

February 18, 2015
Worksession
6:30 p.m.

Present: Councilors Tuisku, Bauman, Hodur, McKenzie, Belej, Slivon and Blau.

Absent: None

Also present: John Haeussler, Susan Burack, Maggie and Jack Haeussler and Wayne Butler.

Reviewed and Discussed:

1. Personnel Committee
 - Complete the City Manager evaluation form and send to Lisa McKenzie.
2. Finlandia University "Where You Belong"
2021 Plan
3. Driving Park Update.
 - 1 of the County buildings is on City Property. Need to re-survey.
4. Paul Tomasi Update.
 - Contacted Paul regarding selling some of his property to the City. All of it is located In Quincy Twp. Discussions to continue.
5. Low to Moderate Income Update
 - change policy
 - use DDA district
 - City is at 40.87%, need to be at 51%
 - MSHDA grant asked for \$480,000 offer \$240,000; should know in the next few weeks.
6. 200 Hancock Street Update.
 - Vollwerths looking for a MEDC Grant.
 - Upgrades will create 10 jobs within the next few years.
7. HCMC Facility Update.
 - 7 million dollar project
8. Kim Stoker is retiring in August of 2015 from WUPPDR.
9. City Manager had lunch with the Houghton City Manager. Will schedule a joint Council meeting for the last week in April Discuss: May 5th ballot proposal.
10. The old Toutant Machine Shop was torn down, located at 632 Emma Street.
11. Hancock High School Update.
 - 2014-15 surplus \$171,070
 - first time they had a surplus in eight years
 - reducing the Debt Millage from 11.3300 down to 9.0 or 9.25. Will finalize later in the Year.
12. RD Update.
 - Offer on the water project should be within the next week to ten days.
 - Gladstone Office didn't recommend a grant, would be all loan. State Office is Reviewing and may look at a grant option.
13. Dresch Update on 228 Hancock Street.
 - Mr. Dresch withdrew his project from the MSHDA Program. We will have to give back the MSHDA money approved for this project to the State. Very unfortunate for the City.
14. M&M Powersports Update.
 - Have a 2-3 year plan for improvements in the works.
15. John Haeussler addressed.
 - HCMCF Project.
 - HUD Survey and volunteered to do the survey review for the City.
 - Houghton County Fair Building – don't sell project to County
 - Expressed disappointment with the 1860 Masonic Building. City should put some pressure on Mr. Dresch to repair or let the building go to someone who will renovate the building.
 - World of Wood needs to start construction this spring. 12 months from April 2013. Check the deed restriction.

Public Hearing:

February 18, 2015
7:30 p.m.

1. Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance amending ordinance # 104 “An ordinance regulating cross connections with the public water supply system, i.e. A connection or arrangement of piping or appurtenances through which water of questionable quality, wastes, or other contaminants can enter the public water supply system.”

Mayor McKenzie called this Public Hearing to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following Councilors being present: Tuisku, Bauman, Hodur, McKenzie, Belej, Slivon and Blau. Also present: John Haeussler, Susan Burack, Dave Talvensaari, Rick Allen, Mitch Lake, Traci Williams and Wayne Butler.

No Public comment.

Mayor McKenzie closed this Public Hearing at 7:33 p.m.

Regular Meeting
February 18, 2015
7:33 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Hancock City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 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:

Councilors: Tuisku, Blau, Hodur, McKenzie, Belej, Slivon and Bauman.

Absent: None

Moved by Councilor Hodur and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve tonight's meeting agenda as amended:

Add: to new business #3 Mary Tuisku.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

correspondence

Letter from Department of Treasury: Approving the June 30, 2014 Deficit Reduction Plan as submitted.

Letter from Charter re: Channel Line Up

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

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

guests

Public Comment:

1. Dave Talvensaari re: The new patrol vehicle
2. John Haeussler, 1203 Portage Drive, re: comments on the new police vehicle and Senate Bill 17 2015.

minutes approval

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Hodur approving the minutes of the January 21, 2015 worksession and regular meeting as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

reports

Financials for October, 2014 for all funds

- Cash balances
- Due to/from Report
- Interest Report
- Revenue and Expenses

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej to place the Financial Report for October, 2014 on file.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Hancock Housing Commission minutes of December 18, 2014

