

CITY OF HANCOCK  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 19, 2017

**6:30 P.M.**

Worksession

Present: Councilors LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku

Absent: Councilors: None

1. Review and discuss agenda items:
  - 2 Properties up for tax sale
  - Bill Marlbor and Glenn working on eliminating of bump out on Reservation Street. working with MDot to pay for the removal.
  - Finnish Theme committee would like to put 18 signs on sidewalk featuring the JUHANUS day summer celebration.
  - LaCantina would like to have outside seating. They will put up a fence to define the area being used for outdoor seating.
  - Federal Government requires all Public Work employees to have CDL, now requiring a separate CDL physical. The City will have to pay for the full physical cost.
  - DDA and HPBA will have the Canal Rock at Porvoo Park again this year starting on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - There will be Key Ingredients this summer on July 14th.
  - KEDA will be sharing a space with the Chamber in Houghton. Not a merger just sharing space.
  - Chamber hiring a part time staff position.
  - Car Quest has been bought by Advance Auto Parts. Will be rebranding but staying in Hancock.
  - FOIA request for all City employee wages and we have provided the information. The information will be published on different website.
  - MDOT billing thru February over \$200,000 normally over \$300,000. It is expense base billing for all expenses incurred to maintain US41 & M203.
  - Cynthia Cote's outdoor art work will be on display for the JUHANUS day. The celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Finland will be in Hancock on Saturday, June 24th.
  - Pipetek's submitted the work authorization paperwork for the 3 employees' that were discussed at the last meeting.
  - The Beachview Trailer Court is for sale, it is licensed for 19 sites. If it was going to be repurposed there would have to be an eviction process followed for current residents.
  - Union agreement for the PLWSA 5 employees will have a .70 per hour raise. New hires are exempt from union pension system.
  - Fire at 1510 Anthony Street, the building will most likely have to be torn down. The Hancock Fire Department along with other agencies in the area were on site.
  - Houghton County Arena will have a new roof, compressor and painting. There is a grant for bleacher improvement. Possibility of Houghton County Commissioner's working on the City to become the owner.
  - White Street will be closed for 30 days for water main construction.
  - Front Street construction will start next week.

2. Receive quarterly Police Dept. report

- Police complaints down from the prior year. There was a total of 514 complaints in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter which is down by 26 complaints from 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2016.
- Not required to protect and serve, just required to enforce laws.
- Houghton County Jail overcrowding.
- Homeless shelter has mixed feelings about the Homelessness Coalition. Could bring people from warmer climates.
- Completed training First Aid/CPR, Use of Force, Field Training Officer
- Currently there are four vehicles being used by the department.

**7:30 p.m.**

**Public Hearing on proposed sale of Lot 23, Block 1, Hancock Copper Mining Co's Addition for \$5,000.**

**Public hearing**

**No public comment**

**Closed**

**7:30 PM**

**Regular Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Hancock City Council was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor McKenzie presiding. The United States Flag was honored by all in attendance with the following duly qualified Councilors being present:

Present: Councilors LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku

Absent: None

**Review and approval of agenda**

Moved by Councilor Belej and supported by Councilor Bauman to approve the agenda with additional items.

Add:

#15 Transit Budget

#16 Firework Display permit

#17 Northwoods Sporting Goods permit request

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku

No: None

Motion Carried

**Communications**

Kimberleigh Fernandez - 400 Block Ravine Street parking and traffic lanes  
John Diebel – appreciation of Maasto Hiihto trail system  
Joe Bianucci - Sent a current list of Hancock Fire Department Officers  
Fire Department elected William Lepisto as the Fire Chief

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej to place the correspondence on file as presented.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku  
No: None  
Motion Carried

### **Public Comment**

Lt. Tim Scholander with the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team (UPSET) explained their funding and asked if Hancock would consider helping to support the group. Keweenaw Foundation gave \$125,000 to help start UPSET West.

Houghton County Sheriff and Houghton City Police have committed one officer to assist in this area. The group works with local police agencies to support their needs. Goal is to keep local team and they need financial support to make this happen.

Susan Burack has been hearing talk that the City isn't enforcing ordinances involving building under construction, junk cars and yards.

Dan Dufran – Presented information about medical marijuana and the benefits of having a dispensary in the City.

Richard Freeman, Blake, & Carol – Stated that Hancock should not have a Medical Marijuana dispensary. Northwoods Sporting Goods asked for a permit to have a pawn shop required per ordinance. Pawn Shop would offer a 1 or 2 month contract to pick up the item that was placed at the Pawn Shop. Requesting written permission to their entry into the Pawn Business.

John Zurcher- Santori corner has cracking and starting to sink.  
Excess speeding on Summit Street 800 block by Scott Street.  
Concern about the bump out on Dunstan and Reservation Street.  
Drug issues in the City have gotten worse.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to approve the minutes of March 15, 2017 regular meeting.

Correct Hans Lechner's spelling

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku  
No: None  
Motion Carried

### **Reports**

Moved by Councilor Bauman and seconded by Councilor Belej to accept the reports as presented and place them on file.

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PLWSA 3/14/2017 Meeting Minutes

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku  
No: None  
Motion Carried

### **Administrative Report**

1. Update MDOT Front St. reconstruction project  
Started today, water main boring on Navy Street. Hebert will be starting later this week. Sign boards have been up in different areas of the City. There will be lane closure on Front Street during the construction.

Front Street will be widened by 4' starting at Dave's BP.

Hancock/Front/Reservation triangle will be worked first and then Front Street.

Should be done within a couple of months because it is a small stretch of road. Ramp reconstruction completed by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

2. Update on water project start up on 4-12-17

Bill Siler has started working on the water project at White and Reservation. White Street will be closed for approximately 30 days. They will also be replacing some hydrants and service lateral.

