

January 19, 2021 (Tuesday)
Regular (Virtual) City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, and Michigan was a virtual meeting held on the Zoom platform in compliance with the State of Michigan Open Meetings Act. Tuesday, January 19, 2021

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

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Wimberly called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Mack

Roll Call

Mayor Wimberly	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilwoman Howard	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilwoman Watley	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilman Williams	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilwoman Washington	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilman Chisholm	Present (Inkster, MI.)
Councilman Shaw	Present (Inkster, MI)

Approval of Agenda

**Moved by Councilmember Shaw, Seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the agenda with added item "A" under Presentations and added item "B" under Consent Agenda.
Resolution 01-21-08COV - Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea
Councilmember Watley	Nay	Councilmember Williams	Yea
Councilmember Howard	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea

Presentations/Discussion

A. Lead and Copper Water – DPS Director, Jerome Bivins and Superintendent LaToria Joyce

Public Hearings

A. Property development at John Daly and Bayhan – Mr. Guasia Jones of Zimcube

Consent Agenda

- A. A. January 4, 2021 Regular (Virtual) City Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Allen Brother’s and Attorney’s PLLC Invoice \$35,107.20

**Moved by Councilmember Washington, Seconded by Councilmember Williams
Resolution 01-21-09COV - Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea
Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea

Boards and Commission

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

**Moved by Councilmember Washington, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw
to appoint Antonio Wimberly to the Parks and Recreation Commission as the
City Council Appointment.
Resolution 01-21-10COV - Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea
Councilmember Shaw	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Yea
Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Nay

Previous Business

Ordinance(s)

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

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins) Consideration and approval authorizing DPS Director to sell unit 07-131 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee in the amount of \$300.00 to Mr. Daryl Davis Sr.

**Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Washington
to approve authorizing DPS Director to sell unit 07-131 2007 Jeep Grand
Cherokee in the amount of \$300.00 to Mr. Daryl Davis Sr.
Resolution 01-21-11COV – Motion carried**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea
Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Yea

- B. Discussion/Action: (Jerome Bivins) Consider approval authorizing the DPS Director to purchase a used vehicle from George Used Car Sale Inc. in the amount \$19,640.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard to approve authorizing the DPS Director to purchase a used vehicle from George Used Car Sale Inc. in the amount \$19,640 from account # 592-564-935-000.

Resolution 01-21-12COV – Motion carried

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea
Councilmember Watley	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Yea
Councilmember Shaw	Yea	Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea

C. Discussion/Action: (Mayor Wimberly) Consideration and approval to participate with the Urban County of Wayne Federal Community Block Grant (CDBG) HOME Investment Partnerships and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve to participate with the Urban County of Wayne Federal Community Block Grant (CDBG) HOME Investment Partnerships and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding.

Resolution 01-21-13COV – Motion carried

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea

D. Discussion/Action: (Kaitlyn Hine) Consideration and approval of a Special Land Use (SLUs 20-08) for a proposed gas station to be located on the northwest corner of Michigan Ave and Middlebelt in the B-3, general business district. Hussein Bazzi is the applicant.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Chisholm to approve of a Special Land Use (SLUs 20-08) for a proposed gas station to be located on the northwest corner of Michigan Ave and Middlebelt in the B-3, general business district. Hussein Bazzi is the applicant.

Resolution 01-21-14COV – Motion carried

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Shaw	Nay	Councilmember Watley	Yea
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea
Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Nay

E. Discussion/Action: (Kaitlyn Hine) Consideration and approval of a 6-month extension for Special Land Uses (SLUs 19-01, 19-02 for a proposed Medical Marijuana Cultivation and Processing Facility to be located at 27181 Southern between Southern between Wiethoff and Sylvia in the M-1, Light Industrial District.

Moved by Councilmember Chisholm, Seconded by Councilmember Watley to approve of a 6-month extension for Special Land Uses (SLUs 19-01, 19-02 for a proposed Medical Marijuana Cultivation and Processing Facility to be located at 27181 Southern between Southern between Wiethoff and Sylvia in the M-1, Light Industrial District.

