

February 17, 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 17, 2025 In compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

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

Closed Session

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm Seconded by Councilman Bishop to go into Closed session 6:50pm to discuss pending litigation.

Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge Seconded by Councilman Bishop to come out of closed session @ 7:15pm

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Howard
Councilmember Rutledge
Councilmember Chisholm

Yea
Yea
Yea

Councilmember Scott
Councilmember Bishop
Councilwoman Richardson

Excused
Yea
Yea

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Byron Nolen called the meeting to order at 7:15pm

Prayer

Prayer was led by Michael Kelly

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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge, Seconded by Councilman Bishop to approve agenda for February 17, 2025 Meeting-Motion Carried-Resolution #02-25-21GH

**Councilwoman Scott -excused
5-0 votes**

Presentations/Discussion

Public Hearings

None

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of February 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

**Moved by Councilwoman Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman Rutledge
Resolution #02-25-22GH - Motion Carried.
Councilwoman Scott-excused
5-0 votes**

Boards and Commission

Approval to re-appoint Gabe Henderson to the Beautification Committee

Moved by Councilwoman Howard, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm

Resolution #02-25-23GH-Motion Carried

Councilwoman Scott-excused

5-0 votes

Approval to re-appoint William Miller to the Board of Review

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilwoman Rutledge

Resolution #02-25-24GH-Motion Carried

Councilwoman Scott-excused

5-0 votes

Approval to re-appoint Lenoria Warmack to the Board of Review

Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge, Seconded by Councilwoman Howard

Resolution # 02-25-25GH-Motion Carried

Councilwoman Scott-excused

5-0 votes

Approval to re-appoint Peggy Bishop-Lucas to the Board of Review

Moved by Councilwoman Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman Rutledge

Resolution # 02-25-26GH-Motion Carried

Councilwoman Scott-excused

5-0 votes

Approval to re-appoint Ned Sanders to the Board of Review as an alternate

Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge, Seconded by Councilwoman Howard

Resolution # 02-25-27GH-Motion Carried

Councilwoman Scott-excused

5-0 votes

Approval to re-appoint Walter Johnson to the Parks and Rec Commission

Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge, Seconded by Councilwoman Richardson

Resolution # 02-25-28GH-Motion Carried

Councilwoman Scott-excused

5-0 votes

Ordinance(s)

- A. First Reading(s) – Update City Ordinance 92.01 Adoption of Fire Prevention Code by Reference; City Ordinance 92.010 Fire Inspections**
- B. Second Reading(s) none**

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Derek Dowdell, Community Development Director) Consider Approval of Special Land Use for a public service building (sewer pump station) in the R-1B, One Family Residential Zoned District at 3700 John Daly Road
Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge, Seconded by Councilman Bishop
Resolution #02-25-29GH-Motion carried
Councilwoman Scott-excused 5-0 votes**
- B. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Blvins, DPS Director) Consider approval to Adopt a resolution on behalf of the City of Inkster for the Greenway Trail phase III TAP Grant Funding Request
Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm, Seconded by Councilwoman Rutledge
Resolution #02-25-30GH-Motion carried
Councilwoman Scott-excused 5-0 votes**
- C. Discussion/Action: (Darin Carrington, Treasurer) Consider approval of the Administration requesting acceptance of funding from the Michigan Department of Treasury to assist with costs for accounting consultants and for a new Finance Manager position and related approvals for budget amendments.
Moved by Councilwoman Howard Seconded by Councilwoman Rutledge
Resolution #02-25-31GH-Motion carried
Councilwoman Scott-excused 5-0 votes**
- D. Discussion/Action: (Darin Carrington, Treasurer) Consider approval of this item that involves a sale of City owned property that is located at 26206/20210 Michigan Avenue. The Administration is submitting this item to the council for their review and consideration and the city to split tax bill with the owner 50/50.
Moved by Councilwoman Howard, Seconded by Councilman Bishop
Resolution # 02-25-32GH-Motion carried
Councilwoman Scott-excused 5-0 votes**
- E. Discussion/Action: (Darin Carrington, Treasurer) Consider approval of the new and updated fees for service that are done through the Police Department.
Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge, Seconded by Councilman Bishop
Resolution #02-25-33GH-Motion carried
Councilwoman Scott-excused 5-0 votes**

Public Participation

- ✓ Octavia Smith-ITF, thanks everyone that showed up to the Sneaker Ball, upcoming workshops Inkster Chamber of Commerce office (FREE) Library 12-week program free of charge Scholarships
- ✓ Rosezella Townsel-Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (Zeta Nu Zeta) Scholarship due March 15th and workshop on February 18th at 7pm. Zoom & FB Live. This opportunity for scholarship funds is available to high school seniors. Inkster Residents! T-Squared

Tutoring 1st Saturday of the month noon-2pm at the Leanna Hicks Library, free math and science tutoring December -June.

- ✓ **Ernest Hendricks-Issues-Thank you for getting the building down at Carlyle the one on the corner.**
- ✓ **Darnetha Davis-Looking to host a Teen Night called Teen Keno using gaming aspect to get teenagers in the environment to get resources, mental health, etc. Teen Keno a program that was started everything ran by teenagers, promotional prizes, receive mental health ages 12-17 @Inkster Rec twice a month would like Inkster to consider partnering with.**
- ✓ **Lt. Lebo-"Chat with the Chief" 2/26 5:30-7:30 at Booker Dozier Rec; Frida 2/21 Trap Blingo 5:30-7:30 cost \$10 can purchase tickets or pay at the door.**
- ✓ **Gabe Henderson-Would the City consider amendment to the City Charter to allow residents to have chicken coops.**
- ✓ **Charles Blackwell- "Good evening" Councilman Felicia Rutledge engaged in illegal defamation by making intentionally false and defamatory statements about me at the November 4th City Council meeting. She's a known liar. Mayor Byron Nolen should be ashamed for all those false promises and distortions he made at his State of the City address."**

City Clerk

No comment

City Treasurer

Residents have until 2/28 for payments on their Summer/Winter taxes

Mayor and Council

- **Councilman Bishop— No comment**
- **Councilwoman Rutledge-No comment**
- **Councilwoman Howard-trash cans left out in the snow, DPS cleaning and pushing snow on cans.**
- **Councilwoman Scott- excused**
- **Councilmember Richardson -March 1st forum, Eric Sabree Complex at 10a-1p; information on delinquent tax payments; red cross will be there giving out smoke detectors, WC Vet Affairs M. Richard, WC Sheriff Ofc Stephanie Richards, Wayne Metro/DTE, Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, State Senator D. Polehankl, Mayor Pro Tem CODE RED; Shop and Patronize Inkster Businesses, Fashion Show at Floyd B. Simmons Center**
- **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-Shout out to employees PSA White/Officer Long for shovelling a 75 year old resident snow and Abdullah from DPS did her driveway**

Adjournment

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

By Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm Seconded by Councilwoman Rutledge and carried, to conclude the Regular City Council meeting of Monday, February 17, 2025 @ 7:44 pm