

January 16, 2024

Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, was held on January 16, 2024, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

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

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm Seconded by Councilmember Richardson to go Into Closed session @ 6:50pm to discuss pending litigation. (Robinson, Shabazz Mantia)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Howard	Absent	Councilmember Scott	Yea
Councilmember Rutledge	Yea	Councilmember Bishop	Yea
Councilmember Richardson	Yea		
Councilmember Chisholm	Yea		

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Byron Nolen called the meeting to order at 7:40pm

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 Member of the Audience

Roll Call

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	Absent (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 added Item "B" under Presentations and added Item "J", "K" under New Business.
Resolution 01-24-17FR - Motion carried.
Absent: Howard

Presentations/Discussion

- A. Dylan Wegela – State Representative 26th House District
- B. ShaWanna Gajewski – NEZ Zones

Public Hearings

- A. A Public Hearing on the City of Inkster Towing Ordinance

Moved by Councilmember Rutledge, Seconded by Councilmember Scott to OPEN the Public Hearing for the City of Inkster Towing Ordinance. Resolution 01-24-18FR - Motion carried.
Absent: Howard

Moved by Councilmember Rutledge, Seconded by Councilmember Scott to CLOSE the Public Hearing for the City of Inkster Towing Ordinance. Resolution 01-24-19FR - Motion carried.
Absent: Howard

- **Attorney Tom Sill** – Stated was asked to speak on the Towing Ordinance by some companies who wanted to see the boundaries changed from three (3) to a five (5) mile radius. He further stated that the Ordinance was highly restrictive. Furthermore, he stated there were some conflicts in Section III.
- **Haas Auoun** – Stated that the Ordinance is not fair for the bidding process. He stated that an individual at on council has an interest in Bishop Towing. He further stated that the Ordinance as presented was illegal.
- **City Councilman Bishop** – Stated that he believes that the speaker was referring to him regarding as having an interest in Bishop Towing; he stated when the vote take place, he plans to abstain from the vote.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the January 3, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Councilmember Rutledge, Seconded by Councilmember Richardson Resolution 01-24-20FR - Motion carried.
Absent: Howard

Boards and Commission

- A. Update of current list of appointments to Boards & Commission

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

- A. First Reading(s)
 - 1. A First Reading on the City of Inkster Towing Ordinance
- B. Second Reading(s)

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins, DPS Director) Consider authorizing the administration to sale a 2002 E350 Passenger Van for \$1000.00 to a City Employee.

Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Bishop to approve authorizing administration to sale a 2002 E350 Passenger Van for \$1000.00 to a City Employee.

Resolution 01-24-21FR – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

- B. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins, DPS Director) Consider adopting a resolution to appoint Mayor Byron Nolen to the Central Wayne Sanitation Authority as a delegate representative of the City of Inkster and the Department of Public Service Director Jerome Bivins as his alternate.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Scott to approve adopting a resolution to appoint Mayor Byron Nolen to the Central Wayne Sanitation Authority as a delegate representative of the City of Inkster and the Department of Public Service Director Jerome Bivins as his alternate.

Resolution 01-24-22FR – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

- C. Discussion/Action: (Byron Nolen, Mayor) Consideration and approval for the purchase of Laptops for City Councilmembers.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Scott to approve to Table the purchase of Laptops for City Councilmembers.

Resolution 01-24-23FR – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

- D. Discussion/Action: (Derek Dowdell, Economic Development Director) Consideration approval to purchase one structure and one vacant parcel. (Case # LD24-10) The parcel is located on the east side of John Daly Street between Trowbridge and Dunning Parcel ID: **440-20020166000 & 44020020167000** for \$7000 (Please see attached Wayne County Public Records).

Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve to purchase one structure and one vacant parcel. (Case # LD24-10) The parcel is located on the east side of John Daly Street between Trowbridge and Dunning Parcel ID: 440-20020166000 & 44020020167000 for \$7000 (Please see attached Wayne County Public Records).