The original approval was on November 4, 2019, and the preliminary site plan was given approval for extension on January 11, 2021 by the Planning Commission. Rob Kato on behalf of Veritas Collective is the applicant. Resolution 01-21-15COV- Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Williams	Yea	Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Nay
Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Watley	Yea

F. Discussion/Action: (Tracy Ann-Jennings) Consider approval of one (1) offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-20) one (1) commercial building located on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Kenwood Drive and Beech Daly Road which is legally described as 30B2129 TO 2134 2142 LOTS 2129 TO 2134 INCL ALSO N 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY AND S 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY ALSO LOT 2142 ALSO N 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY ALSO ADJ URBAN ST 56FT WD WESTWOOD HILLS SUB NO. 4 T1S R10E L60 P48 WCR (Property I.D. 44 019 01 2129 000), or 25910 Michigan Avenue, in the amount of \$31,997.00 to Majed Abbas Mehdi/First Choice Windows.

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard to approve of one (1) offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-20) one (1) commercial building located on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Kenwood Drive and Beech Daly Road which is legally described as 30B2129 TO 2134 2142 LOTS 2129 TO 2134 INCL ALSO N 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY AND S 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY ALSO LOT 2142 ALSO N 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY ALSO ADJ URBAN ST 56FT WD WESTWOOD HILLS SUB NO. 4 T1S R10E L60 P48 WCR (Property I.D. 44 019 01 2129 000), or 25910 Michigan Avenue, in the amount of \$31,997.00 to Majed Abbas Mehdi/First Choice Windows. Resolution 01-21-16COV- Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Shaw	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea
Councilmember Watley	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea
Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Yea

G. Discussion/Action: (Tracy Ann-Jennings) Consideration and approval of one (1) offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-19) one (1) vacant lot located on the west side of Walnut between Annapolis Street and Carlisle Avenue which is legally described as 36C104 TO 106 LOTS 104 TO 106 INCL ALSO E 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY INKSTER GARDENS SUB T2S R9E L48 P73 WCR, in the amount of \$500.00 to Francisco Gonzalez.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw to approve of one (1) offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-19) one (1) vacant lot located on the west side of Walnut between Annapolis Street and Carlisle Avenue which is legally described as 36C104 TO 106 LOTS 104 TO 106 INCL ALSO E 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY INKSTER GARDENS SUB T2S R9E L48 P73 WCR, in the amount of \$500.00 to Francisco Gonzalez. Resolution 01-21-17COV- Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Chisholm	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Councilmember Watley	Yea	Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea

H. Discussion/Action: (Tracy Ann-Jennings) Consideration and approval of one (1) offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-22) one (1) vacant lot located on the west side of Springhill between Isabelle Street and Irene Street which is legally described as *25H 425,426A*LOT 425 ALSO THE S 1/2 OF LOT 426---HYDE PARK SUB T2S R9E L51 P9 WCR-K-113.39, in the amount of \$1000.00 to Carrie V. Rhoden

**Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard to approve of one (1) offer to purchase (Case # LD 20-22) one (1) vacant lot located on the west side of Springhill between Isabelle Street and Irene Street which is legally described as *25H 425,426A*LOT 425 ALSO THE S 1/2 OF LOT 426---HYDE PARK SUB T2S R9E L51 P9 WCR-K-113.39, in the amount of \$1000.00 to Carrie V. Rhoden
Resolution 01-21-18COV- Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Watley	Yea	Mayor Pro-Tem Howard	Yea
Councilmember Washington	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea
Councilmember Shaw	Yea	Councilmember Williams	Yea

Public Participation

- **Shirley Hankerson** – Stated that Ned Sanders resigned from the Parks and Recreation Commission, it was in their minutes. She stated the city has eight to ten gas stations. She said that vacant lots should be offered to residents who live next to them.
- **Charles Blackwell** – Stated he does not know why Felicia Rutledge fears for her safety by him he is a paralyzed. He further stated that Mayor Wimberly owes the city taxes and Jerome Bivins had a five thousand dollar water bill.
- **Pastor Mack** – Asked about real estate he is interested in purchasing.
- **Millie Gibson** –
- **Stephanie Taylor** – Stated that City Council should get with the City Assessor to increase the cost of purchasing vacant lots.
- **Octavia Smith** – Wished residents a Happy New Year. She announced that the Western Wayne Family Center has not yet received the COVID-19 vaccine. She asked residents in the city as part of the Inkster Task Force MLK Day Program to clean the areas around their homes to help clean up the city.
- **Kunfusa Mandisa** – Stated he is working with Rhonda Glover to update the city’s COVID-19 response plan and several Human Resource related outstanding Risk Management issues.
- **Monica Miller** – Stated she contacted the Mayor regarding a home on her block that is abandoned and burned down. She stated she has contacted the city for eight years to have something done with the abandoned home. She is requesting that something be done with the abandoned home on Steinhauer.

