

September 23, 2015
Worksession
6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilor Belej

Also Present: John and Jack Haeussler, Reba Andrews, Mary Lepisto, Bill Marlor, Susan Boxer, Kevin Mackey, Wayne Butler, Kurt Hauglie, Mitch and Mark Markham.

Reviewed and Discussed:

1. Update on the Taxi Ordinance and Rental Ordinance.
 - Current Taxi Ordinance is out of date, either update it or delete it.
 - No enforcement and dysfunctional.
 - All ordinances should be a civil infraction.
 - Property Maintenance Code should be updated.
 - Grass ordinance should be expanded to all of the City and blight ordinance.
 - Rental Units should have inspections. Cost for a new position \$120,000
 - Licensing of Rentals for an annual inspection going forward.

Ordinance sub-committee should meet within the next few weeks.

Public Hearing:

September 23, 2015
7:44 p.m.

Mayor McKenzie called this Public Hearing to order at 7:44 p.m. for the following purpose:

1. Citizen input on proposed Ordinance #291 "An Ordinance to amend Ordinance #273 and amend Ordinance # 198 relating to water charges.
This would increase the water rate from \$6.85 to \$7.85 per 1000 gallons.
Effective with the January 2016 billing.

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

John and Jack Haeussler, Reba Andrews, Mary Lepisto, Bill Marlor, Susan Boxer, Kevin Mackey, Wayne Butler, Kurt Hauglie, Mitch and Mike Markham.

Public Comment:

None

Mayor McKenzie closed this hearing at 7:45 pm

Regular Meeting

September 23, 2015
7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Hancock City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 7:30p.m. with Mayor McKenzie presiding. The United States Flag was honored by all in attendance with the following duly qualified Councilors being present:

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

Absent: Councilor Belej

Moved by Councilor Bauman and seconded by Councilor Tuisku to excuse Councilor Belej from tonight's meeting as he is out of town.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Hodur and seconded by Councilor Bauman to approve the agenda as presented.:

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried.

correspondence

Municipal Civil Infractions – MML
City of Houghton Rental Ordinance
Letter from Mary Lepisto
Letter from Dennis R Siivala
UPPCO Notice of Hearing
Semco Energy Notice of Hearing
Letter from Allyson Jabusch re: Labyrinth Park maintenance
Letter from MSHDA re: CDBG Grant #MSC-2012-0657-HO

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

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried.

guests

Public Comments:

1. Susan Boxer, 326 Navy Street (long time resident)
 - Would like updates on the following:
 - Diving and Swimming at the Navy Street Dock
 - Porvoo Park: loitering at the park and drinking all day. Boats are still tied to the dock and not following the 48 hour rules.
 - What is the mailing for the reassessment about, should have notified the public in advance of the mailing.
 - When are the quarterly reports for the Police, DPW and Fire Departments given.
 - When will the City be ready for automation of payments?

minutes approval

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Hodur approving the minutes of the August 19, 2015 worksession and regular meeting.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried.

reports

Recreation Commission minutes of July 14, 2015
Planning Commission minutes of July 27, 2015
DDA minutes of August 3, 2015
Planning Commission minutes of August 24, 2015
US41/M26 Corridor Advisory Team minutes of July 9, 2015
PLWSA minutes of August 11, 2015

Moved by Council Hodur and seconded by Councilor Tuisku to accept the reports as presented and place them on file.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried.

admin report

1. Lift bridge LED streetlight upgrade project on the Hancock side of the bridge.
2. West Quincy Street electrical upgrade project.
 - 7 buildings need new masthead entrance location front to back.
 - 4 additional major upgrades.
3. BVTP lot #29

