

CITY OF IONIA
Downtown Development Authority
September 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER:** The City of Ionia Downtown Development Authority meeting called to order by Board Chairperson Mike Kirgis.
- ROLL CALL:** Roll Call revealed the following DDA Board members present: Dave Cook, Jenny Dinehart, Tim Hemenway, Mike Kirgis, Brett Patterson and Rich Thompson. Also in attendance: City Manager Jason Eppler, Theatre Manager Gary Ferguson, and City Finance Director Chris Hyzer. Guests included Deb Hatfield and Mike Enden.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS AND INFORMATION:** Mike Enden of Preservation Materials International provided a presentation on building a synthetic ice skating rink. The rink's synthetic surface allows for year round use and has a 10 year warranty. Estimated costs for a 60' X 120' are \$176,000 and \$322,000 for a rink sized at 85' X 200'.
- CONSENT AGENDA:** It was moved by Member Cook, seconded by Member Hemenway to approve the following:
Minutes from the DDA meeting of August 17, 2016.
Accounts Payables for the DDA:
July 26, 2016 – August 25, 2016 in the amount of \$17,482.59.
Accounts Payables for the Theatre:
July 26, 2016 - August 25, 2016 in the amount of \$26,529.15.
MOTION CARRIED.
- DDA DIRECTOR UPDATE:** DDA Director's report attached to meeting documents.
- THEATRE REPORT:** Theatre Manager Gary Ferguson reported that due to the start of the school year, movie admissions are slower. Rentals for the upcoming holiday season are progressing nicely. The Theatre front door refinishing project is nearly complete.
- BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS:** Nothing at this time.
- OTHER:** City Manager Jason Eppler provided updates on the following areas:
- Adams Street and Depot parking lot crack filling project has been completed.
 - Restore Church project currently underway.
 - Former Berger car lot site: Met with property owner Ned Berger to discuss demo of the buildings and the possibility of a DDA grant to assist with costs related to the project.
 - Mueller Reality has a signed contract to begin work on the former Burger King site. All permits have been approved for the project.
 - County Commissioners are moving forward with a new \$5.5 million building project. This will include removing the former jail building for the construction of a new facility.
 - City Council will review the request by a downtown visitor for placement of downtown benches. The DDA Board of Directors will also review the concept.
 - Downtown flower beds: Daffodils may be planted rather than tulips this fall.
- ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved by Member Cook, seconded by Member Hemenway to adjourn the meeting at 8:45am.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rich Thompson, Secretary
Chris Hyzer, City of Ionia Finance Director
Linda Curtis, DDA Director