

CITY OF HANCOCK
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
OF OCTOBER 24, 2016

The regular monthly Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Lucchesi at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2016 with the following members present: Lisa McKenzie, Deb Mann, Clark Korpela, Tony Wilmers, Dave Lucchesi and Glenn Anderson

Absent: Ron Blau, Bob Wenc and Dan Seguin

Guests: None

It was moved by Mann and seconded by Korpela to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by McKenzie and seconded by Wilmers to approve the September 26, 2016 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

There were no public comments.

Updates/Information

-Heard the City Council has accepted a tax foreclosed property from the County Treasurer's office for free at 805 Warren St., the former Wallman property, parcel # 31-051-401-023-00. The City plans to demolish the blighted property

-Heard the City Council has scheduled a public hearing for November 16th on a city charter Section 11.9 hazards and nuisances for a damaged house located at 730 Elm St., owned by James Stopel. The front North basement concrete block wall washed out in an early spring rain event, and no repair action has been started by either the owner or mortgage company.

-Learned that the new \$358,519 Freightliner Pumper fire truck should be delivered in December or early January. The commission looked at recent fabrication photos.

-Heard that 1 block each of Summit St. and Fourth St. were paved, and the new water main and services were now completed by the Contractor Bill Siler Contracting, and that he will continue working on replacing hydrants and valves into November.

-Received an update on the Quincy Street reconstruct project and that work should be done for the season by November 4th. On Friday, October 21, 52 construction workers from 10 sub contractors were working on Quincy Street.

-heard the City has secured another \$187,500 MDOT Small Urban grant for downtown side street paving for 2018.

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- Reviewed a Coast Guard order allowing MDOT to not operate the lift bridge from midnight to 4 a.m., unless a 2-hour advance notice is received. This will allow MDOT not to have a bridge tender working during the 4 hour period
- Reviewed a COE/DEQ permit application from Roger Moyle for a new dock located at 2150 Jasberg St. (M203, the dock will be 42” long and 24’ wide and layed out as an L.
- Heard the City campground had a record year, with over 5,000 camping days and revenue exceeding \$102,000.
- Heard the November 8th election will have a new .8 mill parks & recreational millage which if passed would generate \$86,000 for each of the 5 years for capital investment.
- heard the 2017 Small Urban paving final project application for White Street and one block of Reservation St. will be submitted by OHM Advisors to MDOT on October 31st, which should get a MDOT bid date in late winter
- Reviewed the DEQ Fall 2016 Torch Lake newsletter.
- Reviewed the list of the 15 high tech firms now located in the City, up from one firm 20 years ago.
- Heard M & M Power Sports has started framing work on the new showroom addition on Navy St
- Heard Hancock was listed as the 76th safest college town in America by Lendedu.com

The Commission reviewed the 36 page draft resiliency section of the new Master Plan prepared by LIAA & OHM Advisors.

The Commission heard the next Master Plan steering committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m. at OHM’s Hancock Office, 424 Hancock Street.

The Commission heard that Bacco Construction Company was the low bidder for the MDOT 2017 bump out project on Hancock Street. MDOT will construct pedestrian bump outs on the North side of Hancock Street at Tezcuco St., Ravine St., Montezuma St. and Dakota Streets.

The Commission reviewed the new State law significantly expanding medial marihuana facilities. Under the new law, local governments can choose to allow the new facilities, and then charge for the application on our annual basis.

It was moved by McKenzie and seconded by Mann to cancel the November 28th meeting and reschedule the December meeting to Monday, December 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Deb Mann was thanked for organizing over 260 participants in the October 22nd “Make a Difference Day”, mostly MTU & FU college students.

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Lisa McKenzie asked for volunteers to help her look at the water street hillside landscaping. Both Deb Mann and Clark Korpela agreed to help her on this project.

Dave Lucchesi encouraged the City DPW Crew to be careful this winter to protect the new streetscape plantings.

Dave Lucchesi suggested the City increase its downtown marketing efforts now that the reconstruct project is almost complete.

The Commission agreed to review City ordinances at the December 5th meeting related to code enforcement.

It was moved by Korpela and seconded by McKenzie to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary