

February 3, 2025

Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, was held on February 3, 2025 in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

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

Closed Session

Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge Seconded by Councilman Bishop to go into Closed session 6:28pm to discuss pending litigation.

Moved by Councilwoman Scott Seconded by Councilman Bishop to come out of closed session @ 6:58pm

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Howard	excused	Councilmember Scott	Yea
Councilmember Rutledge	Yea	Councilmember Bishop	Yea
Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilwoman Richardson	Yea

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Byron Nolen called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

Prayer

Prayer was led by Deacon Rose

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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	Excused (Inkster, MI)
Councilwoman Richardson	Present (Inkster, MI)

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge, Seconded by Councilwoman Scott to approve agenda for February 3, 2025 Meeting-Motion Carried-Resolution #02-25-12GH

Councilwoman Howard-excused

Presentations/Discussion

Public Hearings

None

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the February 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

**Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge, Seconded by Councilwoman Scott
Resolution #02-25-13GH - Motion Carried.
Councilwoman Howard-excused**

Boards and Commission

Approval to re-appoint William Miller to the Housing Redevelopment Board

Moved by Councilman Bishop, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm

Resolution #02-25-14GH-Motion Carried

Councilwoman Howard-excused

Approval to re-appoint Ruth E. Williams to the Historical Commission Board

Moved by Councilwoman Scott, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm

Resolution #02-25-15GH-Motion Carried

Councilwoman Howard-excused

Approval to re-appoint Bernice Skeen to the Beautification Committee Board

Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge, Seconded by Councilwoman Scott

Resolution # 02-25-16GH-Motion Carried

Councilwoman Howard-excused

Approval to re-appoint Lenoria Warmack to the Beautification Committee Board

Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge, Seconded by Councilman Bishop

Resolution # 02-25-17GH-Motion Carried

Councilwoman Howard-excused

Ordinance(s)

A. First Reading(s) none

B. Second Reading(s) none

New Business

A. Discussion/Action: (Byron H. Nolen, Mayor) Consider approval to recommend the City Council extend the current policy accepting in writing requests for all City of Inkster Boards and Commissions public comments to be read at a meeting that is sent at least 72 hours in advance of the

meeting. The public comments are received and distributed to the body but not read out loud at the meeting. The City Council should extend this policy to all City of Inkster Boards and Commissions.

Moved by Councilwoman Richardson, Seconded by Councilwoman Rutledge

Resolution #02-25-18GH-Motion carried
Councilwoman Howard-excused

- B. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins, DPS Director) Consider authorizing administration to approve retaining three contractors for use on as-needed utility repairs throughout the city.

Moved Councilman Bishop, Seconded by Councilwoman Scott

Resolution #02-25-19GH-Motion carried
Councilwoman Howard-excused

- C. Discussion/Action: (Byron H. Nolen, Mayor) Consider approval of a Moratorium on Dollar Stores every one (1) year.

Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge Seconded by Councilwoman Richardson

Resolution #02-25-20GH-Motion carried
Councilwoman Howard-excused

Public Participation

- ❖ Opal Gray-Sneaker Ball Event Feb 14th get tickets from any Task Force member it will be a photo booth, good food, new hustles taught, gifts given out for best dressed.
- ❖ Dr. Phyllis Long-a Journey with Lupus Event, please support the group Its February 8 12p-4p at the Leanna Hicks Public Library. Come and learn about Lupus.
- ❖ Catherine Wright-Would love to discuss water costs and Improvement of water; water prices lived in Ypsilanti for 24 yrs and never paid this much cost 25.77 a unit, higher than the city of Troy, are they replacing all water meters starting In April.
- ❖ Sandra Watley- 28 Days In February on the 15th Black Bizarre, 20th Restaurant Crawl, celebrating 28 Days In Feb, hair braiding 11-3/Talent Show 7-9p at the Stardust Lounge, Language Lessons Friday at the Library 5:30p; Westwood Got Talent. Thanks to Richardson and Chisholm for wearing their African Garb.
- ❖ James Richardson-Anniversary and health issues, Thank Council and wife he loves us all, brain operation to remove tumor/mass. He sung Love you just the way you are, Thank You everyone that sent up a prayer for him.
- ❖ Octavia Smith-Inkster Chamber of Commerce jump start your business 3/3; 3/17; 5/19 forming an LLC free for anyone in the city, Michigan small businesses.
- ❖ April K. Garrett-Weslyn A. Bennett Foundation kick start reading program, March is reading month every Saturday In March 12-2 want kids to know the importance of reading, wants the mayor to read to the kids.
- ❖ Crystal Linton-Commenting about We Rise; Black History Icons of Inkster 2/22 at Robichaud at 4p; come out and ask your questions. Protest about a certain group of students weaponizing social media; smoking weed in the locker rooms.
- ❖ Charles Blackwell- "Dear Inkster Residents: Please don't be fooled, Mayor Byron Nolen is essentially identical to former mayor Patrick Wimberly. Both are grifters and crooks who use public office to enrich their friends and family members at the expense of the public's trust placed in them"

City Clerk

No comment

City Treasurer

Sign a contract for water meters, planning a deadline for property taxes week from Friday 2/14 to avoid late fees

Mayor and Council

- **Councilmember Rutledge – No comment**
- **Councilmember Scott – Shop Inkster**
- **Councilmember Bishop -No comment**
- **Councilmember Howard- excused**
- **Councilmember Richardson -March 1st forum, Eric Sabree Complex at 10a-1p; Special Thank You to Fire Chief Jason Kaye Its one thing to do your job but another to do it with passion (Job Well Done) we should have Employee Appreciation Day**
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Chisholm – Jeffrey Holland passed away, Ernestine Moon age 92 passed away services are Friday Feb 14th 2p-6p Sat Feb 15th 10am-11am to 12:15p funeral at Smith Chapel; DPS expedient service, Code Enforcement-Inkster Plaza the back side for violations, thank you Gabe Henderson for reminding me of African Attire.**
- **Mayor Nolen-State of the City Thursday February 6th at the Booker Dozier Rec Center**

Adjournment

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

By Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm Seconded by Councilwoman Scott and carried, to conclude the Regular City Council meeting of Monday, February 3, 2025 @ 7:36 pm