

January 6, 2020  
**Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan convened in the Council Chambers, 26215 Trowbridge, on Monday, January 6, 2020

Prior to the Regular Council Meeting: City Council members discussed:

A. Agenda Discussion

**Moved by Councilmember Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Watley** to go into Executive Session 6:09 p.m. to discuss pending litigation, personnel and land sales in accordance with MCL 15.286 (e). Motion carried unanimously

**Moved by Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Watley** to come out of Executive Session 7:25 carried unanimously

**Call Meeting to Order**

Mayor Wimberly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**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 Pastor Wimberly

**Roll Call**

Mayor Wimberly	Present	Councilwoman Howard	Present
Councilwoman Watley	Present	Councilman Williams	Present
Councilwoman Washington	Present	Councilman Chisholm	Present
Councilman Shaw	Present		

**Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve the agenda with the addition of items "A" and "B" under New Business.**  
**Resolution 01-20-01R - Motion carried.**

**Presentations/Discussion**

- A. Recognition of Naja Bazzi – State Senator, Betty Jean Alexander and Mayor Wimberly
- B. Scholarship Recipient and Thank You to Abe Hachem – Chief Chuck Hubbard

**Public Hearings**

**Consent Agenda**

- A. December 16, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Allen Brother's and Attorney's \$28,302.05

**Moved by Councilmember Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Resolution 01-20-02R – Motion carried.**

**Boards and Commission**

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

**Moved by Councilmember Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Watley to appoint Deborah Owens to the Condemnation Board  
Resolution 01-20-03R – Motion carried.**

**Moved by Councilmember Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to appoint Charles Rizzo to the Condemnation Board  
Resolution 01-20-04R – Motion carried.**

**Moved by Councilmember Watley, Seconded by Councilmember Howard to appoint Tom Michelini to the Condemnation Board  
Resolution 01-20-05R – Motion carried.**

**Moved by Councilmember Watley, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to appoint Iris Long to the Commission on Aging  
Resolution 01-20-06R – Motion carried.**

**Moved by Councilmember Watley, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to appoint June Patterson to the Commission on Aging  
Resolution 01-20-07R – Motion carried.**

**Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to appoint Avis Love to the Beautification Committee  
Resolution 01-20-08R – Motion carried.**

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to appoint William Miller to the Board of Review  
Resolution 01-20-09R – Motion carried.**

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to appoint Sandra Watley to the Cable Commission  
Resolution 01-20-10R – Motion carried.**

**Previous Business**

**Ordinance(s)**

- A. First Reading(s)

B. Second Reading(s)

**New Business**

A. Discussion/Action: (City Council) To Vote in accordance with the vote taken in closed session.  
(Griffith)

**Moved by Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve to vote in accordance with the vote taken in closed session.  
(Griffith)**

**Resolution 01-20-11R – Motion carried**

**NAY: (Williams)**

B. Discussion/Action: (City Council) To Vote in accordance with the vote taken in closed session.  
(Griffith)

**Moved by Councilmember Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve to vote in accordance with the vote taken in closed session.  
(Suite B)**

**Resolution 01-20-12R – Motion carried**

**NAY: (Williams)**

**Public Participation**

- **Michael Jackson** - Had issues with Code Enforcement regarding his roof and a warrant for his arrest.
- **Barbara Cooper** – Wished residents a Happy New Year. Stated that Crime Stoppers would be at a church in Inkster regarding her cousin Nick Jones murder. She stated that a \$2,500 reward is being offered.
- **Lucy Byrd** – Announced her church Seventh Day Adventist would be hosting a Community Movie on February 16, 2019 and invited all to attend.
- **Evonne Moore** – Wished residents a Happy New Year. She stated her granddaughter’s fiancé was killed in Inkster. She stated a GoFund me has been set up. She further stated that after the Police investigation it was determined that the fiancé was at the wrong place at the wrong time. She stated these senseless murders need to stop. She thanked Inkster Citizens Who Care for coats for the children.
- **Gabe Henderson** – Wished residents a Happy New Year. He asked if he could have chicken coops in Inkster. He further asked if he could go in the old city hall to retrieve documents for the Historical Commission.
- **Will Miller** – Stated that at a NAN meeting a resident came a voiced her concern regarding the Police coming to her home. He thanked Councilman Williams for assisting with that issue. He further stated that Wyndella Dixon has come before City Council in the past regarding her home in Inkster Housing and she still does not have placement. He stated that there is a lot going on with Human Trafficking and that he is looking to set up defense classes for women.
- **Andrew Carter** – Asked who is responsible for the Inkster Housing Director’s evaluation. He stated he has an excellent evaluation. He said he has paperwork that will prove some issues going on in housing.
- **Jennifer Serma** – Stated she and her husband own First Choice Windows on Michigan Ave. She stated that in the past she had an agreement with the owner of Hollywood Pharmacy to use the parking Lot. She said that since 315 North has purchased the building she does not have that same agreement. She asked City Council about moving to the old Pawn Shop on Michigan Ave. She stated it would provide plenty of parking for her and much needed added space. She

lastly stated that she hires residents from the community who actually walk to work. She said she does not want to have to move out of Inkster and leave those residents unemployed.

- **Octavia Smith** –Wished residents a Happy New Year. She stated that Western Wayne Family Health Services offers free yoga and zumba classes. She further stated that Primary Physician care is also offered.
- **Samuel Ward-Bey** – Asked if the city had a community benefit agreement that allows for businesses in the city to utilized minority groups.
- **Abraham Yarbrough** – Stated he wanted to begin programs in the city to target the youth. He stated that these programs may help with the gun violence.
- **Linton Mohammad** – Stated that the state of mind of the citizens in Inkster needs to be changed. He stated that programs with older individuals needed to be had because they are the ones doing violent crimes. He announced Savior’s Day on February 23, 2020.

**City Clerk**

- Wished residents a Happy New Year

**City Treasurer**

- Wished residents a Happy New Year

**Mayor and Council**

- **Councilwoman Washington** – Wished residents a Happy New Year. She further asked that the citizens keep all military troops in prayer.
- **Councilman Chisholm** – Wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- **Councilwoman Watley** – Announced that it is Law Enforcement Appreciation Week. She further stated that by Charter each councilperson should be hosting four District Advisory Meetings. She said she has provided a listing of her dates for District III Advisory meetings.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Howard** – Stated that information had been provided by Ms. Toni Bailey for the Real ID Program. She stated that with the Human Trafficking that all men should be looking out for women within the community.
- **Councilman Shaw** – Wished residents a Happy New Year. He asked about the Eastern Outfall water and sewer rates. He stated he and Mayor Wimberly would be meeting regarding that issue.
- **Councilman Williams** – Stated that signs need to be place on Carslye Street. He stated it is being used as a drag strip. He further stated that something absolutely has to be done about Inkster Housing. He further requested the job descriptions of Code Enforcement and Building Department.

**Adjournment**

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

By Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Howard and carried,

the Regular Council meeting of January 6, 2020 was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk  
City of Inkster