

February 5, 2024

Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, was held on February 5, 2024, 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm to go into Closed session @ 6:50pm to discuss pending litigation. (Employment, Shabazz, Robinson, Twin Auto, Flowerbowl II and Blackwell)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Scott	Yea
Councilmember Rutledge	Yea
Councilmember Richardson	Yea
Councilmember Chisholm	Yea
Councilmember Bishop	Yea

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Byron Nolen called the meeting to order at 7:54pm

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 Evangelist Thompson

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.)
Councilwoman Howard	Absent (Inkster, MI)
Councilman Richardson	Present (Inkster, MI)

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilmember Rutledge Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm to approve the agenda with the removal of item "D" under New Business and the addition of items "I", "J" and "K" under New Business and item "B" under Consent Agenda.

Resolution 02-24-37FR - Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

Presentations/Discussion

Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the January 16, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of the January 18, 2024, Special City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Moved by Councilmember Rutledge, Seconded by Councilmember Richardson
Resolution 02-24-38FR - Motion carried.
Absent: Howard**

Boards and Commission

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

**Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Scott
to appoint Rebecca Daniels to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
Resolution 02-24-39FR- Motion carried.
Absent: Howard**

**Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Rutledge
to appoint Jean Liddell to the Historical Commission.
Resolution 02-24-40FR - Motion carried.
Absent: Howard**

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Richardson
to appoint Ruth E. Williams to the Beautification Commission.
Resolution 02-24-41FR - Motion carried.
Absent: Howard**

Previous Business

- A. Discussion/Action: Consideration and approval for the purchase of City Council Laptops.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Scott
to REMOVE FROM THE TABLE Consideration and approval for the purchase of
City Council Laptops.
Resolution 02-24-42FR - Motion carried.**

**Moved by Councilmember Rutledge, Seconded by Councilmember Scott
to approve the purchase of City Council Laptops.
Resolution 02-24-43FR - Motion carried.**

Ordinance(s)

- A. First Reading(s)

- B. Second Reading(s)

- A. A Second Reading and Approval on the City of Inkster's Towing Ordinance.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Rutledge to approve to TABLE the second reading and approval of the City of Inkster's Towing Ordinance.
Resolution 02-24-44FR - Motion carried.**

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Derek Dowdell, Economic Development Director) Consider approving extending the sale of 72 parcels known as Annapolis Pointe for an additional 90 days. (Please see the attached letter from the proposed buyer)

**Moved by Councilmember Scott, Seconded by Councilmember Bishop approve extending the sale of 72 parcels known as Annapolis Pointe for an additional 90 days. (Please see the attached letter from the proposed buyer)
Resolution 02-24-45FR – Motion carried.
Absent: Howard**

- B. Discussion/Action: (Shawn Crenshaw, HR Director) Consider requesting to announce and solicit an RFP for City Attorney Services.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Rutledge to approve requesting to announce and solicit an RFP for City Attorney Services
Resolution 02-24-46FR – Motion carried.
Absent: Howard**

- C. Discussion/Action: (Derek Dowdell, Economic Development Director) Consider approval of one (1) vacant parcel (Case # LD24-16). The parcel is located on the east side Spruce Street between Andover & Pine Street. Parcel ID: 44014030601002 for \$1500.00 (Please see Attached Wayne County Public Records)

**Moved by Councilmember Scott, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm to approve of one (1) vacant parcel (Case # LD24-16). The parcel is located on the east side of Spruce Street between Andover & Pine Street. Parcel ID: 44014030601002 for \$1500.00 (Please see Attached Wayne County Public Records)
Resolution 02-24-47FR – Motion carried.
Absent: Howard**

~~D. Discussion/Action: (Derek Dowdell, Economic Development Director) Consider approval to purchase one (1) vacant parcel (Case # LD24-15). The parcel is located on the south side of Central Street between Harrison Street and Middlebelt Street. Parcel ID: 44005010244000. (Please see Attached Wayne County Public Records)~~ **(REMOVED)**

- E. Discussion/Action: (Derek Dowdell, Economic Development Director) Consider approval to purchase one (1) vacant parcel (Case# LD24-14). The parcel is located on the south side of Penn Street between Kitch & Florence Streets. Parcel ID: 44022010224000 for \$1500. (Please see attached Wayne County Public Records)

Moved by Councilmember Bishop, Seconded by Councilmember Scott to approve to purchase one (1) vacant parcel (Case# LD24-14). The parcel is located on the south side of Penn Street between Kitch & Florence Streets.

Parcel ID: 44022010224000 for \$1500. (Please see attached Wayne County Public Records)

Resolution 02-24-48FR – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

F. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins, Director of DPS) Consider authorizing the administration to change the snow emergency ordinance from six (6) inches back to four (4) inches.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Scott to approve authorizing the administration to change the Snow Emergency Ordinance from six (6) inches back to four (4) inches.