- trailer has been removed and area landscaped.
- 4. Barkell Elementary sidewalk update.
 - project has been completed at a total cost of \$28,890.80 (City \$7,840, WUPPDR Grant \$15,000, school \$6050)
- 5. Bond Refinancing rating update.
 - Standard & Poor's rating "A", bonds sold in September, scheduled closing October 7th. Savings to the General Fund \$84,000
- 6. BS&A software update will start in October.
- 7. DEQ Saw Grant application update.
 - ready for round two and hope to get funded.
- 8. MDOT 2016 reconstruct project update.
 - February bid letting and bid award and start construction for full season.
 - May take two summers to complete project (Front St. may be delayed)
- 9. MDOT deposit requirements for project.
 - 3% ad fee to MDOT
 - 15% of the project = \$149,000
 - not reimbursed until the project is complete or hold until completed.
- 10. ATC electric transmission pole relocation project.
 - work in progress
- 11. MEDC update – both positions in the UP are gone.
- 12. UPPCO rate increase. 8.9% residents, 6.77 large commercial; 3.17% small.
- 13. Valley View service extension.
 - segment #2 completed and started #3
 - another new house next summer
- 14. MDOT advance speed limit sign will be installed on the down bound lane on US41 or Quincy Hill.
- 15. Water leak detection this fall cost the City \$8500, but worth the money spent. Detected many problem areas that the City crew is working on.
- 16. TV inspection of 6,000' of sewer interceptor from the Ramada to Navy Street West (SAW grant)
- 17. Porvoo Men's Choir (35-45 men) will be here in Sept/Oct 2017. Plan on using the Calumet Theatre.
- 18. Swedetown middle bridge replacement project update.
 - old bridge was taken down this week.
 - volunteer hours add up to 1700
- 19. MDOT overlook on Quincy Hill - trees
- 20. FU students 25% growth
- 21. Update on the Labyrinth work bee/

old business
mdot crosswalks

MDOT crosswalks and bump out on Hancock Street and 5' bike lane update.
-4 bump outs, could do the work in 2017.
-State will bid out the project for next year.
No action taken.

ordinance #291

Moved by Councilor Slivon and seconded by Councilor Tuisku adopting Ordinance #291 as follows and authorizing publication in the Daily Mining Gazette:

CITY OF HANCOCK
ORDINANCE # 291

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 273 AND AMEND ORDINANCE 198 RELATING TO WATER CHARGES .

THE CITY OF HANCOCK ORDAINS:

Part B. METER CHARGE IN ADDITION TO THE SERVICE CHARGE SHALL BE:

Section 1. The water rate shall be \$7.85 per one thousand (1000) gallons of metered water. However, the minimum bill shall be \$7.85 per month.

Section 2. This rate increase will commence with the January, 2016 utility billing.

Section 3. Publication and Effective Date.

This ordinance was introduced by the City Council of the City of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan on the 19th day of August, 2015.

This ordinance was adopted/enacted by the City Council of the City of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan on the 23rd day of September, 2106.

This ordinance shall take effect 30 days from the date of adoption according to the Hancock City Charter.

Effective date: October 23, 2016.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: Councilor Blau

Motion Carried.

new business
august 15 a/p

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Hodur approving the accounts payable for August 2015 in the amount of \$183,324.06 and authorizing payment as follows as funds become available.

General	\$53,986.88
Major St.	18,573.05
Transit	2,372.52
Sewer	54,245.92
Water	37,053.49
Motor V	16,215.20
<u>DDA</u>	<u>877.00</u>
Total	\$183,324.06

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

add'l checks typed in august

Moved by Councilor Hodur and seconded by Councilor Tuisku approving the additional checks typed in the month of August, in the amount of \$4,934,745.63 and authorize payment as follows:

Expenses	\$ 166,267.27
<u>Transfers</u>	<u>4,768,478.36</u>
Total	\$4,934,745.63

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

rec appointment

Moved by Councilor Hodur and seconded by Councilor Tuisku to appoint John Haeussler to the Hancock Recreation Commission.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

national byway
front st wall

Moved by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Bauman approving the additional wording on the Front Street wall as follows:

.....and the Copper Country National Byway..... along with their logo.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

driving park project

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Hodur approving the Driving Park hardball field rehab project as presented at a cost not to exceed \$8641.00 (City share)

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

rts charge
rate increase

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Hodur to increase the garbage (RTS) from \$5 to \$6 for city residents effective with the September billing and authorize commercial drop off for recycling.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Hodur to increase the garbage (RTS) from \$15 to \$18 for non-residents.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Hodur that this regular meeting of the Hancock Councilor be adjourned. Time: 8:48 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Lisa McKenzie, Mayor

Karen Haischer, CMC City Clerk