

Worksession
March 18, 2009
6:30 p.m.

Present: Councilors Gemignani, McKenzie, Freeman, Laitila, Belej, Slivon and Hainault.

Absent: None

Also present: Manager Anderson, City Clerk Haischer, and DPW Director Doug Hayrynen.

Reviewed and Discussed:

1. St Patrick's Day Parade - Saturday, March 21, 2009 @ 11:30 a.m.
2. PLWSA Treatment Plant
 - suggested to name the plant after Bob Baillod
3. MML article about Hancock and Houghton
4. Police Chief, Mike Beaudoin, on vacation
5. Update on Sutton the dog made NBC news
6. City Manager is working on the 2009/2010 Budget
7. DDA Update
 - finally received the bill from MDOT in the amount of \$128,231.00 for streetscape
 - paid today
8. MDHDA Neighborhood Stabilization
 - 1) Demolish old homes
 - FU has 5 homes
 - one on Summit
 - can be foreclosure homes that are vacant
 - 10-12 homes \$100,000 to \$150,000 application
9. Quincy Smelter \$285,000 in 2009
10. Pat Rouleau is finishing up at the Lurn Grove (painting)
11. COPS Grant Program
 - pre-register for paperwork in April
 - 100% grant
12. Scott Hotel Update
 - 79% full (22 out of 28 units are rented)
 - day to day operations are thru Mike's Office on Elevation Street
 - purchased the James Addition for \$350,000
13. Quincy Haven
 - awarded tax credits
 - difficult to sell tax credits at this time
 - stimulus money will allow federal money to buy tax credits @ \$.85 on the \$1.00
14. BOR finished up on Monday night.
 - Ramada Inn may go to the MTT to protest their assessment
 - paid 3 million
15. MML Update
 - republicans property tax proposal
16. Porvoo Trip Update
 - Leaving Wednesday to the following Monday
 - Phil Johnson will be in Finland and will also attend the celebration
 - cost per person is around \$2500
17. Brent Isaacson (part-time police officer) will be hired as full-time
 - attending evidence tech school in Marquette
 - purchased about \$900 worth of equipment at a 30% discount from Wal-Mart
18. Planning Commission Public Hearing @ 6:00 p.m. March 23rd
 - FU and HCH project - Condon Field
19. Frisbee Tournament will be held at the Driving Park the weekend of July 4th
20. PLWSA Update
 - January /February flows were in favor of the City of Hancock.
21. E-weekly Magazine
 - raise \$60,000 in funds
 - sponsor \$12,000 per year
22. MSHDA
 - foreclosure/abandonment map Hancock 6 to 7
23. Citizens Bank
 - someone is looking at the sandstone building on Hancock Street.

24. City Manager will be in Marquette on Monday and Tuesday next week.

25. MDOT maintenance billing is up to \$221,000

26. DPW Doug Hayrynen monthly report for February, 2009

-Trunkline budget is \$146,000 already billed at \$221,000

Crew has been busy patching potholes with cold patch. Purchased 40 tons from MDOT, Escanaba, winter let runs are up to 103, Lake Street had a main freeze and five homes with frozen pipes, sewer froze on Michigan Street causing damage to the Eagles building. Night crew is out picking up winter sand. May 1st and 2nd spring cleanup. Julio will pickup our scrap metal. Prisoners are sweeping sidewalks. To do list: erosion permit for the old DPW site,

new garbage truck (dealers Schultz, Broadway and Freightliner) Recommendation: Hiel packer \$63,694.00 and truck chassis \$68,990.00 = \$132,193.00. New vehicle for the water fund pickup truck 4x4 GMC or Dodge. Recommendation: GMC

Regular Meeting

March 18, 2009

7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Hancock City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor William Laitila presiding. The United States Flag was honored by all in attendance with the following duly qualified Councilors being present: Councilors Hainault, Slivon, Belej, Laitila, Freeman, McKenzie and Gemignani..

Absent: None

Moved by Councilor Freeman and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the March 18, 2009 Agenda as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

correspondence

Letter from Paulette Archambeau re: use of the chalet for Timber Trails Riding Club shows WUPPDR re: designated as a Regional Clearinghouse

US Senate letter from Carl Levin re: US Postal Service

- letter from the US Postal Service to Senator Levin

Letter from MERS re: MERS retirement system

PLWSA minutes

Letter from Kathy Rainwater re: thank you to City Clerk

Copper Country United Way re: employee donations

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Belej to acknowledge the correspondence as presented and place them on file.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

guests

Public Comment:

1. Peter Gunderson, 933 S. Lincoln Dr. re: Sohlden home on Summit that was destroyed by fire. Concerns: Not good for property values, safety factor, reflects well on the City spirit to clean up property as soon as possible.

