

September 21, 2016
Worksession
6:30 p.m.

Present: Councilors Tuisku, Bauman, Markkanen, McKenzie, Belej, Slivon and Blau
Absent: None

Also present: Manager Glenn Anderson, City Clerk Karen Haischer, Rick Allen, Bill Marlor, John Haeussler, Wayne Butler and Chrissy Gerhart.

Guests: Michele and Steve LaCourt, Darick Coponen and Wife, Kurt Hauglie, Allyison Jabusch, Traci Williams, Rob Stites, David Outinen, Angela Stites, Dave and JoAnn Masters, Carol Freeman, Mitch Lake, Mary Ann Schulze and Jordan.

Reviewed and Discussed:

1. Finlandia Center, social 9-22-16
2. MTU announcement 2025 to have 10,000 students.
-housing will be needed in Hancock and Houghton
3. New Restaurant coming to town in November La Cantina
4. Jim's Pizza has new owners.
-plan to re-open
-owners live upstairs.
5. Loading Zone is looking for a liquor license
6. Hancock has a new bench partially donated in honor of Rob Sintkowski.
7. Tori Market did not have a good year because of the construction.
8. Cypress Manor was sold and now goes by the name of Lighthouse-Hancock.
9. New taxi company is opening up but haven't closed the deal yet.
10. Update on the Front Street road construction.
-No Bridgfest Parade through Hancock next year.
11. MDOT bidding out crosswalk bump outs on Hancock Street next month. Construction next year.
12. Special joint meeting with Houghton for the SmartZone 15 year extension at the Lakeshore Building. Review and adopt the plan.
13. Union contracts are up for renewal, Teamsters, POAM and AFSCME.
14. New Patrol rifle and shot gun were received. Cost \$1600
15. Hancock/Houghton joint training tonight with the Fire Departments.
-Houghton ordered a new Ariel truck.
16. Update on the Cider works at 350 N. Lincoln Dr. 3000 bottles this year.
17. Fire Truck Update.
-Fire Department paid \$10,000 to the City towards the new truck.
18. Allyson Jabusch has been volunteering her time at the Labyrinth.
19. Swedetown Corridor Update.
-Maasto Hiihto on for the winter.
-More property could open up year round 12.5 acres
-Owners are now interested in selling some of their property
-Acquisition Grant application is due April 1st
-Paul Tomasi is interested in participating
20. Documentary on domestic violence – Wiitanen case in 1976
21. Grader/Loader for snow removal.
-lease or purchase
-looking to lease for 5 years
20. John Slivon –LED for streetlights.

Special Presentation:

Lifesaving awards for Police Corporal Robert Stites, Officer Darick Coponen and Officer David Outinen, presented by Chief Butler.

Service Resolution for David Masters for 40 years of service to the Hancock Fire Department.

Regular Meeting
September 21, 2016
7:39 p.m.

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 7:39 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 Blau, Slivon, Belej, McKenzie, Markkanen, Bauman and Tuisku.
Absent: None

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Tuisku to amend the agenda for the September 21, 2016 meeting as follows:

New Business – add #9 Transit Bus

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

correspondence

Paivi Mikola and Hannimari Heino Exhibit 9-22 to 10-15, 2016 Finlandia University Gallery

The Salvation Army Red Kettle Stand

E-mail from Hans Lechner re: Scott Street

Letter from Linda Burcar re: Hancock Street

E-mail from Dolores Kilpela re: master plan

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

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

guests

Public Comments:

1. Mary Ann and Jordan re: LSPR (Lake Superior Performance Rally)
October 13-15, 2016 Houghton-Sidnaw-L'Anse
Round 8 of the Rally America National Schedule
Staging area downtown Houghton waterfront and Hancock Fair Grounds
Need about 250 volunteers
2. John Haeussler, 1203 Portage Dr.
WUPPDR – Bill Cook MSU Extension, why heat with wood
Traffic flow on 41
MDOT deemed it feasible, ball in the City's court
3. Susan Burack, 103 Quincy Street
Is City Hall recycling?

