

CITY OF HANCOCK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2017

6:30 P.M.
Worksession

Present: Councilors Labine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Haeussler
Absent: Councilors: None

1. Review and discuss agenda items
 - Introduction of Katie Draves as the Deputy Treasurer
 - Chief Butler is on vacation for the remainder of the week
 - Finnish Ambassador reception 5:00 pm tomorrow at Finnish Heritage Center.
 - John Tuovila had a heart attack a couple of weeks ago, returning on July 10th.
 - County Commissioners informally raised the idea of giving or selling Houghton County Arena to the City of Hancock. This discussion has been put on hold until further notice.
 - Continue to monitor fire damage at 1510 Anthony Street. Auto Owners Insurance has determined it is a total loss. The City will have 25% of the proceeds to put in escrow until the future of the property is determined.
 - Andy Lahti is interested in purchasing property that the City owns, which was originally purchased for a technology park. Glenn suggested a committee to meet with Andy Lahti to discuss his possible plans.
 - Speedbumps on Scott Street review after 30 days to be added to the agenda.
 - Mayor McKenzie had a resident stop by her house and talk to her about the communication regarding construction work on M203. They weren't given notice about the concrete work that was done and water service interruption.
 - White Street completed by end of July, possible paving week of July 16th.
 - Budget item for UPSET considering \$10,000 contribution. Consider amount to be given to the police department for upgrades. No consideration for additional full -time police officer for the City of Hancock.
 - Recreation committee will be asking the bike and pedestrian committee for input on the new bike signs in the next couple of months.
 - There have been positive comments about the speed bumps on Scott Street.

- Beautification crew has been working in multiple areas in the City along with the planters along Quincy Street. Everything looks great.
- Councilor Haeussler thanked Deb Mann for writing another grant for Larn Grove dashboards.
- Trees for North Lincoln Drive are still in the works and we are working with the vendor to keep the project moving.
- Paul from Jim's Pizza would like to have a bench put in the front of his restaurant. Glenn will be ordering 3 new benches to accommodate business requests. The restaurant will be opening in late July.

7:30 P.M.

Public Hearings

Public Hearing on FY 17/18 Fiscal Year Budget with \$7,958,150 in revenue and \$7,441,347 in expenses call to order at 7:35 p.m..

- Susan Burack: Nothing budgeted for the streetscape in this year's budget. Glenn responded, it is in the DDA budget.
- John Zurcher: Money needs to be set aside for upkeep of the cemetery in the budget. Blacktop in the area between the old and new, and in the future, blacktop roads that connect to this area.
- Allyson Jabusch: Employee did an excellent job cutting back grass on Hancock Avenue. Pocket parks need to be maintained, put a line item in the budget for this work. Maybe hire additional youth to help keep up with this type of work.

Mayor McKenzie closed public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Public Hearing on MEDC Grant #MSC-215003-CDF close out call to order at 7:40 p.m.

- Jerry Wuorenmaa of WUPPHR – Vollwerth's exceeded the goal for job creation for this grant with over 10 jobs created.
- It was used for façade, fleet, production equipment, office
- CDBG – \$176,000 grant, City of Hancock \$10,000, Vollwerth contributed over \$315,000.

Mayor McKenzie closed public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Public Hearing on White Street traffic call to order at 7:44 p.m.

- Mayor Mackenzie shared communication from the following citizens:
 - Michelle Bourdieu would like it to stay one way for safety reasons.
 - Lauren Britz Clark would like to have White Street two ways. Also in favor of the speed bumps on Scott Street.
 - Cindy Simonson in favor of White Street going back to two ways.

