

CITY OF HANCOCK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022
HANCOCK CITY HALL, 399 QUINCY STREET
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Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM

Call to order and pledge of allegiance led by Mayor Paul LaBine

Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Councilors McKenzie, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler, Haeussler

Absent: Councilor Blau

Also Present in person: Thomas Fournier, John Zurcher, Jay Ruohonen, Dorothy Ruohonen, Andy Lahti, Susan Burack.

Also Present via Zoom: Ashley Freeman, Ron Blau, Robert Baratono, Kevin Kalinec.

Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor McKenzie to excuse Councilor Blau from tonight's meeting.

Yes: 5

No: 1 (LaBine)

Motion Carried

Review and approval of agenda – Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of New Business item #1 to consider approval and acceptance of Historic Placemaking grant from Keweenaw Convention & Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$4,500.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment - None

Communications

US Bank

Michigan Public Service Commission – Notice of Hearing

Blue Key National Honor Society thank you note for City's donation to the 100th Winter Carnival

Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Rickard to accept and put on file the communications as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Review and approval of meeting minutes

Regular City Council meeting, April 20, 2022

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve and accept the meeting minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of April 20, 2022.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Review and acceptance of meeting minutes

Planning Commission, September 7, 2021, November 29, 2021, January 24, 2022, February 7, 2022, February 28, 2022.

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor McKenzie to receive and put on file the meeting minutes as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Administrative Report

- Spring Clean-up will be Friday, May 13th 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 14th 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Patrol Officer, Jeremy Lassila submitted his letter of resignation, he has been with the Hancock Police Department for 21 years, we are sorry to see him leave.
- ZBA Meeting will be May 16th, there are 2 items on the agenda, 1653 Portage and 814 W. Water St.
- MML UP Summit is May 19th & 20th in Marquette, Mary stated she will be attending, anyone else wishing to attend, please let her know and she will get you registered.
- Andy Lahti was awarded a MEDC grant for the Tezcucu property.
- Historical Sign Grant Keweenaw Visitor and Convention Center reviewed, there is an action item to accept the grant.
- The Hancock transit received an award from the Hancock Public Schools for the work they have done to help transport some of the students, the school does pay for the rides, but felt they went above and beyond in making sure students picked up and dropped off on a timely manner.
- The Hancock Police Department was 1 of 11 local police departments to receive an award to celebrate the hard work they have done at the schools.
- As part of our RRC process we had to submit a Marketing Plan to give us guidance on when to use our logo, colors, where we advertise, engagement in the community, etc. and as a part of this we will be doing a quarterly newsletter, the first one being the end of May first part of June.
- Keweenaw Co-op completed the purchase of their new property on Quincy St. and looking into fund raising and ownership possibilities if anyone is interested.
- The DDA is looking at putting out a building/business directory, the goal being to create a database with information such as price per square foot, rental units help us cultivate for grant applications, any input is appreciated.
- Reviewed summer events including Movies on the Green, Canal Rock and the Farmers Market. There won't be any changes to the Farmers Market, but they did hire a Market Manager.
- Finlandia put out a press release that they have hired their new President. June 3rd will be Phil Johnson's last day.

New Business

1. Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor McKenzie to accept and approve the Historic Placemaking Grant from the Keweenaw Convention & Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$4,500.

Roll Call

Yes: Haeussler, Warstler, Rickard, LaBine, Freeman, McKenzie

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment – None

Council Member Comments

Time was provided for council members to promote, discuss and/or comment on items not on the agenda.

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

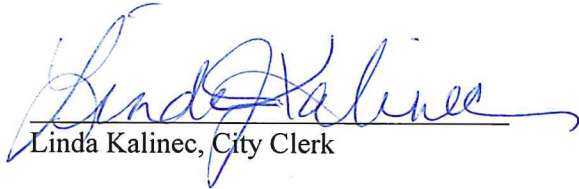
Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried



Paul LaBine, Mayor



Linda Kalinec, City Clerk