City Clerk

- Stated for the record that she is threatened by Charles Blackwell’s excessive, erratic and persistent behavior. She stated he sends several emails that do not pertain to FOIA request. She stated his FOIA request are excessive and she has spent a considerable amount of time on Charles Blackwell when she could be tending to other city business.

City Treasurer

- Gave a synopsis of the Treasury Department and the budget. He stated he is working with city administration to get a handle on grant reimbursements. He stated that Wayne County is not reimbursing the city for some demolition done on Pine Street (Woodson School) and the Blue Store on Inkster Road. He additionally stated that some cases were going on the tax roll; the Crowder case for two million and the Nelson case for fifty four thousand. He further stated that he would like to have a Special Meeting in February. He also said that he wanted to add an e-check feature to the website. He thanked Darrius Bosket for his hard work. He gave a shout out to his team and Plante Moran for all their assistance.

Mayor and Council

- **Mayor Pro-Tem Howard** – Asked about the Human Resource position. She stated that one person can't run three departments. She asked if the Administrative Assistant had the credentials to be the Human Resource Director. She further asked what certifications in Labor Law, Risk Management and other credentials were needed for that position. She asked the Mayor if his Administrative Assistant had been given the Human Resource position as it states in the calendar. She asked if the Human Resource position had been posted and if so where. She stated that decisions can be veto. She asked about Police and Fire with regards to budget if money would still be coming out the general fund. She thanked Councilman Chisholm for helping assist her with her laptop set up. She lastly stated that she is going to try to give NerdsXpress a chance.
- **Councilman George Williams** – Stated that he thought the Administrative Assistant was doing a fine job in with the three departments. He stated that the city needs to come together because divided they will fall. He stated that the city administration and city council needs to begin to dig into the budget because there are line items that need to be looked at.
- **Councilman Chisholm** – Stated he sent an email to the Mayor and administration asking where the position had been posted and received no response. He stated that the city charter in section 6.5 states the Mayor should confer with council regarding hires and terminations. He said he doesn't want to get into having to veto decisions that are made. He further stated that with regards to Charles Blackwell he is concerned and fears for his safety. He said he has his own disability that persons may not know about. He said Mr. Blackwell continues to take the city to court with frivolous lawsuits. He said these lawsuits use taxpayer dollars to defend and the city has to pay attorney fees. He said he is sick and tired of Charles Blackwell extorting the city.
- **Councilwoman Washington** – Stated she read in the monthly report that the city is awaiting a background check for the Mayor's Administrative Assistant. She said was the position posted? She further stated she has concerns with regards to the Human Resource position and making sure that the person in that position has credentials. She stated that police presence is needed on Steinhauer. She said that residents in that area contacted her about gun fire. She stated that the Michigan Survival Grant is open January 19, 2021 until January 22, 2021 for Michigan Businesses to apply.
- **Councilwoman Watley** – Stated that Mr. Mandesa was brought forth in a Request for Council Action to the city by her with regards to Risk Management and a Risk Management Commission. She stated that now the city is utilizing him in a volunteer capacity and why now. She stated she has concerns regarding the Human Resources and wanted to make sure that a person with credentials is in that position.
- **Councilman Shaw** – Asked Administration about the follow-up on the police cars. He stated that police patrol was needed on Colonial, Helen and Woodland.
- **Mayor Wimberly** – Asked residents to stay safe and mask up. He further stated for residents to social distance when in public. He said that there is another strand of COVID-19. He lastly state that the city is looking into getting vaccinations for to administer.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Howard to go into closed session 6:41p.m. to discuss pending litigation. (Blackwell and Nelson)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Watley	Yea	Councilmember Washington	Yea
Councilmember Williams	Yea	Councilmember Shaw	Yea
Councilmember Howard	Yea	Councilmember Chisholm	Yea

Returned from Closed session at 7:01p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion duly made
By Mayor Pro-Tem Howard, Seconded by Councilmember Shaw carried, to conclude
The Regular Virtual City Council meeting of Tuesday, January 19, 2021 was adjourned at 9:37p.m.



Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk
City of Inkster