- Faye Marion – in favor of White Street going back to two ways.
 - Pat Toczydlowski - would like it to stay one way for safety reasons.
 - Mary Lepisto – in favor of White Street going back to two ways.
- Deb Mann – In favor of White Street staying one way due to safety reasons and the narrowness of the street
 - Tom Vichich – In favor of finding the real problem and the unintended consequences to any proposed solutions.
 - Mary Nominelli – Would like to have two-way traffic on every street, for all people moving around the City. In favor of White Street going back to two way.
 - Becky Bruin-Slot – White Street should be back to two-way traffic because residents of East Hancock must take a round-about way to get home.
 - Jerry Wuorenmaa - Agrees with Deb Mann’s comments about White Street.
 - Rob Stites – In favor of White Street staying one way in order to keep accident numbers down.
 - Bill Deephouse – Would like to have to White Street go back to two-way traffic because of the negative impact it has had on businesses on Quincy Street
 - Terri Monson - Owns a rental property on Wright Street, prefers to keep it one way for safety reasons.
 - Jeanette Robertson - Prefers to have two-way traffic on White Street.
 - John Rosemergy – Consider two-way traffic and enforce speed limit.
 - Dorothy Jamison – In favor of a two-way White Street in order to decrease on smaller, narrower streets.
 - Pete Rynes – is in favor of a one way White Street in order to keep traffic levels down.
 - Susan Burack - White Street is a City Street which we pay for and US 41 is maintained by the State. Need to have some vision when making this decision.
 - Susan Boxer – Wants a professional traffic study to be done before any changes are made.
 - Hans Lechner - in favor of two-way Street. Majority of displaced traffic is now going down Scott Street.
 - Jason Somnerville - Consider local traffic only signs or break White Street in half.
 - Cindy Figures - in favor of two way maybe 1 way in the winter.
 - Kayla Holmstrom - Would like it to go back to two-way traffic and enforcing the speed limit.
 - Barbara Beauchamp – Wants to see some decisions being made about the wall holding up White Street before making any decisions about traffic flow.
 - Allyson Jabucsh – wants it one way due to the retaining wall and guard rail.
 - Mike Bonini of Quincy Township Fire Department - concern if there is a fire at D&N building which could cause a closure of Hancock and Quincy Street.
 - John Zurcher - There are many underground springs coming from the lookout and many other locations in the City.

Mayor McKenzie closed public hearing at 8:38 p.m.

Welcome John Haeussler as At-Large City Council member for a term ending in November 2018.

Regular Meeting

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call and verification of quorum

Review and approval of agenda – additional item to old business –motion to extension duration until winter for the speed bumps on Scott Street.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to move discussion of White Street traffic flow to 1st item on agenda.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

Communications

Review correspondence

Veterans of Affairs/Julie Le Court - Intent to lease space at 787 Market St.

Mary Lepisto – White Street

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

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment

- Susan Burack – Art class is decorating old hardware store windows for Key Ingredients.
- Allyson Jabusch – Medical Marijuana issue: upset that the City didn't vote on the issue of Medical marijuana. It is prescribed for many diseases, please do personal research on this topic. Paul LaBine stated that the State of Michigan hasn't made a determination on this topic.
- Judy Lukkonen – Maple Street, retired nurse and would like the City to keep researching the medical marijuana issue. Many medical benefits.

Review and approval of minutes

Moved by Councilor Seguin and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the minutes of special meetings.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Seguin to approve the minutes for the regular city council meeting on May 17, 2017

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

Recess

Moved by Councilor LaBine and seconded by Councilor Bauman to recess until 8:50 p.m.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

Administrative Report

1. Portage Paddle Sports-Hancock Beach

New concession operator – offers rental of paddle boards, kayak, float tubes

2. Update on City Projects

- White St. repaving
 - Our crew just completed sidewalk work, after Bill Siler completed their portion. Hebert will be working on ADA ramps and then Payne and Dolan will be paving. Project should be completed by middle of July.
- SAW Grant Update
 - 32% still needs to be completed. 50% have been cleaned and 25% televised. Project completion by end of July.
- Water project update
 - Bill Siler almost done and restoration work is no completed. Ingot and Elevation Street water replacement valve work for 2 to 3 weeks.
 - Project completion by middle of July

- MDOT Hancock St. bump out project
 - Work completed on bump out project.
 - MDOT Front St. project
 - Mid July work should be completed, underpass is completed.
 - Fire Hall re-roofing project
 - Preconstruction meeting completed. Lakes States Roofing is the contractor should be completed in 3 weeks.
3. FinnTeresting Hancock decals:
 - 20 locations around the City of Hancock
 4. Juhannus 2017 schedule:
 - Saturday City of Hancock
 - Toivola Bonfire
 5. No July DDA meeting
 6. Recycling update
 - 28% recyclables
 7. DPW Project Update
 - White St. preparation
 - Campus Dr. West
 - Terrace Park parking lot made this year.
 8. MNRTF Grant Update
 - Beach Pier
 9. MEDC Grant transfer successful
 - Location change from 101 Quincy Street to 112 Quincy Street.
 10. City assessment review follow up
 - Tax commission will be reviewing the tax assessment process for compliance.
 11. Office credit card update
 - We will be taking credit cards for taxes and utilities online and in person.
 - There is a fee for using a credit card.
 12. July 14th Key Ingredients Event
 - Bands will be at different locations around the City
 - Many restaurants will be participating this year.
 13. May 20th Beach Cleanup report

- AmeriCorps a success, very organized, job well done.
14. 42nd Annual Canal Run, July 15th
- 800/900 participants
15. Hancock Beautification Committee Start up
- City pays material, no labor cost
 - New duplex will be constructed by Wuebben construction. The project will be called Edgewood.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion to extend speed bumps on Scott Street until winter. Mostly good comments about the speed bumps.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Seguin to approve the extension for speed bumps on Scott Street until winter.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

