

**CITY OF HANCOCK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, May 16, 2018**

6:30 P.M.

Worksession

- Devin Leonarduzzi will be updating the City of Hancock color brochure.
- Housing market in Hancock is very strong, a seller's market.
- CCISD is renovating 110 E. Quincy Street bus garage area to become classroom space. The bus garage will be relocated to a new facility.
- Joe and Margo Pizzi will be the campground hosts for the summer.
- Bike and Pedestrian wayfinding signs will be going up around the City in the near future.
- Goodwill & CC Recycling Initiative had a successful electronic recycling event. There were over 750 vehicles that brought items.
- Sign Ordinance will be added to the June Agenda.
- Hancock Housing Commission was rated a 92 from HUD, an exceptional performer.
- Purchased a used golf cart for the campground.
- Glenn Anderson will be out of the office May 16th & 17th for the UP City Manager's meeting in Watersmeet.
- Glenn Anderson will be out of the office from June 12th – 15th for the National Transit Association meeting in Pittsburgh.
- June 19th there will be a joint meeting with the City of Houghton at Lakeview Manor.
- Beautification Committee Update:
 - National Honor Society helped prepare the downtown planters for planting.
 - Allyson Jabusch worked with a group of students at the Labyrinth.
 - Sold banners for \$100 to Hancock Business and SNB will be sponsoring the water cart.
- Paul LaBine will be attending the legal conference on Mackinaw Island June 8th & 9th.
- Three signs were requested to honor the State Championship of the Hancock/Houghton ski team. The State Championship Hockey signs will be replaced with the new signs. We are only allowed one sign at a time.
- Mayor McKenzie – The wall as you enter Hancock is missing letters and the tree location needs to be reviewed. Personnel/Finance Committee talked about contracts for the Department Heads and determined that we are not going to do it at this time. Considering a policy that only the City Council could fire them.
- Glenn Anderson – Paul LaBine, Joe Bauman and Tom Vichich will be meeting to discuss the placement of the trees. Council can't have the power to fire the Department Heads because the charter states the City Manager has that power.
- Discussion about City Council member residency in the City of Hancock. Per section 4.8 of the Charter the Council should be the judge of qualifications of council members. It was determined that the Council would request an opinion from the City Attorney about the residency issue.

- Add 2 items to 4-24-2018 Budget meeting:
 - Master Plan
 - Residency

7:30 P.M.

Public Hearing

The public hearing for the proposed sale of 1.83 acres city owned real property at Houghton County Fair Association for \$22,000.00 was called to order at 7:40 P.M.

Rick Freeman of Boston Location, the sitting President of the Houghton County Fair Board.

Owning this property will give them more opportunity for grant funding.

Public Hearing Closed at 7:42

The public hearing for the proposed Rural Development Grant application for up to \$22,000 for the purchase of a new police patrol car was called to order at 7:43 P.M.

No Comment

Public Hearing Closed at 7:44 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call and verification of quorum

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

Absent: Bauman

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Seguin to excuse Councilor Joe Bauman for tonight's meeting.

Yes: Belej

No: Haeussler, Seguin, McKenzie, LaBine, Blau

Motion Failed

Review and approval of agenda

Motion by Councilor Seguin and seconded by Councilor LaBine to approve the agenda with the removal of the master plan under old business.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Moment of Silence for Michael Shanahan a long time resident and business owner in the City of Hancock.

Communications

Public Notice for the Zoning Board of Appeals vacancy

Public Notice for the Board of Review vacancy

Michigan Municipal League – support for Escanaba with Big Box property tax

Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor LaBine to accept and put on file the correspondence as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment

Susan Burack – Scott Building

- Master plan should be considered during the budget process.
- We would be a perfect site for municipal solar energy.
- Recycling should be offered to commercial properties.
- East side of City Hall needs attention.
- Appreciates the email list for residents in the City.

Hancock Business and Professional Association representatives Carol Freeman (Northwoods) & Mary Kaminski (Copper Island Beach Club)

Events held by the HBPA include: Canal Rock, Christmas Walk, Heikinpaiva, Corn Stalks during the fall, Tori horse and trolley

June 6, 2018 HBPA will be holding a Progressive Dinner event starting at 5:00/6:00 p.m. starting at Millie's. Tickets are \$40.00 and available at City Hall & Copper Island Beach Club.

Review and approval of previous minutes

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Seguin to approve the April 11, 2018 meeting minutes.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor LaBine and seconded by Councilor Seguin to approve the April 18, 2018 meeting minutes.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Reports

US41/M26 Corridor Advisory Team March 15, 2018
Planning Commission March 26, 2018
Recreation Commission March 27, 2018
Downtown Development Authority April 2, 2018

Motion by Councilor LaBine and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the meeting minutes and reports as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Jill Lindenberg, Hancock Rotary International Club presented Mayor McKenzie with a donation for the Beach Recreational Pier in the amount of \$2,000.00

Administrative Report

- UP Education Summit will be in Houghton on Thursday, June 7, 2018.
- 2020 MDOT will be placing new curb and gutter on Quincy Hill.
- MDOT will be completing the triennial review this year.
- May 29, 2018 Pipetek will start televising the sewer piping
- Online campground reservation system is now in place.
- Central States Pension is 37.8% funded and has been in the critical status for the last seven years.
- Bids for the 2018 Small Urban Grant are due on 6-1-2018. The work includes portions of East Quincy, Dunstan, Elevation and Water Streets.
- DPW has been working one person short since Joe Pizzi left.
- Vollwerth's final certificate of completion was received from MEDC for project improvement work that was completed.
- Water quality report has been posted and will be published next week in the Gazette.
- Bridgefest will be June 14-17, 2018 and the parade will start in Hancock.
- Canal Rock concert series will start 6-8-2018 at Porvoo Park.
- 417 Quincy Street has submitted an application to be entered into the historic register.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to approve the current accounts payable in the amount of \$315,745.75

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to approve Keweenaw Community Foundation grants for new bike racks and ADA swing set.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor LaBine to authorize the grant application for up to \$22,000 with Rural Development, USDA, for the purchase of a new police patrol car.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Haeussler and seconded by Councilor LaBine to table the sale of the 1.83-acre parcel to the Houghton County Fair board until the land use agreement has been signed.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor LaBine and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve Resolution 18-07 approving the MDOT Contract #17-5581 for \$33,800, payment for the storm sewer repair.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Haeussler and seconded by Councilor LaBine to approve Resolution 18-08 in support of funding maintenance for the National Parks.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Haeussler and seconded by Councilor Seguin to approve Resolution 18-09 in support of historic tax credits.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Seguin to approve Resolution 18-10 approving the MDOT Contract #18-5216 for a Small Urban Repaving Grant of \$187,500.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to schedule a joint City Council meeting with Houghton on Tuesday, June 19th at 6:00 p.m. at Lakeview Manor.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Haeussler and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the Land Use Agreement with the Houghton County Fair Association with changes suggested by Paul LaBine.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej to change the next Budget work session to June 5, 2018 at 6:00 in Council Chambers.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor LaBine to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Lisa McKenzie, Mayor

Mary Babcock, Clerk