Resolution 01-24-24FR – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve to Rescind and Deny the purchase to approve one structure and one vacant parcel. (Case # LD24-10) The parcel is located on the east side of John Daly Street between Trowbridge and Dunning Parcel ID: 440-20020166000 & 44020020167000 for \$7000 (Please see attached Wayne County Public Records).

Nay: (Richardson)

Resolution 01-24-25FR – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

E. Discussion/Action: (Derek Dowdell, Economic Development Director)) Consideration and approval of an offer to purchase (Case #LD24-11) One (1) Vacant Parcel located on the East Side of Spruce St. Between Chestnut Ave and Beech St., which is legally described as: 25U603A N 25FT OF LOT 603 ALSO E 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY WOLVERNINE TRACTOR SUB T2S R9E L38 P34 WCR (Parcel ID # 4401006060300) or also known as Spruce St. *AND* One (1) Vacant Parcel located on the East Side of Hickory Between Carlisle and Andover, which is legally described as: 36C438, 439A N 1/2 OF LOT 439 ALSO LOT 438 ALSO W 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY INKSTER GARDENS SUB T2S R9E L48 P73 WCR (Parcel ID # 44014030438301) or Hickory Street in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Jaquaya O'Neal.

Moved by Councilmember Bishop, Seconded by Councilmember Scott to approve of an offer to purchase (Case #LD24-11) One (1) Vacant Parcel located on the East Side of Spruce St. Between Chestnut Ave and Beech St., which is legally described as: 25U603A N 25FT OF LOT 603 ALSO E 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY WOLVERNINE TRACTOR SUB T2S R9E L38 P34 WCR (Parcel ID # 4401006060300) or also known as Spruce St. *AND* One (1) Vacant Parcel located on the East Side of Hickory Between Carlisle and Andover, which is legally described as: 36C438, 439A N 1/2 OF LOT 439 ALSO LOT 438 ALSO W 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY INKSTER GARDENS SUB T2S R9E L48 P73 WCR (Parcel ID # 44014030438301) or Hickory Street in the amount of a counter offer of \$3000.00 to Jaquaya O'Neal.

Resolution 01-24-26FR – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

Moved by Councilmember Bishop, Seconded by Councilmember Scott to Amend the motion of an offer to purchase (Case #LD24-11) One (1) Vacant Parcel located on the East Side of Spruce St. Between Chestnut Ave and Beech St., which is legally described as: 25U603A N 25FT OF LOT 603 ALSO E 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY WOLVERNINE TRACTOR SUB T2S R9E L38 P34 WCR (Parcel ID # 4401006060300) or also known as Spruce St. *AND* One (1) Vacant Parcel located on the East Side of Hickory Between Carlisle and Andover, which is legally described as: 36C438, 439A N 1/2 OF LOT 439 ALSO LOT 438 ALSO W 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY INKSTER GARDENS SUB T2S R9E L48 P73 WCR (Parcel ID # 44014030438301) or Hickory Street in the back to the original amount of \$2500.00 to Jaquaya O'Neal.

Resolution 01-24-27FR – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

F. Discussion/Action: (Derek Dowdell, Economic Development Director) Consider approval of an offer to purchase One (1) Vacant Parcel (Case # LD24-13) located on the West Side of John Daly St. Between Hopkins Ave. and Lehigh Ave., which is legally described as 31F1570 TO 1574 LOTS 1570 TO 1574 INCL ALSO E 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY WATSONIA PARK SUB NO. 2 T2S R10E L55 P9 WCR (Parcel ID # **44025021570000**) or also known as 4444 John Daly Street in the amount of \$3,000.00 to Monica Cole.

Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm to approve of an offer to purchase One (1) Vacant Parcel (Case # LD24-13) located on the West Side of John Daly St. Between Hopkins Ave. and Lehigh Ave., which is legally described as 31F1570 TO 1574 LOTS 1570 TO 1574 INCL ALSO E 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY WATSONIA PARK SUB NO. 2 T2S R10E L55 P9 WCR (Parcel ID # **44025021570000) or also known as 4444 John Daly Street in the amount of \$3,000.00 to Monica Cole.**

Resolution 01-24-28R – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

- G. Discussion/Action: (Derke Dowdell, Economic Development Director) Consider approval to purchase three (3) vacant parcels (Case # LD24-12). The parcel is located on the south side of Penn Street between Meadowdale Street and Baylan Street Parcel ID: **44023020250000, 44023020249004, 44023020251301** for \$4500 (Please see attached Wayne County Public Records).

