

Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority

Minutes

Monday, July 25, 2016

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, July 25, 2016 in the Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 4:00 p.m.

Present: David Aeh, David Aro, Sandy Arsenault, Jay Clancey, Teresa Perry, Anne Giroux, Diane Gauthier, Rosemarie Strom, Claudia Demarest and Mark Slown (10). Absent: Carrie Meyers (1). Also present was Jim Lampman, Mayor Mike Tonkin, Joe Juidici, and Bob Tasson and Jennifer Smith, owners of the Stampede.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Demarest, supported by Member Clancey and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2016 regular meeting and the closed session minutes from April 25, 2016.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Lampman reviewed the financial statements for the period ending June 25, 2016. A motion was made by Member Aro, supported by Member Gauthier and carried unanimously to approve the financial statements as presented.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Linda Andriacchi reported on the challenges she had been facing this year with the beautification efforts in the City. There was also discussion regarding beautification on Cleveland Avenue and asking business owners to place additional flowers outside their business similar to what Gauthier Insurance and Buck's Restaurant had done.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Danielle LaCavalla summarized the Chamber of Commerce report. She announced the December issue of Delta Sky Magazine would be featuring Marquette County and provided copies for review. She also pointed out the Marji Gesick would be held on September 24th and the race would be finishing in Ishpeming. She felt this would be a great opportunity for the downtown businesses to capitalize on the event. There was further discussion related to providing additional activities during the event and communication between the various organizations would continue.

2017 DDA BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Discussion took place regarding the 2017 proposed budget which would allow \$30,000 of discretionary spending including \$11,000 for beautification, \$8,000 to Chamber of Commerce, \$1,000 for promotions, and \$10,000 for administration. It was suggested a letter be sent to all event organizers, and any other organizations that had asked for funding in the past, providing notification that very limited funds were available for 2017 to allocate toward events. It was noted, the bonds had helped the City to move forward and there was no regrets for what was done; however, now there would be a couple of lean years but after this, the DDA would again continue to work towards moving the City forward.

A motion was made Member Aro, supported by Member Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the proposed 2017 DDA budget as presented.

DDA BY-LAWS AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Member Demarest, supported by Member Aro and carried unanimously to approve the amendment to the bylaws to hold meetings 6 times per year beginning in January and forward the proposed amendment the City Council.

RAINBOW BAR COMMITTEE REPORT

Member Arsenault briefly summarized the meeting. Discussion took place regarding the work completed on the Watt's building being done to meet code requirements versus no code requirements had to be met for the Rainbow Bar exterior wall. There was further discussion on potential uses of the site, possible parking issues, and constructing a walk-way through the site. Clarification from the Building Code Department whether anything would be required for the west wall of the building should be obtained.

A motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Aeh and carried unanimously to have one more meeting with the Committee, after receiving information from Assessor Jackie Lykins as to the value of the vacant property, and then hold a second meeting which would include David Thibeault from the Rainbow Bar.

Member Clancey would also be part of the Committee.

110 CANDA STREET – ASSOCIATED CONSTRUCTORS INVOICE

A motion was made by Member Giroux, supported by Member Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the bill from Associated Constructors for the work performed at 110 Canda Street in the not to exceed amount of \$5,000.

STAMPEDE FAÇADE GRANT PAYMENT

Member Strom abstained from voting because she was related to the owner of the Stampede.

Member Slown explained Attorney Hoff had drafted a release, to be signed by the owners of the Stampede, for the funds to be paid to Moyle Trucking and Excavating and Superior Design.

A motion was made by Member Aro, supported by Member Giroux to approve payment of the Moyle Trucking and Excavating and Superior Design and Advertising bills contingent upon the release being signed by the owners. Ayes: Members Aeh, Aro, Arsenault, Clancey, Perry, Giroux, Gauthier, Demarest and Slown (9). Nays: None (0). Abstained: Member Strom (1).

The DDA was not comfortable approving the Menards bill being paid to the owners because it was in conflict with the grant program guidelines.

A motion was made by Member Gauthier, supported by Member Arsenault to allow the owners to submit additional contractor invoices for payment contingent upon a signed release form, not to exceed the remaining balance of \$4,752.93.

HOMETOWN SERVICE FAÇADE GRANT PAYMENT

A motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Demarest and carried unanimously to accept and authorize payment of the invoice from Seelen Home Improvement for the façade work completed at Hometown Service.

ISHPEMING BUSINESS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Member Aeh reported the IBA brochures were almost complete and would be distributed to businesses; the IBA would continue to work with event organizers for the Marji Gesick Race on September 24th, the City, and businesses to expand the event into the downtown.

OLD BUSINESS

Member Slown provided an update on the location of the gateway sign and the progress on the closure of Walnut Street. Discussion also took place on putting something on the back side of each sign such as "Thank you for Visiting". This item would be placed on the next agenda. Member Clancey provided an update on the design of the Ski Hall of Fame – Ski Jumper Statue to be erected in front of the Ski Hall and noted this would be a wonderful entryway into the City.

NEW BUSINESS

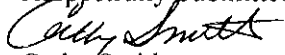
Member Slown advised the Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame was requesting the DDA sponsorship of \$500 for their 2016 Enshrinement event.

A motion was made by Member Aeh, supported by Member Clancey and carried unanimously to regretfully not sponsor the event because of lack of funds available.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:45 p.m., a motion was made by Member Demarest supported by Member Slown and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith

Recording Secretary