

May 20, 2015
Worksession
6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also present: Wayne Butler, Bill Marlor, John Haeussler and Susan Burack,
and many City residents (packed house).

Reviewed and Discussed:

1. Dennis Hagenbuch is stepping down next year from the Recreation Commission.
2. On May 9th the AmeriCorp Group consisting of seven members and three families cleaned up the downtown area, waterfront and snow dump for spring cleanup.
3. Currently Key Ingredients Event has been cancelled for this year. If the HPBA will step up and sponsor this event, we might be able to pull it off.
4. Mike Coon's new restaurant "The Loading Dock" will be opening in a few weeks. Maybe by June 1st.
5. The home damaged by fire located at 309 Scallon Ave. will be hauled away this week and then his escrow funds can be released to the property owner.
6. The home damaged by fire located at 1400 Anthony will be taken care of within the next few weeks then those escrow funds can be released.
7. Habanero's would like to have an outside eating place with tables and chairs along the sidewalk on E. Quincy Street.
8. M&M PowerSports expansion Update.
9. Manager was with MDOT grade inspections with OHM all day today. Nutini's can not keep the coal shoot, it will be removed.
10. Manager will be in Florida for a transit expo from June 2nd to June 5th then on vacation in Atlanta, GA until June 15th. Back in the office on June 16th then gone to Yellowstone National Park from June 30th until July 7th.
11. The City had a report that residents at 538 Hancock Street have chickens in the backyard. Police were contacted to investigate.
12. Proposed animal ordinance that would address chickens in the City.

Public Hearing:

7:30 p.m.

Mayor McKenzie opened this Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. to hear public comment on a proposal to keep Scott Street permanently closed at the Elm Street intersection, currently it is closed seasonally in the winter.

Public Comment:

1. Hans Lechner, 701 Elm Street - Wants Scott Street closed. Maybe use barriers with a gate to lock and unlock if access is needed to Finlandia University. This would be in line with the Complete Streets Ordinance. He also presented the Council with a petition to keep Scott Street closed signed by 17 residents. (copy on file)
2. Paul Sintkowski, 802 Elm Street – Open Scott during the summer like it has always been.
3. Karen VanDyke, Finlandia University – Open Scott Street, Finlandia needs access to their buildings.
4. Mike Lahti, W. Quincy Street – Open Scott Street, public streets are for everyone to use.
5. Mary Lepisto, N. Lincoln – Would like to see Scott Street open.
6. Kathy Doll, Hancock Street - Wants Scott Street open.
7. John Haeussler, 1203 Portage Drive – What can be done for safety?
8. Rick LaDeau, 710 Elm –Speeding on Scott Street. Would like it closed but if not, then what can be done to calm traffic.
9. Bill Deephouse, 627 Lake – Keep it open year round if possible. Closing White Street has caused problems all over the City. It is a public Street.
10. Mr. Joyal, 724 Elm – leave it open for the summer
11. John Zurcher, Summit Street – leave it open.
12. Arlene Monticello, Quincy Hill – Open it up
13. Dave Monticello, Quincy Hill – Would like it open.

Letters on file Open it – Mary Nominelli

Close it – Lauren Schaefer, Hans Lechner, Nathan Arnold, Jordan Van Sikle,
Ashley Miller and Kyle Brill

Mayor McKenzie closed this Public Hearing at 7:59 p.m.

Regular Meeting

May 20, 2015

7:59 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Hancock City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, May 20 2015 at 7:59 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, Bauman, Hodur, McKenzie, Belej, Slivon and Blau.

Absent: None

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Hodur to amend the Agenda as follows:

Add: to old business #1 Chicken ordinance and new business #14. Habanero's request.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

correspondence

Letter from William Yarroch re: PLLB maintenance

Letter from Vicky Vichich re: chickens. not in favor

Letter from Anne Brunet re: chickens. not in favor

UPPCO

CC United Way re: Thank You

Charter Communications re: franchise fee \$8543.76

MEDC Survey

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

guests

Public Comments:

1. Susan Burack, 103 E. Quincy – Thank you to the public for attending this meeting.
2. John Haeussler, 1203 Portage – Need contact information on the web. Also, commented on the naming the Little League Field after Bill Givens. Years ago the Recreation Commission discussed this, however, there are many possible names and couldn't pick just one. The ordinance and review committee should review all City ordinances and he would like to be the citizen member.
3. George Houle, Dog walker – We need waste bags on the DNR Trail.
4. Vicky Vichich, 1020 Ethel – against the animal ordinance no chickens.
5. Emily Dupey, 1045 Ohio – would like to start a Cider Mill at 350 N. Lincoln Dr.
6. Chrissy Gerhart, Northern Consultants re: Income Survey, Target Area for landlords/tenants to help their ability to obtain grants.

minutes approval

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the minutes of the April 15, 2015 Worksession, special presentation and regular meeting, April 23, 2015 Special Joint meeting with the City of Houghton, April 29, 2015 1st Budget Worksession and May 14th 2nd Budget Worksession.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

reports

Voter Turn Out Report for May 5th 2015 Election
Financials for March 2015
-Cash Balances, Due to/from and Interest Earned
-Revenue and Expense Report for all funds.