PLWSA minutes of January 13, 2015

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

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

admin. report

1. MDOT Streetscape design contract was signed on February 10th.
 - Community meeting will be scheduled for March, 2015.
2. MDOT land and grading permit acquisition for 2016 Project.
 - Quincy – Front – Reservation Streets
3. 2015 Water Project financing \$2.4 million to \$3.8 million.
 - Application was submitted to RD
4. GASB 68 Unfunded Pension Liability.
5. MTEC SmartZone update TIFA Plan status.
 - Marquette accepted on 2-9 sent to the State for acceptance
 - 15 years of life
 - Cities of Hancock and Houghton will have to update our TIFA Plan, hold a Public Hearing and approve it. Like we did for the DDA this past winter.
6. MTEC SmartZone satellite approved by the MEDC 2-9-15.
7. Building at 635 Emma Street (old Toutant Machine Shop) has been torn down.
8. FU Signature Goals under Plan 2021.
9. MI Place Placemaking Workshop is scheduled for May 28th at Lakeview Manor From 1:30 to 8:30.
10. St Patrick's Day Parade Update.
 - Tuesday, March 17th starting at Bruno's and heading East on the sidewalk to Habenario's.
11. PLWSA bond refinancing. Cost around \$94,000 for fees. Savings \$192,927.
12. Governor's FY 16 Budget Plan. 3% increase in Sales Tax otherwise same as last year.
13. RD police vehicle grant of \$15,000 was received to pay ½ cost of new vehicle.
14. Joe Pizzi received his water distribution license S-2.
15. 119 Quincy Street MEDC grant project update.
16. Tax exempt bond update.
 - Letter from Baird re: refinancing of bonds
17. Started Let Run on February 16th.

old business
ordinance # 290

Moved by Councilor Hodur and seconded by Councilor Belej adopting Ordinance No. 290 "An ordinance regulating cross connections with the public water supply system, i.e. A connection or arrangement of piping or appurtenances through which water of questionable quality, wastes, or other contaminants can enter the public water supply system," and authorizing publication in the Daily Mining Gazette as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 290

AMENDING ORDINANCE #104 “AN ORDINANCE REGULATING CROSS CONNECTIONS WITH THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM, i.e. A CONNECTION OR ARRANGEMENT OF PIPING OR APPURTENANCES THROUGH WHICH WATER OF QUESTIONABLE QUALITY, WASTES, OR OTHER CONTAMINANTS CAN ENTER THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM”

The CITY OF HANCOCK ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Section 1 of Ordinance #104 passed on January 10, 1973 is amended by deleting reference Sections “R 325.431 to R 325.440” and adding “R325.11401 to R325.11407”

SECTION 2.

Add a new section referred as 4.A:

Section 4.A: Device Testing

All testable backflow prevention assemblies shall be tested at the time of installation or relocation and after any repair. Subsequent testing of devices shall be conducted (by owners of devices) every three (3) years and in accordance with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality requirements. Only individuals that hold a valid Michigan plumbing license and have successfully passed an approved backflow testing class shall perform such testing. Each tester shall also be approved by the City of Hancock. Individual(s) performing assembly testing shall certify the results of his/her testing.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

3.0 Severability.

Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 4. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 4.1. This ordinance was introduced by the City Council of the City of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan on the 21ST day of January, 2015.

Section 4.2 This ordinance was adopted/enacted by the City Council of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan on the 18th day of February, 2015.

Section 4.3 This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date of adoption according to the Hancock City Charter.

Section 4.4 Effective this 18th day of March, 2015.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Tuisku, Bauman, Hodur, McKenzie, Belej, Slivon and Blau.

No: None

Motion Carried.

new business
january a/p

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Hodur approving the accounts payable for January in the amount of \$122,867.83 and authorizing payment as follows as funds ,become available.

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| General | \$18,088.50 |
| Major | 1,260.00 |
| Transit | 4,226.93 |
| Sewer | 49,633.48 |
| Water | 27,216.57 |
| Emp B | 428.60 |
| Motor V | 20,387.55 |
| DDA | <u>1,626.20</u> |
| Total | \$122,867.83 |

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Blau, Slivon, Belej, McKenzie, Hodur, Bauman and Tuisku.

No: None

Motion Carried.

add'l checks typed in jan

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the additional checks typed in the month of January, in the amount of \$1,031,111.98 and authorize payment as follows:

Expenses \$167,307.07

Transfers 863,804.91

Total \$1,031,111.98

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Tuisku, Bauman, Hodur, McKenzie, Belej, Slivon and Blau.

No: None

Motion Carried.

approved excuse from
meeting

Moved by Councilor Hodur and seconded by Councilor Blau to excuse Ted Belej and Mary Tuisku from the March 18th regular meeting as they will be out of town.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

tori grant

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Hodur approving an \$11,000 Tori Grant application to the Department of Agriculture Department and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign paperwork.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Blau, Slivon, Belej, McKenzie, Hodur, Bauman and Tuisku.

No: None

Motion Carried.

another tori grant

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej approving a \$2,000 Tori Grant application to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign paperwork.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Tuisku, Bauman, Hodur, McKenzie, Belej, Slivon and Blau.

No: None

Motion Carried.

medc grant for building
at 200 hancock

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Hodur authorizing the City Manager to submit a MEDC Grant application for the Vollwerth Company located at 200 Hancock Street (Façade, addition for expansion and create jobs) and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign paperwork.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Blau, Slivon, Belej, McKenzie, Hodur, Bauman and Tuisku.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Hodur that this regular meeting of the Hancock Council be adjourned. Time: 8:30 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.