

A Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, in the City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Tonkin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mike Tonkin, Council Members Claudia Demarest, Joseph Juidici, Justin Koski, and Mike Tall (5). Also present was City Manager Mark Slown and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

JOINT MEETING WITH THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Beautification

Linda Andriacchi gave a brief update on the beautification efforts. She had purchased 62 hanging baskets for the light posts and was excited to get them put up. Also discussed, was the purchase of 36 additional planter hanger arms at a price of \$175 each plus shipping.

The DDA moved to purchase the brackets, however after discussion regarding fund balance and determining priorities, the motion was withdrawn. The DDA asked for this item to be placed on their June 22<sup>nd</sup> agenda.

The list of volunteers and the areas they were responsible for was discussed. Councilwoman Demarest asked on behalf of the Library Board if the DPW could fit into their watering schedule the window planters at the Library.

TIF District Boundary

There was discussion among the Council and the DDA regarding adjustments to the TIF District Boundary and what changes should be made. At a minimum it was felt the Hematite's Heights area should be removed from the boundary but if other adjusts were needed they should be done at the same time since the process to change the boundary was so long. Concerns were expressed over the financial impact the adjustments would have on the DDA.

There was a general consensus to proceed with the process of adjusting the TIF district boundary; however, the DDA would like to have a report from Mr. Lampman at their June meeting as to what the financial impacts would be to the DDA.

Lake Bancroft Project

A motion was made Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Tall and carried unanimously to table this item until the City received the deed to the property.

DNR Trust Fund Grant Agreement

Mr. Slown advised the Michigan DNR Trust Fund Grant for the Malton Road non-motorized trail was approved in the amount of \$91,400 with a local match of \$39,700. A portion of the match dollars would be received from the DDA. A resolution to accept the terms of the grant agreement would need to be signed and forwarded to the DNR.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the grant agreement as presented and authorize the Clerk to sign.

Blight Elimination Grant

Anne Giroux explained the County was applying for a Blight Elimination Grant for regional demolition projects in the City of Ishpeming and the City of Negaunee. The grant would include three commercial properties in Ishpeming and eight residential properties, three in Negaunee and five in Ishpeming all of which were publicly owned. Notification of grant award would be received by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

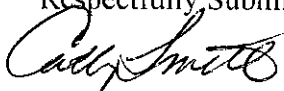
The Downtown Development Authority adopted a motion to continue with their commitment of \$35,000 toward demolition.

A motion as made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to move forward with the Blight Elimination Grant.

Adjournment

The joint meeting with the Downtown Development Authority and Ishpeming City Council adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith  
Recording Secretary