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

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

DDA minutes of April 6, 2015

US-41 / M26 Corridor Advisory Team January 8, 2015 & March 12, 2105 minutes

PLWSA March 10, 2015 and April 14, 2015 minutes

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

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

admin report

1. Canal Rocks schedule starts on June 12th.
2. New home is being constructed at 810 Valley View Drive Lot #11.
3. Central States Pension update.
4. Notes from the desk of Amy Keranen re: DEQ Torch Lake.
5. Update on joint business venture between GS engineering and BridgeGuard, Inc.
6. DEQ recycling proposal, was not accepted for funding.
7. MDOT TWA for pothole patching on US41 \$19,664.00.
8. Hancock Tori starts 6-3 and open from 10 am to 2 pm
9. 2016 Water Project financing, May 11th letter of conditions meeting.
Loan \$1,992,000 at 2.125% poverty interest rate; 40 years and Grant of \$1,808,000.
10. Waste Management it now using a company out of Eagle River , Wisconsin for recycling.-The new company wants all materials loose not bagged. When residents use the bags the crew has to open each one and dump in truck. Please use a bin.
11. Siler will be paving Valley View Drive next week. Payment is from the TIFA account.
12. MDOT update on the street scape and reconstruction
- meeting in July to finalize the design.
13. Vollwerth's MEDC grant was approved and can incur costs and hire staff. Looking to hire a 3rd Party Administrator by June 15th.
14. Street sweeping is completed. The whole City has been swept at least once.
15. David Hall – Pedestrian Safety was invited to attend the 5/14 meeting to discuss traffic issues with MDOT. He would like to see push button cross walks to control traffic.

old business

chicken ordinance

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to refer the animal ordinance back to the AdHoc Committee striking the chicken section out of the proposed ordinance. Back to the Council for review within the next two meetings.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

new busines

april 15 a/p

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Tuisku approving the accounts payable for March in the amount of \$152,075.93 and authorizing payment as follows as funds become available.

General	\$32,509.71
Major St.	1,431.50
Transit	2,470.20
Sewer	54,017.12
Water	45,288.87
Motor V	13,868.93
<u>DDA</u>	<u>2,489.60</u>
Total	\$152,075.93

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

add'l checks typed in april

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the additional checks typed in the month of April, in the amount of \$453,277.97 and authorize payment as follows:

Expenses	\$ 74,132.43
<u>Transfers</u>	<u>379,145.54</u>
Total	\$453,277.97

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

scott/elm st. closure

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Hodur to permanently close Scott Street at the Scott/Elm Streets intersection.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: None

No: Councilors Tuisku, Bauman, Hodur, McKenzie, Belej, Slivon and Blau.

Motion Failed.

computer software
upgrade

Proposals:

BS&A	\$48,810	annual fee \$2,430	
Vadim	\$57,386	annual fee \$4,080	* our current company

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej to accept the recommendation of the City Manager to award the new computer software upgrade bid to BS&A in the amount of \$48,810 with an additional annual fee of \$2,430.00.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

naming of the little league
field

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Hodur to name the Little League Field (Field 1) at the Driving Park in memory of William Givens.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

medc income survey

Moved by Councilor Hodur and seconded by Councilor Belej to hire Northern Consultants for \$2500.00 to undertake a low to moderate income study for the downtown area.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

city building onM203

Moved by Councilor Slivon and seconded by Councilor Hodur to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and Community Development sub-committee to raze the City owned house just West of Swedetown Creek on M203.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

winery license

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and Seconded by Councilor Belej approving Resolution #4-15 recommending the application by Gitche Gumeer Ciderworks, Inc, a small winery located at 350 N. Lincoln Drive be approved by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

travel rates

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Hodur to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and Finance and Personnel sub-committee recommendation to adopt the FY 2015 RTPO travel rates for the City of Hancock as follows:

	MI Select Cities	all other MI	out of state select Cities	out of state other
Breakfast	10.25	8.50	13.00	10.25
Lunch	10.25	8.50	13.00	10.25
Dinner	24.50	19.00	25.25	23.50
Lodging	75 +tax	75 +tax	actual w. receipts	actual w. receipts

Group meetings: group lunch \$11.50

Mileage Rates: .56/mile

Incidental costs/day with overnight stay \$5.00

(fees & tips given to porter, bell hops, hotel maids etc.)

Michigan Select Cities:

Ann Arbor

Detroit and all of Wayne County

Mackinac Island

All of Oakland County

Pontiac

Auburn Hill

South Haven

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

mml sault ste. Marie

Moved by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej to authorize travel advance to any Councilor who wishes to attend the MML UP Education Summit in Sault Ste. Marie on June 4th and 5th 2015.

Mary and Lisa will go, Ted is thinking about it. Let the City Manager know.

Yes: All

No: None
Motion Carried.

foreclosed properties
628 ½ W. Water

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and Seconded by Councilor Belej to decline the tax foreclosed house located at 628 ½ W. Water from the Houghton County Treasurer at this time.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried.

liability ins 3 yr. quote

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Hodur to accept the three (3) year property and liability insurance price quote from U.S. Specialty Insurance Company in the amount of \$46,575.00 per year.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried.

dda appointment

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Hodur to appoint Jeff Lang to the Hancock DDA board for a term ending January 31, 2018. Note: Jeff is the new UP Portage CEO.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried.

habanero's request

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Hodur approving the request from Habanero's to place tables and chairs on the sidewalk fronting E. Quincy Street contingent upon naming the City as an additional insured on the liability insurance and approval from the State Liquor Commission.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej that this regular meeting of the Hancock Council be adjourned. Time: 9:12 p.m.

Yes: All:
No: None
Motion Carried.

Lisa McKenzie, Mayor

Karen Haischer, CMC City Clerk