

**CITY OF HANCOCK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 399 QUINCY ST.**

Regular Meeting – 6:01 P.M.

Call to order and pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Paul LaBine
Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Councilors Blau, Lytle, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler, Haeussler
Absent: None

Also present: Chris Jaehnig, Joshua Vissers; John Zurcher; Grant Dosseto, Michael Markham

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve the agenda

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Communications

UPPCO Equipment Inspections
Michigan Public Service Commission – UPPCO
Michigan Public Service Commission – Semco
Houghton County Clerk - Recreation Millage Passed

Public Comment- None

Review and approval of meeting minutes

Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Rickard to review and approve the meeting minutes Regular City Council 8-4-2021 with the corrected wording to New Business items #3 as “Motion not seconded – No action taken”

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Administrative Report

- **Census Results** -down 2.87% - 133 people – will look at revenue & budget impact
- **Fire Hall Generator** - project bids are due August 26th - walk through on Monday, August 16th
- **Hancock Dog Park** - raised approximately 8,000 on Patronicity which ends on 9/17/21, continue to vote at PETSAFE, farmers market, etc.
- **Employee Picnic** - Tomorrow, Thursday, August 19 from 12-4 at Hancock Beach Pavilion
- **Community Night Out Update** – Saturday, September 4, 2021 Fireworks at 9pm the band Rewind will be playing from 6-9pm at Porvoo Park
- **Planning Commission Meeting Cancelled** – Monday meeting is cancelled, working on Zoning Ordinance

New Business

1. Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the current accounts payable in the amount of \$2,095,041.75.

Roll Call

Yes: Haeussler, Warstler, Rickard, LaBine, Freeman, Lytle, Blau,

No: None

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve the application for the fireworks display permit for the September 4, 2021 Community Night Out Firework Display.

Yes: 6 (Blau, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler, Haeussler)

No: 1 (Lytle)

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor LaBine and supported by Councilor Rickard to table the acceptance with regret the resignation of Doug Lancour from the Board of Review for the term ending December 31, 2024.

Take no action and advertise the opening

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Haeussler to accept with regret the resignation of Jerry Wuorenmaa from the Rental Code Board of Appeals and the Zoning Board of Appeals effective August 20, 2021.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

5. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Rickard to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement with the Michigan DNR for storm water management system on the Hancock Rail Grade.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

6. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Haeussler to approve Resolution 21-20 Supporting State and Local Partnerships in Commitment for Materials Management.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

7. Motion by Councilor Lytle and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve the Public Works Director job description.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

8. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to enter into a closed session under MCL 15.268(a).

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Freeman to return to open session at 7:33 p.m.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

9. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve the City Manager Evaluation of Generally Exceeds the Performance Standards.

Roll Call
Yes: Blau, Lytle, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler, Haeussler
No: None
Motion Carried


Public Comment- Anyone wishing to address the council will be recognized by the Mayor at this time. John Zurcher of 1016 Summit St., Hancock expressed safety concern on Reservation St. to Quincy St with an incident involving 2 motorcycles and crossing onto White St.

Council Member Comments


Councilor Blau – say a prayer and keep in your thoughts the woman killed in the recent accident.
Councilor Haeussler – echo John Zurcher’s comments – one of the most dangerous intersections. Jerry Wuornemaa’s terms expire for the Rental Board Code of Appeals February 2023 and Zoning Board of Appeals March 2023. MCL establishes the composition of the ZBA. Cash donation for the dog park received from Mayor Bob Backon. Pasty Fest this weekend in Calumet and Art in the Park in Copper Harbor with local authors at Grandpa’s Barn

Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Warstler to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried



Paul LaBine, Mayor



Linda Kalinec, City Clerk

Resolution 21-20

Supporting State and Local Partnerships in Commitment for Materials Management

Whereas, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy has been working with a wide range of stakeholders to substantially update and amend Part 115, Michigan's solid waste statute, to prioritize sustainable materials management, specifically the recovery and diversion of discarded materials for productive use;

Whereas, the City of Hancock's solid waste plans, practices, and contracts require routine updates to incorporate best practices for materials recovery, health and safety for waste handlers, economic analysis, environmental considerations, and community priorities;

Whereas, funding, provided by the state, to facilitate a new planning process in which all pertinent local stakeholders would work to update the city's plan to synergize with regional systems to be designated as Materials Management Plans, reflecting the shift in priorities to reduce the disposal of resources;

Whereas, Part 115 updates aim to support sustainable materials management methodologies such as recycling, composting, anaerobic digestion, and other beneficial utilization activities, by:

- Incentivizing local governments to set recycling goals and plan for holistic discards management.
- Consider and plan for the development of facilities necessary to manage these materials in ways that protect human health and the environment, as well, as making materials available for remanufacturing.
- Making funding available with the goal of tripling Michigan's recycling rate. The funding would cover:
 - Local Materials Management Planning,
 - Recycling infrastructure development,
 - Development of markets for recyclable materials, and
 - Education to help residents use recycling systems effectively.

Whereas, the City of Hancock is committed to supporting a circular bio-economy by utilizing relationships with waste management contractors, university researchers, industrial and non-profit partnerships, and local community stakeholders to pioneer methods of materials management for our region. The City of Hancock will strive to recognize the intrinsic values of materials and seek to conserve, reclaim, and reinvest them to the highest level possible. The City of Hancock shall encourage a culture of consideration, for itself and its constituency, when procuring materials, in its practices, by soliciting expert advice, when reviewing budgets, and by seeking funding in support of these goals.