Moved by Councilmember Rutledge, Seconded by Councilmember Richardson to approve to purchase of three (3) vacant parcels (Case # LD24-12). The parcel is located on the south side of Penn Street between Meadowdale Street and Baylan Street Parcel ID: 44023020250000, 44023020249004, 44023020251301 for \$4500. (Please see attached Wayne County Public Records).

Resolution 01-24-29FR – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

- H. Discussion/Action: (Jane Dixon, Planning Department) Consider approving a Special Land Use for proposed smoking lounge in the B-2 Thoroughfare Mixed-Use District 3810 Inkster Road.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Rutledge to Deny the approval of a Special Land Use for a proposed smoking lounge in the B-2 Thoroughfare Mixed-Use District 3810 Inkster Road.

Resolution 01-24-30R – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

- I. Discussion/Action: (Jane Dixon, Planning Department) Consider Planning Commission's recommendation to deny the application for Zoning Amendment to allow Auto Dealers in the Town Center District.

Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Bishop to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission to Deny the application for a Zoning Amendment to allow Auto Dealers in the Town Center District.

Resolution 01-24-31FR – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

- K. Discussion/Action: (City Council) To vote in accordance with the vote taken in Closed Session (Robinson).

Moved by Councilmember Rutledge, Seconded by Councilmember Scott to approve to vote in accordance with the vote taken in closed session (Robinson)

Resolution 01-24-32FR – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

- L. Discussion/Action: (City Council) To Vote in accordance with the vote that was taken in closed session (Shabazz)

Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Bishop to approve to vote in accordance with the vote that was taken in closed session (Shabazz).

Resolution 01-24-33FR – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

Public Participation

- **Sandra Wately** – Invited residents to attend the January 29, 2024, Planning Commission meeting. She stated that another Marijuana Business is up for approval of a Special Land Use. She further stated that these types of businesses have all types of air quality control issues, and she has been in contact with the EPA. She further asked residents to get in touch with the State of Michigan regarding the odors that are being emitted from these businesses. She said they are regulated by the State of Michigan.
- **Hassan Auoun** – Stated he put in a FOIA request. He stated he has not had any response to the FOIA and did not want to sue the city. He asked if the city had a Clerk. He stated he would wait until the city had a Clerk and then submit his FOIA request.

City Clerk

- **City Councilwoman Rutledge on behalf of the Clerk's Office announced:**
The City of Inkster will have a February 27th Primary Presidential Election.
She asked residents who would like to sign up to receive a ballot to contact the City Clerk's office to have their names added to the ballot list. She further explained that there is no longer an Absentee List, it is now called the Ballot List. Lastly, she encouraged residents who would like to be Election Inspectors to sign complete the Election Inspector Application that is at the Clerk's office and online.

City Treasurer

Mayor and Council

- **Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm** – Thanked the residents that showed up to support his family at the funeral of his father. He further thanked the Inkster Police Department for their escort. He asked city councilmembers to review and read the letter that was left in their mailboxes regarding the multi dwelling unit.
- **Mayor Nolen** – Announced the passing of Denise Champagne, the former Director of Senior Services. He stated that the services would be held at the Dozier Recreation Complex on Wednesday, January 17, 2024. He further announced at several positions for the city are getting filled. He stated Malika Self is the new Assistant Clerk. He stated she has worked in the City Clerk's office in prior years. He announced Clint McDaniel as the new Parks and Recreation Director. He stated he is a U of M graduate. He announced the Interim Police Chief, Temeka Jenkins. He further made several announcements; Coffee with a Cop, Chat with the Chief, Chief's Big Chili Cook Off and the Pursuit of Happiness. He stated that those announcements would be on the city's website.

Closed Session

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Bishop and carried, to conclude the Regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 9:08pm