2.

minutes approval

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor McKenzie approving the minutes of the February 18, 2009 worksession, public hearing and regular meeting as presented and placing them on file.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

reports

- PLWSA Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
- Hancock Housing Commission minutes of January 21, 2009
- Planning Commission minutes of January 26, 2009
- DDA minutes of February 2, 2009
- HBPA minutes of February 10, 2009
- Financials All Funds
- Dec/Jan Revenue and Expenses
- Dec/Jan Balance Sheet Accounts
- Dec/Jan due to from
- Dec/Jan cash balances
- Dec/Jan interest to date

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor McKenzie to acknowledge the reports as presented and place them on file.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

administrative report

1. Review 2008 Transit Ridership.
2003 to 2008 ridership is up
2. Review 2008 Building Permits.
-Improvement \$ amount = \$1,492,400
-residential construction report
3. MDOT area construction projects.
-2009 Houghton Streetscape, MTU Boulevard project, chip seal 28 (Covington)
-2010 - 2013 repaving Lake Linden to Calumet , M26 Tamarack - Hubbell, Ripley to Dollar Bay.
4. Federal Stimulus Update.
-MDOT Small Urban \$90,000 in addition to \$120,000 (2011)
-Transit Facility additional \$120,000
-HUD Bonds Hancock Housing Commission additional \$146,000
-COPS Grant Program 100% new hire
-MSHDA
-Quincy Haven MSHDA tax credits
-CDBG
5. St Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday, March 21st.
6. The DDA April 6th meeting is cancelled.
7. UPPCO and Asplund crews are out and about in the City (five crews).

old business
transit contract hitch

Bidding Firms:	Score
Integrated Designs, Inc.	281
Hitch/OHM	291
UP Engineers & Architects	280
Committee Recommendation: Hitch/OHM	

Moved by Councilor Slivon and seconded by Councilor Belej approving a professional services contract with Hitch/OHM for the new transit facility design services not to exceed the price of \$49,800.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement between the City and Hitch/OHM with the one correction. **Contract correction:** Page 6. last paragraph 6.4.2Amounts unpaid change forty to **sixty**..... Bid out in June, construct in July and complete by January.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Hainault, Slivon, Belej, Laitila, Freeman, McKenzie and Gemignani.

No: None

Motion Carried.

garbage truck chassis bid
bids

Bidders:

Schultz Equipment, Iron Mountain, MI	International	\$68,499.00
Broadway Auto, Green Bay, WI	Chevrolet	\$68,772.15
Freightliner, Kaukauna, WI	Freightliner	\$69,770.00

DPW Director recommendation: International from Schultz Equipment

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor Freeman approving the bid award for the garbage truck chassis to Schultz Equipment, Iron Mountain, MI in the amount of \$68,499.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Gemignani, McKenzie, Freeman, Laitila, Belej, Slivon and Hainault.

No: None

Motion Carried.

garbage truck rear loader

Bidders:

Bell Equipment Co., Lake Orion, MI	Heil 5000	\$63,694.00
Fredrickson Supply, Wyoming, MI	Leach 2R111	\$61,844.00

DPW Director recommendation: Heil 5000 from Bell Equipment

Moved by Councilor Freeman and seconded by Councilor Hainault approving the bid award for the garbage truck rear loader to Bell Equipment Co., Lake Orion, MI in the amount of \$63,694.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Hainault, Slivon, Belej, Laitila, Freeman, McKenzie and Gemignani.

No: None

Motion Carried.

garbage truck financing

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Freeman approving financing for the new garbage truck to SNB, Hancock, MI. and authorizing the City Manager to execute the lease purchase agreement:

Contract Amount	\$130,000
Length of Contract	6 years
Terms	Annual payments of \$24,799.05 beginning 1 year after purchase
Tax Free Rate	4.00%

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Gemignani, McKenzie, Freeman, Laitila, Belej, Slivon and Hainault.

No: None

Motion Carried.

Additional Information: FY 09/10 City of Hancock Equipment Debt Schedule.

new business
february a/p

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor McKenzie approving the February 2009 accounts payable in the amount of \$100,433.86 and authorizing payment as follows:

General	\$21,327.11
Major	3,388.96
Local	31.46
Transit	2,320.67
Sewer	38,953.74
Water	16,712.91
Motor V	17,699.01
Total	\$100,433.86

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Hainault, Slivon, Belej, Laitila, Freeman, McKenzie and Gemignani.

No: None

Motion Carried.

add'l checks typed in
february

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the additional checks typed in the month of February, 2009 in the amount of \$402,659.09 and authorize payment as follows:

expenses	\$114,616.62
<u>transfers</u>	<u>288,042.47</u>
Total	\$402,659.09

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Gemignani, McKenzie, Freeman, Laitila, Belej, Slivon and Hainault.

No: None

Motion Carried.

resolution 3-09

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Gemignani approving Resolution #3-09 "COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK, March 22 through March 28th, 2009" as follows:

WHEREAS, the western five (5) counties of the Upper Peninsula have an estimated 4, 200 uninsured residents in need of health care services and prescription medications, and **WHEREAS**, more than eight (8) out of ten (10) of the nation's uninsured come from working families, and

WHEREAS, the experience of the Western U.P. Healthcare Access Coalition in leveraging and coordinating health care and prescription drug for the uninsured from medical providers, health care centers and pharmacies and pharmaceutical companies has addressed the needs of 754 uninsured in the five (5) county region since 2005, and

WHEREAS, the Western U. P. Healthcare Access Coalition's goal of 100% access to health care with dignity will result in healthier communities and citizens, and

WHEREAS, March 22nd through March 28th, 2009 has been declared National Cover the Uninsured Week

to raise awareness of the growing need to find ways to cover the health care needs of the uninsured citizens;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, William Laitila Mayor of the City of Hancock declares March 22nd through March 28th, 2009 as COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK to recognize volunteers' and medical providers' support of the ongoing work of the WESTERN U.P. HEALTHCARE ACCESS COALITION on behalf of our uninsured families, friends and neighbors.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

resolution #4-09
snb authorized signatures

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Freeman approving Resolution #4-09 "CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION" for the Parks Round UP Savings Account. Signers on account: Glenn Anderson, Karen Haischer, William Laitila and James Hainault.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

usda rd application
4.2 million

Moved by Councilor Gemignani and seconded by Councilor Hainault authorizing the City Manager to submit two applications to USDA, Rural Development, one for \$4.2 million for a water project and \$4 million for a sewer project. (Stimulus Money)

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Hainault, Slivon, Belej, Laitila, Freeman, McKenzie and Gemignani.

No: None

Motion Carried.

hitch/ohm agreement
engineering for project

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor Belej approving an agreement with Hitch/OHM to prepare a preliminary engineering project and environmental report at an estimated cost of \$75,000.00 for both projects.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Gemignani, McKenzie, Freeman, Laitila, Belej, Slivon and Hainault.

No: None

Motion Carried.

2009 spring clean up

Moved by Councilor Freeman and seconded by Councilor McKenzie setting May 1st and 2nd as spring clean up days in the City of Hancock with curbside leaf pick up on Monday, May 11th and 18th.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

vacate anthony street
public hearing april 8th

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Belej to schedule a special meeting and public hearing for Wednesday, April 8th at 7:30 p.m. to hear and consider a request from Finlandia University and the Hancock Public Schools to vacate a portion of Anthony Street from Spruce Street to Emma Street.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

2008 water project
hitch/ohm billing

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor Freeman approving payment to Hitch/OHM in the amount of \$953.00 for the 2008 Water Construction Project.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Hainault, Slivon, Belej, Laitila, Freeman, McKenzie and Gemignani.

No: None

Motion Carried.

water department
new pick-up truck

Bidders:

Northern Auto, Hancock 2009 1500 4wd Dodge \$22,524.00

Bruno's Motor, Hancock 2009 Sierra 1500 4wd \$23,000.00

Recommendation: DPW Director and Water Department Bruno's Motor at a cost of \$23,000.00

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Freeman approving the purchase of a new 2009 4WD pickup truck for the water department from Bruno's Motor at a cost of \$23,000.00 as recommended by staff.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Gemignani, McKenzie, Freeman, Laitila, Belej, Slivon and Hainault.
No: None
Motion Carried.

hch library donation

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the annual donation to the Hancock Public School Library (for public hours) in the amount of \$1,500.00 as budgeted.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Hainault, Slivon, Belej, Laitila, Freeman, McKenzie and Gemignani.

No: None

Motion Carried.

hancock housing
commission appointment

Applicants:

Thomas Vichich

John Haeussler

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Mr. John Haeussler to the Hancock Housing Commission for a term ending 12-31-2010.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

superior pipes and
drums request

Request for contributions to participate in local parades.

Moved by Councilor Slivon seconded

No seconded, no motion.

fy09/10 budget
worksessions

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor McKenzie scheduling the FYE 2010 Budget Worksession for Wednesday, April 29th and May 6th starting at 6:00 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

sohlden property
922 summit street

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Freeman approving the City undertake an environment inspection of the fire damage Sohlden house at 922 Summit Street at a cost not to exceed \$2000.00 and direct the City Manager to request from the owners a more clear legal document that can be notarized.

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor Gemignani to table the above motion.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Freeman and seconded by Councilor Hainault that this regular meeting of the Hancock City Council be adjourned. Time: 9:37 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None
Motion Carried.

William Laitila, Mayor

Karen Haischer, CMC City Clerk