1. Move Administrative Reports Discuss and consider White Street options.
Motion to table and decision to vote on White Street
 - Councilor McKenzie - White Street isn't built to carry that amount of traffic needed for it to be two-way.
 - OHM provided an estimate of 1.7 to 1.9 million dollars to reconstruct of White Street to handle 2-way traffic. The estimate doesn't include the retaining wall portion of the work.
 - Bill Marlcor and Glenn Anderson looked at the retaining wall each year and have done maintenance on it. There is a major storm drain that runs under White Street and has been there 100 years.
 - Councilor Blau would like to see it go to a vote. There is a problem with White Street that shouldn't be ignored. Put the decision to the residents.
 - Councilor LaBine asked about having a traffic study done to see if two way it's feasible.
 - Councilor Haeussler - The City maintains White Street mostly for cars that are not City of Hancock residents. It would be great if we could limit White Street to local traffic only. In simple terms it seems like residents want White Street one way for safety and two-way for convenience.
 - Councilor Seguin - first thought a one way on White Street was inconvenient, but now has become accustomed to it but prefers it two ways.

- Ted Belej - trifecta of events: original for safety, construction last year and bridge construction this year. It's not a good time to evaluate this issue.

Moved by Councilor Haeussler and seconded by Councilor Seguin to table discussion and vote on White Street.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

2. Consider approval of current accounts payable

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to approve the current accounts payable in the amount of \$29,407.44.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

3. Consider approval of checks processed for the month.

Moved by Councilor Bauman and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the current accounts payable in the amount of \$290,677.94.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

4. Consider adoption resolution approving the FY 17/18 budget and setting operational and special millage

Moved by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the FY17/18 budget and set the operational and special millage.

John Haeussler would like to see a line item to pay down the unfunded liabilities for the union retirement program.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

5. Consider adoption of budget amendments for FY 16/17 with \$7,997,919 in revenue and \$7,625,812 in expenses

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Seguin to approve the budget amendments for FY16/17 with revenue of \$7,997,919 and expenses \$7,625,812.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Haeussler

No: None
Motion Carried

6. Consider motion to refuse tax foreclosed property located at 205 Michigan Ave. and 1108 Park Ave.

Moved by Councilor Haeussler and seconded by Councilor Belej to refuse the tax foreclosure property located at 205 Michigan Avenue and 1108 Park Avenue.

Yes: All:
No: None
Motion Carried

7. Consider approval of DEQ SAW Grant pay request #10 for \$39,817.78

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor LaBine to approve DEQ SAW Grant pay request #10 in the amount of \$39,817.78.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Haeussler
No: None
Motion Carried

8. Consider approval of water project pay request #13 for \$225,541.99

Moved by Councilor Haeussler and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve water project pay request #13 in the amount of \$225,541.99.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Haeussler
No: None
Motion Carried

9. Consider approval of water project change order #3 for Bill Siler Contracting for \$62,076.70

Moved by Councilor LaBine and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve water project change order #3 for Bill Siler Contracting for \$62,076.70.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Haeussler
No: None
Motion Carried

10. Consider approval of KEDA/MTEC grant support resolution.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to approve KEDA/MTEC grant resolution.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Haeussler
No: None
Motion Carried

11. Consider motion to accept Keweenaw Community Foundation grant of \$3,000 for Lauren Grove dasher board upgrade.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to accept the Keweenaw Community Foundation grant of \$3,000 for Laurn Grove dash board upgrade.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

12. Consider motion to accept Clark Korpela's resignation from the Planning Commission with regret.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Blau to accept Clark Korpela's resignation form the Planning Commission.

Yes – 6

No – 1

Motion Carries

FINAL COMMENTS

- 60th Annual Guts Frisbee tournament, weekend of July 7th
- Paul LaBine: good discussion, thank you everyone for participating
 - Belej concurred
 - Seguin concurred
- Joe Bauman: thank you for being proactive and coming in to voice your opinion.
- John Haeussler: thanks to the Council for letting me serve on the City Council.
- Mayor McKenzie: thank you for the discussion and we will continue to talk about White Street and think outside the box.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to adjourn.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carries

BUDGET ADOPTION RESOLUTION #17-12

City of Hancock Financial Plan

2017/2018

Adopted June 21, 2017

Pursuant to the laws of the State of Michigan governing Home Rule Cities, the State Budget Act, and the City Charter, the following Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, is hereby submitted for adoption;

Whereas, it has been determined that the attached (revenues) Property Taxes, State Shared Revenues, Rates, Charges and Transfers shall be available and necessary for the 2017-2018 Budget Year, and

Furthermore, it is ordered that the attached level of expenditures are approved for each of the below Activities and Funds;

It is further ordered that the City Council approve the required millage rate of 13.3731 for the General Fund and .7777 for the Fire Department and .80 for recreational improvements for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 for a total levy of 14.9508.

