

March 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 Councilwoman Howard Seconded by Councilwoman Rutledge to go into Closed session 7:42pm to discuss pending litigation.

Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge Seconded by Councilwoman Scott to come out of closed session @ 8:22pm

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Howard
Councilmember Rutledge
Councilmember Chisholm

Yea
Yea
Yea

Councilmember Scott
Councilmember Bishop
Councilwoman Richardson

Yea
Yea
Yea

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Byron Nolen called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Prayer

Prayer was led by Rebecca Danleis

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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge, Seconded by Councilman Bishop to approve agenda for March 3, 2025 Meeting-Motion Carried- Resolution #03-25-45GH

6-0 votes

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Presentations/Discussion

Public Hearings

None

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of March 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

**Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge, Seconded by Councilwoman Scott
Resolution #03-25-46GH - Motion Carried.**

6-0 votes

Boards and Commission

Ordinance(s)

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Derek Dowdell, Community Development Director)
Consider Approval or denying a Special Land Use (25-02) to allow for
Liquor, Beer, and wines Sales in the B-1, Local Business District at 1173
(1183) Henry Ruff. Site is located on the northeast corner of Henry Ruff
Road and Glenwood Street. This item was tabled per the applicant request
at the March 3, 2025, City Council Meeting. Moved by Mayor Pro Tem
Chisholm and Seconded by Councilwoman Rutledge to remove from table
Resolution #03-25-47GH-Motion carried
6-0 votes
Moved by Councilwoman Richardson and Seconded by Councilwoman
Scott to DENY Resolution #03-25-48GH**
- B. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins, DPS Director) Consider approval to
adopt a resolution on behalf of the City of Inkster for road closure on
Michigan Avenue between Hamlin and Bayhan, May 26 2025 for Memorial
Day Parade. Moved by Councilwoman Rutledge, Seconded by Mayor Pro
Tem Chisholm
Resolution #03-25-49GH-Motion carried
6-0 votes**
- C. Discussion/Action: (Derek Dowdell, Community Development Director)
Consider approval to purchase five (5) vacant parcels (Case # LD 25-03).
The parcels are located on Dartmouth between Meadowdale Ave and
Bayhan St. Parcel IDs: 44024010190000; 44024010191000;
44024010192001; 44024010196002; 44024010130300 in the amount of
\$10,500. Deanna Moss, CFO of Armstrong Development Group, would like
the land to build single families, affordable housing, residential homes.**

Moved by Councilwoman Bishop Seconded by Councilwoman Scott
Resolution #03-25-50GH-Motion carried
6-0 votes

- D. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins, DPS Director) Consider approval authorizing administration to approve the contract with Major Contracting for the Henry St. Watermain Improvements in the amount of \$2,114,768.20 plus a 6% contingency of \$126,886.09 for a total of \$2,241,654.29 for construction.
Moved by Councilwoman Richardson, Seconded by Councilwoman Scott
Resolution # 03-25-51GH-Motion carried
6-0 votes

Public Participation

- ❖ Evonne Moore-IHC, Unity In The Community Easter Egg Event Weslyn donated some funds for prizes donations til April 8th 10-2; Happy St. Patrick's Day Unity In The Community Saturday 4/12/25 FBS Center 11a-2p still in need of donations plan for 500. IPD, Wayne County Sheriffs, Detroit Rescue Mission need candy and plastic eggs.
- ❖ April K. Garrett-Kick Start Reading Month 2 Saturdays left this Saturday Mayor will be reading kids 5-11 3/29 special surprise, AKA 65th Anniversary Gala this Saturday tickets \$125.00
- ❖ Rebecca Daniels-Words of appreciation on 1/5 brother passed away, 1/7 house caught fire. Public Thanks & Appreciation; special thanks to councilwoman Richardson and the love from the community.
- ❖ Lisa B-Community Outreach Director, IPD announcements, participating in the parade reaching out for volunteers. Shoutout to women for March Hustle and Groove-Thursday at the Rec Center, Project Prom collecting donations thru Delta's, AKA's can be dropped off at the Police station. Donation Drive business that is able to get any discounts working with AIA, Parade, ads for booklet deadline April 30th.
- ❖ Monica Miller-Speed bumps removal, the ones that have been removed on Steinhauer close to Western will be replaced. (response from Jerome Bivins, DPS Director) They were removed for winter and will be put back for the spring. City ordinance came on block today for a concern.
- ❖ Charles Blackwell-"Dear Inkster Residents" It's Important that you know that City of Inkster Clerk Georgina Holliday has committed contempt of court by refusing to follow the Wayne County Circuit Court ruling that I obtained against the City that she publicly and verbally read my public comments at City Council meetings.

City Clerk

I attended the MAMC Michigan Association Municipal Clerks Institute from 3/9-3/14 completed 120 hours and I will be receiving my first certificate part 1 of 3 trainings.

City Treasurer

No comment

Mayor and Council

- ❖ **Mayor Nolen-visited Tomlinson Middle School last week did a Q&A had a good time, water meters are coming doing by trash day pickup look out for scheduling, new IT Director Phineas Cody.**
- ❖ **Mayor Pro Tem Chisholm-In attendance for Pastor Hearn's son funeral, patronized a Inkster restaurant with Chief Jenkins; attending school board meeting, Taylor superintendent reached out to attend there retreat; has dates, March Reading Month.**
- ❖ **Councilwoman Rutledge-No comments, but just to speak on Michigan Avenue MDOT doing work 2 lanes closed for 3 weeks and other 2 lanes for 3 weeks and Code Red was sent out.**
- ❖ **Councilman Bishop-No comment**
- ❖ **Councilwoman Scott-March as MS Moth Awareness Month raise awareness, learn about and join the walk stand in solidarity, join the fight for the cure. May 4th join the walk, support with funds Downtown near Cheyenne Park.**
- ❖ **Councilwoman Richardson-Construction on Michigan Avenue doing one side at a time 3 weeks to complete then move over to other side. Are we still doing the sidewalk project; Middlebelt to Harrison, Cherryhill & Avondale, still waiting on funds. Those who need assistance with property taxes have until March 31st.**
- ❖ **Councilwoman Howard-No comment.**

Adjournment

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

By Councilwoman Scott Seconded by Councilman Bishop and carried, to conclude the Regular City Council meeting of Monday, March 17, 2025 @ 8:20 pm