

November 4, 2024

Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, was held on November 4, 2024, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

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

Moved by Councilmember Rutledge, Seconded by Councilmember Bishop to go into Closed session @ 6:17pm to discuss pending litigation. (Blackwell, Lashawn, Smithon and Ratliff)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Howard
Councilmember Rutledge
Councilmember Richardson
Councilmember Chisholm

Yea
Yea
Yea
Yea

Councilmember Scott
Councilmember Bishop

Yea
Yea

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 Evangelist Barbara Cooper

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	Present (Inkster, MI)
Councilman Richardson	Present (Inkster, MI)

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilmember Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Richardson to approve the agenda with added item "C" under New Business.
Resolution 11-24-257FR - Motion carried.

Presentations/Discussion

- None

Public Hearings

- None

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the October 21, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Moved by Councilmember Rutledge, Seconded by Councilmember Bishop
Resolution 11-24-258FR - Motion carried.**

Boards and Commission

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

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

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

New Business

A. Discussion/Action (Jerome Bivins, DPS Director) Consider authorizing the Administration to approve the contract in the amount of \$1,859,941.71 will Insituform Technologies USA, LLC, for Phase Four of sewer rehab project in the Northeast section of the City. Additionally, requesting authorization to approve 10% contingency for unforeseen conditions, the amount of \$1,859,941.71 and Engineering cost not-to-exceed the amount of \$195,293.89. The total project cost is \$2,241,229.77.

**Moved by Councilmember Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Scott
to approve authorizing the Administration to approve the contract in the
amount of \$1,859,941.71 will Insituform Technologies USA, LLC, for Phase
Four of sewer rehab project in the Northeast section of the City. Additionally,
requesting authorization to approve 10% contingency for unforeseen
conditions, the amount of \$1,859,941.71 and Engineering cost not-to-exceed
the amount of \$195,293.89. The total project cost is \$2,241,229.77.
Resolution 11-24-259FR - Motion carried**

B. Discussion/Action (Derek Dowdell, Community Development Director) Consider approving THE Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) Application request. Located in the Planned Unit Development District. 72 parcels at the site known as Annapolis Pointe.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Scott
to approve THE Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) Application request.
Located in the Planned Unit Development District. 72 parcels at the site
known as Annapolis Pointe.
Resolution 11-24-260FR - Motion carried**

C. Discussion/Action (City Council) Consider approving the Hometown Hero's Project to place banners on the city's flagpoles to recognize and honor past and present members of the Armed Forces and First Responders.

Moved by Councilmember Bishop, Seconded by Councilmember Howard to approve the Hometown Hero's Project to place banners on the city's flagpoles to recognize and honor past and present members of the Armed Forces and First Responders.

Resolution 11-24-261FR - Motion carried

Public Participation

- **Dr. Shetina M. Jones** – Stated that the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority had been canvassing in the city of Inkster to encourage residents to get out and vote.
- **Pastor John Hearn** – Provided an update on the Annapolis Pointe Project. He introduced the team of builders and stated that the first home buyers class is November 16, 2024.
- **Octavia Smith** – Stated Happy Birthday to the City of Inkster. She thanked everyone for coming to the Chamber Inkster 60th Anniversary event. She stated that the Inkster Task Force is planning a Valentine Day event.
- **Fleda Flemming** – Announced that EQUIPP would be hosting a talent production on November 30, 2024 and encouraged everyone to attend.
- **Barbara Cooper** – Thanked everyone for coming to support the Inkster Goodfellows Breakfast. She stated that ads are available for purchase for the upcoming newspaper. She further stated that the applications for no child without a Christmas would be at City Hall, Police department and the Simmons Center.
- **Ernest Hendricks** – Asked about the city's budget and a house that needs to be condemned on Carlisle and Beech.
- **T-Johnson** – Stated she received a ticket for improper parking, and she does not reside in the city of Inkster. She asked who should speak to regarding the ticket.
- **Craig Kobylka** – Stated his concerns about Riverview Drive.
- **Charles Blackwell** – Mayor Byron Nolen is a crook, and he should inform the public as to why he allowed the Inkster HR Director Shawn Crenshaw to buy a City of Inkster (NSP) foreclosure property for \$30,000. Also, did Councilwoman Felicia Rutledge perform any tricks on Halloween?

City Clerk

City Treasurer

Mayor and Council

- **Councilwoman Scott** – Announced that Cassie McBride and her organization would be providing rides to the polls on November 5, 2024.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm** – Announced that Mr. Ralph Johnson passed and provided the arrangements for persons who wanted to attend the funeral.
- **Councilman Bishop** – Asked residents to be sure to get out and vote.
- **Councilwoman Richardson** – Stated that residents should be sure to vote at the November election.
- **Councilwoman Howard** – Asked residents to get out and vote.
- **Councilwoman Rutledge** – Responded to the public comment of Charles Blackwell. She read the following, I have never met Charles Blackwell and he does not know me personally. I have, however, was successful in a PPO on Charles Blackwell. It seems to me since the PPO has expired, he is now escalating again with his stalking. His pattern of behavior is again cause for my fear and safety. I consider his comments on me as personal attacks and a means to defame my character. He makes these statements about me with malice knowing his statements are false and reckless. Again, I do not know Charles Blackwell and have never met him nor had any type of personal dealings with him. I want this to STOP immediately. He lays behind his first

amendment speech. His cyberstalking with repeated use of e-mail and other electronic communication has a clear intent to harass. He is constantly monitoring and surveilling in an excessive manner. The public has no idea what he subjects this elected body to daily with his countless distasteful emails, photo shopping city council members and placing them on memes with derogatory implications. Charles Blackwell is not even talking about city business he is always trying to paint the picture as if something is being done wrong to the public. I know I am an elected official and am subjected to a different standard, however, stalking, harassment and me being fearful of an individual is not one of those standards. While it is me now, it could be you on this Diaz later. There is too much going on with elected officials and their safety these days. I believe the city should bring a PPO against Charles Blackwell, or at the very least a no contact order. I am also encouraging any other elected officials in other municipalities that he has stalked to join the City of Inkster and come forth. Stalking is harassing a person on more than one occasion, unwanted. I am putting you on notice Charles Blackwell, stop stalking me, your behavior is unwanted. Further, rules should be put in place by this body that prevent personal attacks and allow criticism to be received in a manner that is not disruptive. Personal attacks on anyone should not be allowed nor tolerated. It's not Inkster's Standard!

- **Mayor Nolen** – Announced the passing of Polleen Arifat and asked for a moment of silence. He further announced the passing of Quincy Jones. He also encouraged residents to get out and vote. He stated he would be riding around the city polling locations on election day.

Closed Session

Adjournment

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

by Councilmember Bishop, Seconded by Councilmember Howard and carried, to conclude the Regular City Council meeting of Monday, November 4, 2024, at 7:31pm

