

MINUTES

ISHPEMING DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Monday, October 27th, 2014

A meeting of the Downtown Development Authority occurred on the 27th of October, 2014 at 4:00pm in the city hall conference room.

Present:

Anne Giroux, Judy Hodges, Dave Aro, Diane Gauthier, David Aeh, Mark Slown, Jim Lampman, Stuart Skauge

Absent:

Rosemarie Strom, Elaine Racine, John Summerville

Also present:

Dan Perkins, Claudia Demarest, Kori Tossova, Alex Koski

Public comment:

Dan Perkins reported on finished projects.

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Diane Gauthier, seconded by David Aeh to approve minutes with corrections made to attendance. Motion carried.

Financial report:

Jim Lampman provided the financial report. Payments to city for Canda Street lighting and capital improvement bond payment are the primary sources for expenditures in September. Cash position as of September 30th, 2014 stood at \$325,900 and total revenue stood at \$588,106.

Dave Aro motioned to approve, and Judy Hodges seconded, the financial report. Motion carried.

Chamber of commerce report:

Kori Tossova provided the chamber report. Updates on media, services and events were included. It was also reported that the chamber will provide a holistic commercial as well as some support for the cost of air time for businesses in Ishpeming's West end looking to advertise. Alex Koski with Accelerate U.P. was introduced as a resource for business owners/potential business owners.

Vision statement:

No issues or concerns brought up.

Beautification update:

Mark Slown provided the update. The beautification committee will continue to meet on Tuesdays at 6pm at Elaine Racine's home and are open to anyone interested in the beautification of the downtown area. Forming a subcommittee was proposed in order to discuss the restoration and/or future replacement of the lamp post decorations hung downtown during the holiday season. Judy Hodges and Stuart Skaug volunteered to be a part of the committee. A motion was made by Anne Giroux and seconded by Judy Hodges to donate \$500 for new lights for the Christmas tree downtown.

IBA report:

David Aeh reported on the upcoming Ladies Night event. The need for performers for the live nativity was also discussed.

Budget:

Mark Slown reported that after the budget workshop was held the morning of October 27th, 2014 there were no objections to the budget as it stands.

Property Acquisition:

Mark Slown reported that Mr. Jilbert is in the process of delivering a quick claim deed for the Ashton Bakery property to the DDA. Before action is taken a proper environmental assessment must be performed at the possible cost of several hundred dollars.

Stuart Skaug motioned to apply for a Brownfield Authority Grant Fund for the environmental assessment and David Aeh seconded. Motion carried. Anne Giroux abstained from voting.

Old business:

Stuart Skaug suggested angled parking lines added to parking area near Edward Jones.

New business:

Anne Giroux proposed to look into the Redevelopment Ready Checklist through MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Corporation).

The annual meeting of the historical society occurred at the Gossard building October 28th, 2014 between 6 and 7pm.

Jim Lampman reported that property tax information is now available online on the city website. Payment of property taxes and other services will be available online in the near future, possibly by December 1st, 2014.

Diane Gauthier reported that the first annual Turkey Trot will occur this year on Thanksgiving morning with proceeds going to Marquette County Cancer Society.

Diane Gauthier motioned for and David Aeh seconded adjournment. Motion carried.

2015 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Second Floor Meeting Room.

Monday, January 26, 2015

Monday, February 23, 2015

Monday, March 23, 2015

Monday, April 27, 2015

*Monday, May 18, 2015**

Monday, June 22, 2015

Monday, July 27, 2015

Monday, August 24, 2015

Monday, September 28, 2015

Monday, October 26, 2015

Monday, November 23, 2015

Monday, December 28, 2015

**Changed from May 25, 2015 (Memorial Day)*

REGULAR ISHPEMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Wednesday, August 5, 2015

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Ishpeming Senior Citizens Center, 320 South Pine Street.