The project should be substantially complete by August 21st

3. Update on MDOT Hancock St. bump out project

Bacco Construction will be the subcontractor doing the concrete work on the bump out project on Front Street. There will be four bump outs added on Hancock Street at Tezcuco, Ravine, Montezuma and Dakota Streets.

4. Spring clean-up - May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 6 pm.

5. New house 2150 Jasberg St. – a zoning application /permit was received 3-20-2017.

6. AmeriCorps Beach Cleanup day, Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

Expect 100 to 120 people to help out that day. Paint, upgrade sand, wood barrier, raking. The City will be providing food for the event. This is a UP wide event for the AmeriCorps.

7. Pipetek TV is scheduled to start the project of cleaning and televising the sanitary sewer the first week of May and will be done by end of June.
8. 1845 Jasberg St. - Beachview Trailer Court is up for sale. Zoned R1 Single Family.
9. 2017 tax foreclosed properties in the City  
  
205 Michigan Street - owned by Powder Road  
1108 Park Avenue – owned by Dorothy Veiser
10. SEV and taxable value for 2017 - SEV up 14.5% Taxable value up 1.2 %
11. PLWSA update - Union negotiations completed and include a .70 per hour increase for each of the following 2 years. Union sponsored pension program negotiated out for new hires.
12. Hancock Beach dock tentative schedule - 90% design work done by end of May. DNR has 90 days to comment on the plans, it won't go out to bid until after their review.
13. Medical Marijuana update - Previously adopted an ordinance restricting the distance from churches 500 ft. and schools 1000 ft.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Consider request from Main Street Hancock, Inc. to disburse the balance of loan funds back to

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor LaBine to table the request for disbursement request of the Main Street Hancock, Inc for 6 months.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku

No: None

Motion Carried

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. March Accounts Payable

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Blau to approve the February account payables in the amount of \$273,409.18 and authorizing payment as follows as funds become available.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku

No: None

Motion Carried

2. Additional Checks for March

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor LaBine to approve the additional accounts payables in the amount of \$312,698.44

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku

No: None

Motion Carried

3. Consider approval to sell lot 23, block 1, Hancock Copper Mining Co's addition to the City of Hancock for a minimum price of \$5,000.00, prop. # 31-051-401-023-00, located at 805 Warren Street.

Moved by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the sale of lot 23, block 1, Hancock Copper Mining Co. addition.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku

No: None

Motion Carried

4. Consider resolution approving Transit Controlled Substances and Alcohol Misuse Testing Policy dated March 20, 2017

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the Transit Controlled Substances and Alcohol Misuse Testing Policy dated March 20, 2017.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku

No: None

Motion Carried

5. Consider motion approving joint city council meeting with the City of Houghton for Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Carnegie Museum in Houghton.

Moved by Councilor Seguin and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve May 16, 2017 for a joint City Council Meeting with the City of Houghton.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku

No: None

Motion Carried

6. Consider approving resolution of intent to participate in the MEDC's redevelopment Ready Communities Program.

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the resolution of intent to participate in the MEDC's Redevelopment Ready Communities Program.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku  
No: None  
Motion Carried

7. Consider approval of DEQ SAW grant pay request #8, for \$10,483.84

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor LaBine to approve the DEQ SAW grant pay request #8, for \$10,483.84

Roll Call Vote:  
Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku  
No: None  
Motion Carried

8. Consider approval of water project payment #11 for \$12,479.99

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the water project payment #11 for \$12,479.99

Roll Call Vote:  
Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku  
No: None  
Motion Carried

9. Consider water project change order #2 increasing project cost by \$12,203.47

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the Water Project change order #2 increasing project cost by \$12,203.47

Roll Call Vote:  
Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku  
No: None  
Motion Carried

10. Consider water project amendment #1 for OHM Advisors design work for \$16,000.

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the Water Project amendment #1 for OHM Advisors design work for \$16,000.

Roll Call Vote:  
Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku  
No: None  
Motion Carried

11. Consider resolution approving MDOT Small Urban Contract #17-5077 for White St. repaving.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor LaBine to approve the MDOT Small Urban Contract #17-5077 for White St. repaving.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku  
No: None  
Motion Carried

12. Review and consider Small Urban White St. bid results and consider accepting bid with elimination of some pay items, from \$324,959.38 to \$284,087.99.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to approve the Small Urban White St. bid results and consider accepting bid with elimination of some pay items, from \$324,959.38 to \$284,087.99.

Roll Call Vote:  
Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku  
No: None  
Motion Carried

13. Consider first reading for ordinance to amend Chapter 9 of Title IX and schedule a public hearing for Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Moved by Councilor Seguin and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve ordinance to amend Chapter 9 of Title IX and schedule a public hearing for Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku  
No: None  
Motion Carried

14. Consider scheduling Budget work sessions, possible dates Wednesday's, May 24<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to scheduling Budget work sessions, possible dates Wednesday's, May 24<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku  
No: None  
Motion Carried



15. Consider approval of MDOT project Authorization P1/R1 Agreement #2017-0059, project 131711.

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve MDOT project Authorization P1/R1 Agreement #2017-0059, project 131711.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku

No: None

Motion Carried

Everyone

16. Consider approval of fireworks display permit for 2017 Bridgefest. fireworks display.

Moved by Councilor LaBine and seconded by Councilor Tuisku approve the firework display permit for 2017 Bridgefest.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku

No: None

Motion Carried

17. Consider approval of Northwoods Sporting Goods permit request for a pawn shop.

Moved by Councilor LaBine and seconded by Councilor Seguin to approve Northwoods Sporting Goods permit request for a pawn shop.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku

No: None

Motion Carried

18. Motion to adjourn

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to adjourn the meeting.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku

No: None

Motion Carried