Resolution 02-24-49FR – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

G. Discussion/Action: (Jane Dixon, Planning Department) Consider denial of Special Land Use for a proposed Marijuana retailer in the B-2, Thoroughfare Mixed-Use District at 315 Inkster Road.

Moved by Councilmember Scott, Seconded by Councilmember Richardson to DENY the approval of a Special Land Use for a proposed Marijuana retailer in the B-2 Thoroughfare Mixed-Use District at 315 Inkster Road.

Resolution 02-24-50FR – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

H. Discussion/Action: (Sharde Crutchfield, Special Projects Director) Consider request of a formalized process from the City of Inkster Department of Public Service, Inkster Police Department and Inkster Fire Department to alert Mayor and Council of all emergency situations as it relates to their department.

Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm approve a request for a formalized process from the City of Inkster Department Public Service, Inkster Police Department and Inkster Fire Department to alert the Mayor and Council of all emergency situations as it relates to their department.

Resolution 02-24-51FR – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

I. Discussion/Action: (City Council) Consideration and approval to retain Charles Hayden as the City Attorney.

Moved by Councilmember Bishop, Seconded by Councilmember Scott to approve to retain Charles Hayden as the City Attorney.

Resolution 02-24-52FR – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

J. Discussion/Action: (City Council) To vote in accordance with the vote taken in Closed Session (Twin Auto).

Moved by Councilmember Scott, Seconded by Councilmember Rutledge to approve to vote in accordance with the vote taken in Closed Session (Twin Auto)

Resolution 02-24-53FR – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

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

Moved by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm to approve to vote in accordance with the vote taken in Closed Session (Robinson).

Resolution 02-24-54FR – Motion carried.

Absent: Howard

Public Participation

- **Gina Triplett** – Thanked the City of Inkster for her twenty-three and a half years of service. She stated she would be retiring.
- **Curtesene Barge** – Asked if the clear title would be for sixty or ninety days.
- **Octavia Smith** – Stated she started a new job. She stated that there were a lot of events going on in the city.
- **Sandra Watley** – Stated she had been in contact with the EPA about air quality with regards to Marijuana. She asked residents to join her and support her efforts. She stated she had been in contact with elected officials.
- **James Richardson** – Presented his wife, Councilwoman Richardson with flowers in celebration of their fifty-two-year Anniversary. He also sang a song to her.
- **Gabe Henderson** – Announced Black History Month. He stated that We Rise would be hosting an event at Robichaud High School in celebration of Black History Month on February 17, 2024, beginning at 4:00p.m.
- **Evonne Moore** – Introduced the new Director of Housing.
- **Barbara Cooper** – Thanked residents that helped the Goodfellows with no child without a Christmas. She further thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Chisholm for his assistance with passing out Goodfellow papers. She announced that Goodfellows would be having an appreciation dinner on Tuesday February 13, 2024, at the Dozier Complex.

City Clerk

- February 27, 2024, Primary Presidential Election
- Sign up to be an Election Inspector, it is a paid position.
- Call the Clerk's Office to be placed on the new ballot list.
- Early voting February 17, 2024, through February 25, 2024.

City Treasurer

- Mayor Nolen announced that taxes are due February 28, 2024, and after March 1, 2024, you would have to pay at Wayne County.

Mayor and Council

- Councilwoman Richardson – Announced that she and Rebecca Daniels would be hosting an event where residents can find out about paying taxes that are in arrears. She stated that Wayne County Treasurer, Eric Sabre would be in attendance. The event will be held on March 2, 2024, with additional details in the future. She asked residents to sign up for Code Red. She further thanked her husband James Richardson for the flowers and sang a song to him.

- Councilwoman Scott – Announced a voter event at Twin Towers that she and Councilwoman Rutledge would be hosting to get voter questions answered. The event will be held on February 10, 2024, at 10am at Twin Towers.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm – Announced that it is Black History Month. He further provided details to LaToria, of DPS, regarding a resident complaint about the garbage trucks. He announced Coffee with a Cop on the 2nd Thursdays from 11am-1pm at Oak Street Health. Lastly, he paid tribute to the three United States Sergeants that were killed in the drone attack. He said that Sergeant Kennedy Sanders was his cousin.
- Councilwoman Rutledge – Asked residents to sign up for Code Red. She stated that DPS, The Mayor, The City and DTE are aware of the traffic lights being out on S. Middlebelt from Michigan Ave. to Annapolis. She further stated that residents should support small businesses. She said she visited and had dinner at Demekos Restaurant that is located in the former Applewood Coney Island. She said the food was good.
- Mayor Nolen – Announced the State of the City on February 8, 2024, at 6:30p.m. He invited all residents to attend. He also thanked everyone who contacted him and offered condolences in the passing of his father. He further stated that his wife, Jennifer, also lost her mother. He said they are going through right now but will get through these difficult times.

Closed Session

Adjournment

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

by Councilmember Richardson, Seconded by Councilmember Bishop and carried, to conclude the Regular City Council meeting of Monday, February 5, 2024, at 8:45pm

