

**CITY OF HANCOCK
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
OF
JANUARY 25, 2016**

The regular monthly Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Lucchesi at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2016 with the following members present: Bob Wenc, Deb Mann, Dave Lucchesi, Tony Wilmers, Clark Korpela, Glenn Anderson, Dan Seguin, Ron Blau and Lisa McKenzie.

Absent:

Guests: None

It was moved by Wilmers and seconded by Wenc to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by McKenzie and seconded by Seguin to approve the December 7, 2015 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Updates/Information

-Reviewed the November 13, 2015 US41/M26 corridor minutes

-Reviewed the January 14, 2016 US41/M26 corridor minutes

-Noted that the City received approval from Rural Development dated January 8, 2016 on the \$2.3 million water distribution project plans, and expects to have the plans out for contractors to bid on by the end of February.

-The DEQ approved the \$2.3 million water project plans dated November 16, 2015.

-Reviewed the MTU Student Executive Summary on waste and recycling programs in Hancock and Houghton.

-Reviewed the FY 17 Transit operating grant requests from the State and Federal Government

-Reviewed the Heikinpaiva 2016 schedule of events, including a visit by Finland's New York Consul General, Jukka Pietkainen, who will visit Heikinpaiva events and present awards to John and Pauline Kiltinen.

-Learned that the 9th Annual Barnelopet children's cross country ski race will take place on Sunday, February 8, 2016 at the City Driving Park at 2:00 p.m.

-Heard that Vollwerth's expansion and façade renovation project was 85% complete and 6 of the 10 new jobs have been created.

-Noted that the City Council has a vacancy in Ward II and applications are due at 4p.m. on February 8th.

Page 2.

The Planning Commission reviewed the final MDOT Transportation Alternatives Program grant for this summer's streetscape project. The project includes \$787,664 in federal grant funds, \$262,555 in MDOT grant funds, and a city match of \$262,555.

The Commission noted the City has for sale a 1999 Freightliner fire pumper truck for sale, valued between \$60,000 to \$90,000. The City hopes to sell the used truck to help fund a new 2016 fire pumper truck estimated to cost \$360,000. The City is taking prices for a new truck until February 12th.

The Commission noted the City has applied for a \$19,300 master planning grant from the MI Association of Planning which if awarded would be matched with \$25,700. Dave Lucchesi said it was important for the City to update its 1970's vintage master plan.

Deb Mann mentioned the HB & PA is sponsoring a Valentine's Day skating party at Lourn-Grove from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 14th.

Lisa McKenzie reported that the City in cooperation with Finlandia University is applying for a \$500,000 Art Place America Grant for the Quincy Green water garden/park project.

Dave Lucchesi discussed storm water issues on Anthony Street between Birch and Spruce St.

Glenn Anderson said the Commission may get site plan submittals from Finlandia University for a 30 bed dorm expansion and an indoor sports practice building, along with the M&M Power Sports addition.

It was moved by Blau and seconded by Wenc to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson, Secretary