> parcel is located on the east side of Kewadin Street between Beech and Cherry Streets Parcel ID: 44009030019000 for \$1500.00 (Please see attached Wayne County Public Records)

**Moved by Councilmember Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Rutledge  
to approve to purchase two (2) vacant parcels (Case #LD23-26) The 1<sup>st</sup> parcel  
is located on the south side of Cherry St. between Kewadin Street and Irene  
Street Parcel ID: 44009020045000 for \$1500. The 2<sup>nd</sup> parcel is located on the  
east side of Kewadin Street between Beech and Cherry Streets Parcel ID:  
44009030019000 for \$1500.00 (Please see attached Wayne County Public  
Records)  
Resolution 12-23-024FR – Motion carried.**

B. Discussion/Action: (Economic Development Director) Consider approval to purchase one (1) vacant parcel (Case # LD23-27). The parcel is located on the west side of Hickory St. between Beech St. and Cherry St. Parcel ID: 44010060658000 for \$1000.00 (Please see attached Wayne County Public Records)

**Moved by Councilmember Howard, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm to approve approval to purchase one (1) vacant parcel (Case # LD23-27). The parcel is located on the west side of Hickory St. between Beech St. and Cherry St. Parcel ID: 44010060658000 for \$1000.00 (Please see attached Wayne County Public Records)**

**Resolution 12-23-025FR – Motion carried.**

C. Discussion/Action: (Economic Development Director) Consider approval to purchase one (1) vacant parcel (Case # LD23-28). The parcel is located on the south side of Fernwood Street between Harrison Street and Eastern Street Parcel ID: 44004010057001 for \$1500 (Please see attached Wayne County Public Records)

**Moved by Councilmember Rutledge, Seconded by Councilmember Richardson to approve to purchase one (1) vacant parcel (Case # LD23-28). The parcel is located on the south side of Fernwood Street between Harrison Street and Eastern Street Parcel ID: 44004010057001 for \$1500 (Please see attached Wayne County Public Records)**

**Resolution 12-23-026FR – Motion carried.**

D. Discussion/Action: (Economic Development Director) Consider approval to purchase one (1) vacant parcel (Case # LD23-29). The parcel is located on Williams the west side of the street between Pine Street and Andover Street Parcel ID: 44014020264000 for \$750 (Please see attached Wayne County Public Records).

**Moved by Councilmember Howard, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm to approve to purchase one (1) vacant parcel (Case # LD23-29). The parcel is located on Williams the west side of the street between Pine Street and Andover Street Parcel ID: 44014020264000 for \$1000.00 (Please see attached Wayne County Public Records).**

**Resolution 12-23-027FR – Motion carried.**

E. Discussion/Action: (Economic Development Director) Consider approval to purchase one (1) vacant parcel (Case LD23-30). The parcel is located on the north side of Notre Dame Street between Meadowdale Street and Beech Daly Street Parcel ID:44023040146308 for \$1500 Please see Attached Wayne County Public Records).

**Moved by Councilmember Bishop, Seconded by Councilmember Howard to approve to purchase one (1) vacant parcel (Case LD23-30). The parcel is located on the north side of Notre Dame Street between Meadowdale Street and Beech Daly Street Parcel ID:44023040146308 for \$1500 Please see Attached Wayne County Public Records).**

**Resolution 12-23-028FR – Motion carried.**

F. Discussion/Action: (Economic Development Director) Consider approval to purchase one (1) vacant parcel (Case # LD23-32). The parcel is located on Inkster Rd. on the west side of the street between Beech Street and Chestnut Street Parcel ID: 44010060028001 for \$4082.00 Please (see attached Wayne County Public Records)

**Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Rutledge to approve to purchase one (1) vacant parcel (Case # LD23-32). The parcel is located on Inkster Rd. on the west side of the street between Beech Street and Chestnut Street Parcel ID: 44010060028001 for \$4082.00 Please (see attached Wayne County Public Records)**  
**Resolution 12-23-029FR – Motion carried.**

### **Public Participation**

- **Melvin Gatewood** – Interested in God’s Work Our Hands purchasing the property located at 2407 John Daly he stated he would speak with Economic Development Director and put down a deposit.
- **Peggy Bishop-Lucas** – Stated she really liked the Shop with a Cop. She stated she volunteered for the first time this year.
- **Elizabeth Anderson** – Congratulated the new elected officials. She stated she had an issue with the police entering her home at 3:00am and she did not know who it was.
- **Maya Roots** – Announced that the Department of Public Works won an award for Project of the year. She stated that eight (8) projects were up for the award and that the City of Inkster won.
- **Pastor Thelma Jean Overman** – Announced that Operation Refuge had received a grant from the state and now have an afterschool program that is recognized by the State of Michigan. She encouraged students from K-12 to participate in the program. She can be reached at 734-709-7806 for more information regarding the afterschool program.
- **Anthony Sherrel** – Stated his neighborhood is now quiet. He said that all residents have to do is contact the right city department and they can get help.

### **City Clerk**

- Mayor Nolen announced the resignation of the City Clerk. He stated that the job posting is up on the city website and closes on Thursday December 21, 2023.

### **City Treasurer**

- Announced the deficit elimination plan has been filed with the State of Michigan.

### **Mayor and Council**

- **Councilmember Rutledge** – Wished residents a Happy Holiday season. She said that this is the season to be a blessing to someone else. She asked residents if they can help someone; do so.
- **Councilmember Scott** – Wished residents a Happy Holiday season.
- **Councilmember Bishop** – Wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.
- **Councilmember Howard** – Wished residents a Happy Holiday season and asked everyone to stay safe.
- **Councilmember Richardson** – Wished residents a Happy Holiday season.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm** – Stated that flags in the city can be from Miss Digs, or if persons are having work done in their yard. He asked if 3209 Williams Street was owned by the city. He announced Mayor Nolen’s Birthday and wished him a Happy Birthday.
- **Mayor Nolen** – Stated that a few Police Officers had been in an accident. He said he is hoping they are doing well. He stated he met with Congresswoman Rashida Talib and that she would be to city hall on December 19, 2023 at 2:30p.m. He further announced the closing of city hall for the holidays from noon on December 22, 2023 and city hall would re-open January 3, 2024 at 8:30a.m. He lastly stated that a Town Hall would be had on January 4, 2024 at 6:00pm.

**Closed Session**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made.

By Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Howard and carried, to conclude the Regular City Council meeting of Monday, December 18, 2023, at 7:40pm

