

SPECIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS FOR JUNE 26, 2003

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Carpenter.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Jason Nielsen.

PRESENT: Mayor Laura Carpenter; Councilmembers – JoAnn Potts, Frank Lukacs, Jason Nielsen, Julie Miller, and Pat Jacobson; City Clerk Christine Lee, Interim City Manager Ken Brown, City Attorney Gerard Garno.

ABSENT: Charles Zuhlke,

NEW BUSINESS:

1. To Make a Proposal for Businesses Coming in to the Renaissance Zone. Dale Banish from the Sanilac County Economic Development Corporation Informed the Council about two Companies that are interested in coming to the Brown City area. Banish explained about Company #1 and how they need the proposal by the closed of business on Monday, because the Board of Directors are having a meeting on Tuesday and would like to have this information to presented to them. Banish went over the Proposal Package Scenario that will be presented to the Company (see attached copy). City Attorney Garno asked what happens if they don't meet job requirements and who is buying the land. Mr. Banish responded that the Company is buying the land and the Council has the right to abolish the abatement or a lot a time period to bring this quota up. The Company that is coming in is a plastic injection plant. And the reason that they don't want their name knowing or out there yet is because of competition, applying for jobs and contractors.

Banish met with Company #2 today and they would like to start work by April 1, 2004 so they will need to know by the end of July if they are coming to Brown City. Some of the problems for not coming here are not enough land, and the best site is not a Renaissance Zone. M-Dot is willing to put in relief lanes at Maple Valley to help with traffic. The Council could create a TIFFA or IDD. The Company would like to be put early on the agenda. This Company is in the construction trade and would offer higher wages. City Attorney Garno asked the question if the Council has a Public Hearing and voted yea or nea if they were binding or was this just a starting point. Mr. Banish stated that the Council wouldn't be binding and this was just a starting point.

Mr. Banish felt that this was a very nice and fair package for Company #1 and that Company #2 may come if there was more room and a better package was offer. Banish also stated that by the year 2008-2009 400 people could be employed in Brown City. There are only 14.8 acres in the Renaissance Zone.

CM Miller wanted to have Mr. Banish stay for the Executive Session because she didn't know how many feet was in an acre.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: To consider purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease of that property is obtained.

Move by CM Miller, second by CM Potts, to move into Executive Session to consider purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease of that property is obtained.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Nielsen – Yes, Potts – Yes, Lukacs – Yes, Jacobson – Yes, Miller – Yes. 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent. Motion Carried.

Sanilac County News objected the reason for going into Executive Session and also to have Mr. Banish stay.

The Council asked Mr. Banish to leave.

Council went into Executive Session at 7:40 P.M.

Move by CM Miller, second by CM Jacobson, to move out of Executive Session. ROLL CALL VOTE: Nielsen – Yes, Potts – Yes, Lukacs – Yes, Jacobson – Yes, Miller – Yes. 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent. Motion Carried.

Council came out of Executive Session at 8:23 P.M.

No Decisions were made.

Interim City Manager Ken Brown wanted to know if the City could move the Renaissance Zone to a new Industrial Park. Mr. Banish stated no and only if the state opens this up. City Attorney Garno wanted to know if the City could create their own Renaissance Zone or Industrial District and offer IDD LDFA or TIFFA and if the City could sell the land for what ever they want. Banish stated that the City could sell the land for what ever they want but they will have to fill out a paper to Lansing for approval. The Tax and Finance Committee choose

\$25,000.00 is better than \$50,000.00. Interim City Manager Ken Brown said that Company #1 is here and Company #2 needs more land and would like the Council purchase more land for an Industrial Park because Company #2 needs more land for storage. CM Potts would like to have the Council look into putting in a new Industrial Park.

Move by CM Potts, second by CM Miller, to go with the Incentive Proposal Package contingency upon approval of application process Public Act 198 of 1974 as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Nielsen – Yes, Potts – Yes, Lukacs – Yes, Jacobson – Yes, Miller – Yes. 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain, 1 – Absent. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Interim City Manager Ken Brown had calls from the people living on Lincoln Street and Wilcox Road. The County graded the roads and made it very dusty. He will call the County to have them put down more Brine on both sides of the road with the cost going to the construction company.

Move by CM Miller, second by CM Potts, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Lee
City Clerk