

CITY OF HANCOCK  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF  
JULY 25, 2016

The regular monthly Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Lucchesi at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2016 with the following members present: Bob Wenc, Tony Wilmers, Deb Mann, Dave Lucchesi, Dan Seguin, Clark Korpela, Ron Blau and Glenn Anderson

Absent: Lisa McKenzie

Guests: Glenn Barna

It was moved by Blau and seconded by Seguin to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Mann and seconded by Seguin to approve the June 27, 2016 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Updates/Information

-Received an update on the \$7.1 million Quincy Street reconstruct project. Paving of the 200 and 300 blocks are expected on July 29<sup>th</sup>, and the 200 block sidewalk work should be completed also by July 29<sup>th</sup>. Water main work has started in the 400 block.

-Heard the \$2.1 million water distribution improvement project has completed one block each of Tezcucu Street and Mine Street, and that Bill Siler Contracting was working on Wright Street starting on the West end by Ryan Street

-Heard the SAW grant storm sewer field data collection was done, and about 50% of the sanitary sewer field data has been completed.

-Heard the M & M Power Sports expansion project was underway, and the new trusses were installed over the shop bay.

-Reviewed the Sept. recyclable changes that will be implemented by Waste Management with a tentative start date of Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.

-Learned that the Portage Health Foundation recently gave Finlandia University a \$235,000 grant for science lab upgrades and in 2017 another planned gift will be forthcoming toward the renovations needed for the College of Health Sciences building (the old middle school building).

-Heard both MTU & FU are expecting increases in freshmen this fall.

-MTU is considering changing the strategic goal of students from 8,500 for 2025 to 10,000 students for 2045.

-Heard a new house permit was issued for 790 Valley View Drive.

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- Reviewed Blue Terra Energy LLC Efficiency United Programs available for small businesses.
- Heard that the annual Parade of Nations will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Noted that the KNHP has a new Superintendent, Wyndeth Davis.
- Heard that McAfee Field will be the site of this years Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> Relay for Life event sponsored by the American Cancer Society, from 4pm to midnight.
- Heard the HCMCF project bid date is now expected to be in September.
- Heard FU is adding a degree program in Health Information Mgt. and Marketing and Graphics Design.
- Heard FU is launching an on-line 2 year Bachelor of Nursing degree for a fixed price of \$15,000.
- Heard that over 1,500 people attended the July 15<sup>th</sup> Key Ingredient event.

The Planning Commission reviewed downtown winter parking spaces available for rental. Last winter was the first time all the available slots were taken.

Dave Lucchesi encouraged the City to continue promoting downtown businesses both now while Quincy St. is under construction but also when the project is complete.

The Commission reviewed a sealed site plan for a 36' x 64' addition, 2,304 sq. ft. onto the existing 60' x 64' IR Telemetrics, Inc. building located at 1780 Birch St. The project would have an addition on the South side of the existing building. The addition would have the same pitched roof line as the existing building, and have an open truss system for a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor over a portion of the addition. IR Telemetrics, Inc. employs 15, and the new addition will allow the company to add four to five new employees. The property is zoned Industrial and the 21' south setback, the 46' east set back and the 57' west set back exceeds the minimum required setbacks.

It was moved by Mann and seconded by Korpela to approve the site plan for a 36' x 64' addition onto an existing 64' x 60' building owned by IR Telemetrics, Inc., 1780 Birch St.

AYES: All  
NAYES: None  
Motion Carried

It was moved by Blau and seconded by Wilmers to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

AYES: All  
NAYES: None  
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson, Secretary

