

CITY OF HANCOCK  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023  
HANCOCK CITY HALL, 399 QUINCY STREET  
Public viewing available via ZOOM.com Meeting ID: 821 4402 1682

**Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM**

Call to order and pledge of allegiance by Mayor Pro-Tem, Kurt Rickard.

Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Councilors Blau, McKenzie, Rickard, Lounibos, Warstler

Absent: Councilors Freeman, LaBine

**Also Present:** John Zurcher, Thomas Fournier, Michael Markham, Bill Lepisto, Glenn Anderson.

**Via Zoom:** None.

Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to excuse Councilors LaBine and Freeman from tonight's meeting.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Review and approval of agenda** – Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the agenda with the additions of New Business item #6 to consider the approval of entering into an agreement with Seaton Appraisal for valuation services related to the MNRTF grant in the amount of \$9,800 and New Business item #7 to approve the estimate for the fire truck repairs from Red Power diesel in the amount of \$394,965.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment**

John Zurcher of Summit St. commented on people parking in front of the main entrance to the ice arena as well as other parking around the City.

**Review and approval of City Council meeting minutes**

Regular Meeting

December 21, 2022

Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve and accept the meeting minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 21, 2022.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

## Administrative Report

City Manager, Babcock, commented on the following:

- PLWSA Financial Statements and Audit summary pages were presented to the council, the full reports is available if anyone would like a copy in either an electronic or paper format.
- The Department of Treasury Form 5572 – Pension Report presented is an annual report filed with the State of Michigan.
- The lights on the first block of Quincy St. are out, one of the poles was hit, Erico Electric is working on the repairs.
- There are a few snow removal issues, especially in the downtown area; we are working with various property owners to come up with a workable solution for everyone.

## New Business

1. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the Payne and Dolan payment application #2 for work completed on the Hancock Business and Technology Park in the amount of \$19,290.94.

Roll Call

Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Rickard, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

2. Review meeting frequency and continuation of Zoom.
  - a. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor McKenzie to continue the Zoom meeting for public viewing of the City Council meetings.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

- b. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor McKenzie to change the meeting frequency to one (1) meeting per month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

- i. After some discussion a Motion was made by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor McKenzie to table the motion until all council members were present to discuss & vote.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Warstler to schedule a public hearing on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM for the purchase of the Houghton County Arena for \$1.00 from Houghton County.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the purchase of a 2016 Ford Explorer with 32,000 miles from the Village of Calumet in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

5. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve a 4% raise for all non-union employees with an effective date of January 1, 2023.

Roll Call  
Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Rickard, Lounibos, Warstler  
No: None  
Motion Carried

6. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Rickard to approve entering into an agreement with Seaton Appraisal for valuation services related to the MNRTF grant in the amount of \$9,800.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

7. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the estimate for the fire truck repairs from Red Power diesel in the amount of \$394,965.

Roll Call  
Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Rickard, McKenzie, Blau  
No: None  
Motion Carried

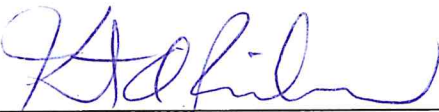
**Public Comment** None


**Council Member Comments**

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

Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Blau to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kurt Rickard, Mayor Pro-Tem

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Kalinec, City Clerk