It is further ordered that upon setting the City Tax Rate, the City Treasurer shall proceed to collect the sums ordered in accordance with the City Charter and the Laws of the State of Michigan.

Further, it is ordered that the City Manager shall be designated the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Hancock in accordance with the State Uniform Budget Act and shall implement this Financial Plan as adopted or amended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and the State Budget Act.

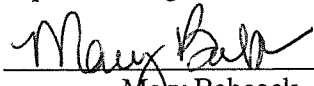
The above Resolution was offered by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Beley to adopt the Budget Resolution presented above for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Yes:

No:

Absent:

I, Mary Babcock, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Budget Resolution #17-12 was duly presented and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held June 21, 2017.



Mary Babcock
City Clerk/Treasurer

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CITY OF HANCOCK

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

WHEREAS, the Michigan Tech Enterprise Corporation (MTEC SmartZone) is proposing a collaborative effort to develop and launch a new “Advanced Material and Manufacturing Process Accelerator” based in Houghton, Michigan focused on proof of concept and commercialization of advanced materials and manufacturing startups and early stage companies (research and development/proof of concept stage; ready for rapid scale/commercialization stage). The proposed Accelerator is a partnership of Michigan Technological University (MTU), MTEC SmartZone, Innovate Marquette (SmartZone Satellite) and the Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance (KEDA); and

WHEREAS, the collaboration will also create a “\$10 million Equity Seed Fund” to support primarily early stage and commercialization entrepreneur companies accepted into the new Accelerator; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Accelerator and Equity Seed Fund will result in new jobs, new businesses and increased and sustainable economic growth for the Western Upper Peninsula of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the MTEC SmartZone is seeking a \$500,000 US Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant to develop, equip, staff, market, coordinate, and operate the proposed Accelerator and a \$300,000 EDA grant to undertake the process necessary to establish the Seed Equity Fund; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hancock Council fully supports the efforts and activities of the collaborative efforts proposed by Michigan Technological University, MTEC SmartZone, Innovate Marquette, and the Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance to assist technology-based proof-of-concept and early stage commercialization companies in Houghton County and the Western UP with the proposed joint accelerator program, and new equity seed fund.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Hancock Council supports the SmartZone’s two applications for EDA funding to implement the proposed Technology Business Accelerator program.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Hancock certifies the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened regular meeting of the City of Hancock Council held on June 21, 2017



Mary Babcock, City Clerk

SEAL

**City of Hancock
Ordinance # 299**

**“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 94 OF TITLE IX OF THE HANCOCK
CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATEING TO FAIR HOUSING-A CIVIL RIGHT”**

THE CITY OF HANCOCK ORDAINS:

Section 1.

A. Chapter 94.01 of Title IX is revoked and the following language inserted:
“94.01 FAIR HOUSING-A CIVIL RIGHT.

(A) The opportunity to obtain housing and other real estate without discrimination because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, marital status, or sexual orientation, as prohibited by the Act 453 of 1976, known as the Elliott-Larson Civil Rights Act, is hereby officially recognized by the City, and declared to be a civil right.

(B) The Michigan Department of Civil Rights is the administrative and investigative agency empowered to enforce the provisions of the Elliott-Larson Civil Rights Act.”

B. Chapter 94.02 of Title IX is revoked and the following language inserted:
“94.02 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE.

Any person so discriminated against may secure the city’s assistance by contracting the CITY OF HANCOCK. If the CITY OF HANCOCK, upon hearing the complaint, determines that such a violation does in fact exist, it may take action, including the following three courses:

(A) Attempt to informally resolve the dispute.

(B) Refer the matter to the City Attorney.

(C) Refer the matter to the Michigan Department of Civil Rights for investigation.”

Section 2. Publication and Effective Date.

This ordinance was introduced by the City Council of the City of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan on the 19th day of April, 2017.

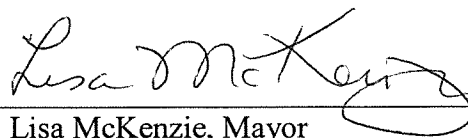
This ordinance was adopted/enacted by the City Council of the City of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan on the 17th day of May, 2017.

This ordinance shall take effect 30 days from the date of adoption according to the Hancock City Charter.

Effective date: 16th day of June, 2017.



Mary Babcock, City Clerk



Lisa McKenzie, Mayor