minutes approval

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman approving the minutes of the August 17, 2016 worksession and regular meeting as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

reports

DDA minutes of August 1, 2016

PLWSA minutes of August 9, 2016

US41-M26 Corridor Advisory Team minutes of 9-8-16

Moved by Council Belej 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. Porvoo visiting Artist Reception on Thursday.
2. MERS Update.
 - assumption 8% to 7.75%
 - mortality table longer life
 - 15 year amortization as 30 down to 15
 - more unfunded liability
3. UPPCO power pole-City was working on sanitary storm sewer on Quincy Hill and Hit the pole.
4. Trash and Recycling Update.
 - going smoothly
 - fewer complaints than last week
 - downtown pick up starts a 9am
 - recycling was 9 tons in two week (picking up glass which is heavier)
5. State Shared Revenue lawsuit
6. New storm outlet pipe, foot of Forest Street was installed.
7. 2017 Small Urban Grant update (\$187,500)
8. Vollwerth's job creation and grant update.
 - Needed 10 new jobs, created 12
 - on site visit is scheduled for 9-22-16.
9. SAW Grant update.
 - collected GPS from 730 sanitary sewers – 100% Grant televising in October will be completed next summer.
 - Storm Sewer – 1510 catch basins still televising until next summer City share 25% match
10. Water project update.
 - 1500 meters (1150 have been changed out to the new Sensus meter) Hyrkas
 - Siler is working on water mains Summit, Fourth and Maple Streets. Paved
 - Roberts Street (6" or 8" water main).
11. Quincy Street Project Update.
 - working at the intersection of Quincy/US41/S. Lincoln.
 - connecting water main to Scallon Street MDOT bore under street.
 - may start work under the bridge this fall.
 - ran out of pavers had to put in another order, should be in within a few weeks.
 - putting up temporary lighting in the downtown area.
 - sidewalk work is going well. They are replacing some sidewalk because of quality issues.
 - retaining wall under the bridge is completed.

old business

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman approving the accounts payable for July additional checks typed in the amount of \$268,903.95.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

new business august a/p

Moved by Councilor Bauman and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the accounts payable for August, 2016 in the amount of \$219,478.69 and authorize payment as funds become available.

General	\$48,877.79
Major	52,619.60
Local	337.50
Parking M	421.62
Transit	2,927.65
Sewer	61,271.62
Water	40,873.12
Emp Ben	315.01
MV	10,383.79
DDA	1,451.00
Total	\$219,478.69

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Blau, Slivon, Belej, McKenzie, Markkanen, Bauman and Tuisku

No: None

Motion Carried.

add'l checks typed in august

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the additional checks typed in the month of August, in the amount of \$2,236,198.41 and authorize payment as follows:

Expenses \$ 161,796.52

Transfers 2,074,401.89

Total \$2,236,198.41

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

rd water pay request #5
\$382,886.11

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej approving a RD Water Project pay request #5 in the amount of \$1,007,228.69 and authorizing payment when funds become available.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

saw grant #3
\$13,449.37

Moved by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej approving SAW Grant pay request #3 in the amount of \$13,449.37 and authorizing payment when funds become available.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

resolution #20-16
dave masters resolution

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Tuisku approving and adopting Resolution #20-16 "Honoring the 40 years of service to the Hancock Fire Department of David (Dave) Masters.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

resolution #22-16

mdot master agreement

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Tuisku approving and adopting Resolution #22-16 "Master Agreement Resolution with MDOT for Five years Agreement #2017-0059.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

spruce haven lots

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej to list the 14 -15 Spruce Haven lots with the Wickley Agency for a 7% commission rate.

Marketing plan would include placing signs on lots for sale, taking photographs of the lots, list properties on MLS, prepare a property brief, coordinate showings, internet marketing, monthly progress report and updates.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

grader lease

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman approving a lease for a grader for five years with a trade in of an old grader for \$12,000.00 and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the documents.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Tuisku, Bauman, Markkanen, McKenzie, Belej, Slivon and Blau

No: None

Motion Carried.

transit bus

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Tuisku approving the purchase of a new Champion bus from Mobility Transportation in the amount of \$75,225.00 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the documents.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilor Blau, Slivon, Belej, McKenzie, Markkanen, Bauman and Tuisku.

No: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Blau that this regular meeting of the Hancock Council be adjourned. Time: 8:50 p.m.

Yes: All:

No: None

Motion Carried.

Lisa McKenzie, Mayor

Karen Haischer, CMC City Clerk