

CITY OF HANCOCK COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2017

Worksession

- OHM – Water System Asset Management Plan draft.
- Wholesale liquor – Pete from Evergreen Technology.
- Audit will be submitted by December 31, 2017.
- City hall will be closed for Christmas Day (December 25, 2017) and New Year's Day (January 1, 2018).
- Garbage collection services will be pushed back by one day.
- Federal History tax credit still in new tax package remained at 20%.
- Jim Yoder from Rural Development will be retiring in December.
- Copper Country Recycling Initiative Effort to offer electronic recycling in the Spring of 2018.
- Pete Mackin from Evergreen Technology – wholesale alcohol license must receive federal approval for the application for a 1200-gallon permit. Alcohol is used in process of separating metals from waste water.

Sign Ordinance

- New version (12/18/17) included definitions.
- At the January meeting consider scheduling public hearing for February 2018.

Recycling

Councilor Haeussler brought up the following concerns:

- How to communicate the current acceptable recycling items
- Finances in regards to costing the city more to recycle than to have more garbage. The current contract is 5 years with Waste Management.
- What the break-even point is between garbage and recycling.

Process to Change Master Plan

Planning commission needs to sign off on the master plan.

Master plan changes to be presented to the entire council.

A public hearing should be considered for the changes.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing on proposed sewer rate increase from \$8.35 to \$9.85 per 1,000 gallons effective with the November billing.

- No comments

Mayor McKenzie closed public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Public Hearing on proposed storm sewer 10-foot-wide easement acquisition at 112 Front St.

- No comments

Mayor McKenzie closed public hearing at 7:52 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Call to order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Councilors Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Seguin, Haeussler
Absent: Councilor Bauman

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Seguin to excuse Joe Bauman at the meeting tonight.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried.

Moment of silence for Steve Lancour

Review and approval of agenda

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Seguin to approve the agenda.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

Communications

Letter from Mary Lepisto regarding the snow plowing and speed issues on US41.

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to accept the communication and put on file.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

Public Comment

Carol Freeman – snow removal on Quincy Street

Susan Burack – copper trees along Front St and rental issue in Hancock.

Review and approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor LaBine to approve the November 15, 2017 and June 7, 2017 Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Seguin to approve the DDA meeting minutes from November 6, 2017, and December 4, 2017, as well as the Planning Commission meeting minutes from October 23, 2017 and the Recreation meeting minutes from November 7, 2017 as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Reports

Administrative Report

1. Mont Ripley season pass – “Ski Hill UP Pass Perk”
2. HeikInpaiva – 2 to 3 weeks of events
3. SIGMA vendor self-service State of Michigan payment process.
4. Hancock Housing Commission received a letter from HUD
5. MDOT area 5 year project list: Calumet Paving Project - \$2 million, Houghton County line to Keweenaw. 2019: Boston Road to Airport - \$.5 million. 2020: Scott Street to Lake Annie Road - \$1.7 million. 2021: MacInnes Drive to Franklin Square - \$6.5 million.
6. State performance audits terminated.
7. Laurn Grove – placed poly on dash board. There was a \$3,000 grant and the City contributes \$3,500.
8. 2017 Annual State dash board submitted by December 1, 2017.
9. Department of Treasury ½ grant for state dash board software.
10. DEQ state lead and copper standards have been changed to lower tolerance.
11. Sayen’s Building MSHDA rehab project, 112 Quincy Street has been completed.

Old Business

A motion was made by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to adopt Ordinance #300, increasing sewer rate to \$9.85 per 1,000 gallons effective for the November, 2017 utility bills.

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

No: None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to adopt the acquisition of the new storm sewer easement at 112 Front St.

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

No: None

Motion carried

New Business

A motion was made by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Seguin to approve the current accounts payable in the amount of \$201,446.83.

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

No: None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to approve the additional checks in the amount of \$134,256.79.

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

No: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to approve the SAW Grant pay request #16 for \$7,295.88.

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

No: None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to accept the KCF Youth Endowment Committee grant of \$3,000 for the "Bicycle Fix-It Stations" project.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor LaBine to eliminate the parking meter fund as of July 1, 2017 and to incorporate any revenue and expenses into the General Fund.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Seguin to accept City Council appointments to Council Committees with the amendment that the Recreation Commission should only have one council member and to remove Councilor Haeussler from the Recreation Commission to KEDA.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

A motion as made by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Seguin to approve re-appointments to City Committees and Commissions for 2018 with administrative changes.

Yes: Councilors McKenzie, Belej, Seguin, LaBine, Blau
No: Councilor Haeussler
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor LaBine to approve a special council meeting for Wednesday, January 10, 2018 to discuss the City Manager recruitment process.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to authorize non-union employees a 2.25% wage increase for 2018 and 2.25% for 2019.

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

A motion was made by Councilor Seguin and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the bid from Pipetek for the storm sewer cleaning and televising SAW grant project.

Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Seguin, Haeussler
No: None
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to approve the wholesaler liquor license for Evergreen Technology, 200 Quincy Street.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

Councilor Haeussler thanked Josh Loar for work on the Holiday Window Display.

A motion was made by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Blau to adjourn the council meeting.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.


Lisa McKenzie, Mayor


Mary Babcock, Clerk