

CITY OF HANCOCK
Meeting Minutes
OCTOBER 18, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Worksession

Present: Councilors Haeussler, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine and Blau

Absent: Councilors Seguin, Bauman

Also Present: Glenn Anderson, Kevin, Mackey, Wayne Butler, Dave Dow, Rick Allen, Susan Burack, Will Dorman, Wes & Deb Bykkonen

Reviewed and Discussed:

1. Main Street Hancock, Inc a nonprofit corp. requested the money from the City of Hancock's Main Street Hancock bank account. Kevin Mackey is reviewing the information.
2. Paul Gemignani purchased 126 Quincy Street.
3. Dave Mattila currently owns Rock & Dock is a prospective buyer of Superior Sand and Gravel
4. Float plan clearance by the lift bride is 500' unless needed for take off.
5. 326 Quincy Street will be opening as a Vapor Shop
6. E.L. Wright building was purchased by the Koski Brothers, LLC and it will be kept as a mix of commercial and residential.
7. A 3rd end loader will be leased for the winter, more economical than to purchasing.
8. Todd Borke is the internal candidate for the open position in the water department.
9. The water line work on Emma Street is completed. The paving was done on October 12th.
10. Rich Owen purchased 40 acres in 1990's and will be listing it for sale. It is not officially listed at this point
11. The Finlandia Community Group met and was updated on the current enrollment of 430 students. They are also launching a 1.4 million dollar campaign for online teaching package.
12. Update from the UP Managers meeting:
 - No cities are currently going to proceed with medical Marijuana
 - There is legislation in the state house and senate regarding short-term rental properties that would remove zoning control from local governments.
 - There is legislation at the State level to reimburse the municipalities for veteran's exemption from property taxes.
13. The City received bids on Snowblower attachments.
14. The City has been doing monthly shut-off's for delinquent water bills.
15. Osceola Sands is currently used by PLWSA for biosolid waste disposal, area residents are upset.
16. There will be a neighborhood meeting on November 1st for the residents of East Hancock that have concerns about the new Master Plan.

Chief Butler reported the quarterly metrics for the police department. Total complaints/calls total 588 in 2017, there were over 700 in the same quarter last year. Many complaints about parking on the sidewalk. Training scheduled includes active shooter, investigation & prosecution. Completed training includes Dark Web Investigation and Firearm training.

7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Hancock City Council was held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 7:35 with Mayor McKenzie presiding. The United States Flag was honored by all in attendance.

Present: Councilors Haeussler, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine and Blau

Absent: Councilors Seguin, Bauman

Moved by Councilor Belej and supported by Councilor LaBine to excuse Councilor Bauman.

Yes: Haeussler, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Councilor Belej and supported by Councilor Haeussler to excuse Councilor Seguin.

Yes: Haeussler, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

Review and approval of agenda

Moved by Councilor Belej and supported by Councilor LaBine to approve the agenda with no changes.

Yes: Haeussler, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

Special Presentations:

Life Saving Awards were presented to Corporal Jeremy Lassila and Officer Lundy Castro for saving the life of Wes Bykkonen.

Communications

City of Houghton Planning Commission master plan notice.

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

Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment-

Susan Burack – There could be more transparency and review in the master plan development. Includes something in the proposed sign ordinance about obsolete signs.

Dave Dow on storm water damage claim at Dave's BP at 112 Front St. Their insurance would only cover the cost of the damage in the basement. All bills have been submitted to Glenn Anderson .

Review and approval of previous minutes

City Council Minutes 9-19-2017

Yes: Haeussler, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

Reports

Planning Commission Minutes 8-28-2017

Planning Commission Minutes 9-25-2017

Downtown Development Authority Minutes 8-7-2017

Downtown Development Authority Minutes 10-2-2017

PLWSA Minutes 9-12-2017

Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

Administrative Report

1. A notice for the December 11th Public hearing was sent to area Township and Cities.
2. There were 2 bids for the winter plow bids.
Fabick: \$4,210.50
DA MacPherson Blades: \$11,216.88
3. The escrow funds in the amount of \$231,266.00 were released for clean-up of the 1510 Anthony St. The building has been demolished.
4. Audit field work for FY 16/17 is scheduled to begin October 25th or November 1st depending on the Auditor's schedule.
5. DPW replaced the sewer pump on Jasberg St (M203). The old pump was 25 years old.
6. There were 4 locations identified with sewer inflow issues. Repairs were completed on the first location on Navy St.
7. The Dunstan Street storm sewer flow data was amended. MDot ownership of storm pipe on US 41/Front Street in the South Area (A) is 17% and North Area (B) is 20%.
8. Recreation Commission meeting rescheduled from November 14th to November 7th.
9. The results of the MSU MDOT Transit survey that was completed this summer shows customer satisfaction is very high. Riders would like additional evening and weekend hours.
10. Saturday, Oct. 28th is "Make a Difference Day", crews will be working from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in different locations around the city. Terrace, 3rd Street and Porvoo Parks will each be having a new swing set installed.
11. Water project date of August 18th substantial completion.
12. Corey Ericson will be receiving his Eagle Scout award on October 29th at Gloria Dei Church.

Old Business

Moved by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej to accept the bus contract in the amount of \$74,131.00 from Mobility Transportation.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor LaBine to postpone discussion on the sign ordinance.

Yes: Haeussler, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

New Business

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Blau to approve the current account payables in the amount of \$378,415.82 and authorizing payment as follows as funds become available.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Councilor LaBine and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the additional accounts payables in the amount of \$302,051.25.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Haeussler, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor LaBine to approve SAW change order #1 reducing the contract price by \$37,637.73.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor LaBine to approve SAW grant pay request #14 in the amount of \$37,582.80.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Haeussler, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Blau to approve water project pay request #16 in the amount of \$121,858.13

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Councilor LaBine and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the water project engineering amendment #3 with no change in contract price.

Yes: Haeussler, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Councilor Haeussler and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the service agreement with the Portage Lake Multi-Education Services, Inc for public skating.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor LaBine to approve the water asset management plan developed with OHM Advisors.

DEQ requires a plan for water distribution by the end of the year. This is the 1st time this has been required.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Haeussler, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor LaBine to approve the revised Board of Cemetery Trustee and Regulations.

Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to send a letter of congratulations to Corey Ericson for achieving Eagle Scout.

Yes: Haeussler, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

Haeussler inquired on the status of Dave Dow's claim.

An adjustor has been assigned to the claim by our insurance company. They will be investigating the claim in the next couple of weeks.

Belej – Fire Department will be holding a pancake breakfast October 28th at the American Legion.

LaBine – Medical marijuana updated on the proposed process for licensing.

Adjourn

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor LaBine to adjourn the meeting.

Yes: Haeussler, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried