

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

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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 12<sup>th</sup>.

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 14<sup>th</sup>.

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