

**CITY OF HANCOCK
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF April 25, 2011**

Chairperson Dan Lorenzetti called the Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 25, 2011 with the following members present: Tony Wilmers, Dave Lucchesi, William Laitila, Glenn Anderson, Terry Monson, Dan Lorenzetti, and Bill Baxandall.

Absent: Members Lisa McKenzie and Bob Wenc.

Guests: John Haeussler

It was moved by Baxandall and seconded by Monson to approve the agenda.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Monson and seconded by Laitila to approve the minutes of March 28, 2011.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment

No Public Comment at this time.

The Commission reviewed the March 10th and April 14th US41-M26 Corridor Committee meeting notes.

Updates and Information

- Discussed MDOT's proposal to reconstruct M-26 through Ripley and the possible removal of about 30' of the historic slag pile on the North side of the Quincy Smelter site.
- Reviewed the many business support services offered by the Entrepreneur support center now open on the 6th floor of the Jutila Center, 200 Michigan Street which recently opened as a joint effort between Finlandia University and the METC SmartZone.
- Reviewed the schedule of activities of the Mid-West Weavers Conference hosted by Finlandia University, June 20th thru June 25th and noted FU will have the old middle school auditorium open for this event.
- Noted that the City of Houghton is undertaking a update to its Master Plan.
- Heard that the annual City spring cleanup is scheduled for April 29th and 30th.

- Reviewed the executive summary of the District Heating Study, which concluded that a downtown district heating system was not economically feasible.
- Looked at Governor Snyder's budget proposal for State Shared Revenue.
- Heard that MJO Contracting had started working on installing new storm sewers at the Gartners alley and the Carquest alley, which will allow the roof drains to be disconnected from the sanitary sewer, and MJO also started installing a new storm sewer in the World of Wood alley.
- Looked at the City ordinance which puts a temporary moratorium on medical marihuana dispensary's in the City.
- Noted WUPPDR's new \$150,000 home buyer purchase rehabilitation program targeting both cities.
- Noted that two properties in the City will be foreclosed due to delinquent property taxes. They are the Bradway Building at 116 Quincy Street and the Autio home at 923 Liberty Street.
- Reviewed the new emergency manager law, recently enacted by the State.
- Looked over the list of the City's new property/blight improvement grant program.
- Heard that the DDA and HB&PA will hold a joint meeting on May 4th to promote the downtown and discuss needs and ideas.
- Discussed the deficit situation at the Hancock Public Schools.

The Commission reviewed the March 30th Water Project bid results with James Peterson & Sons of Medford Wisconsin, the low bidder at \$4,798,711.13, the 2nd bidder was A1 Excavating at \$4,960,116.40. The project came in about \$1 million less than was budgeted, so the City will consider adding additional water distribution improvements. A total of six bids were received for this project.

The Commission looked over the results for the April 18th bid opening for the Hancock Beach BMP Project. Two bids were received, MJO Contracting was low bidder at \$189,208.75 and Bill Siler Contracting bid of \$209,685.73. Work is expected to start in mid May.

The Commission reviewed a list of possible additions to the water distribution improvements that could be made to the water project. Twelve locations have been identified by OHM as candidates for work. mostly areas with undersized 4" water mains. Available construction funds will dictate how many selections will be completed by the City.

If was moved by Baxandall and seconded by Monson to reschedule starting hours to 6:00 p.m. for the May, June, July, August and September Commission meetings.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

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It was moved by Baxandall and seconded by Lucchesi to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary