

**CITY OF HANCOCK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY MARCH 20th, 2019**

6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing called to order at 6:00 PM

2019 DNR Passport Grant Application for Campground Restroom Project.

Lora Frea – Scott Building – Would like to see the City apply for additional grants.

Public Hearing closed at 6:05 PM

Regular Meeting

Call to order and pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Haeussler

Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Councilors Blau, Lytle, Warstler, Haeussler, Seguin, Slivon, LaBine

Absent: None

Also Present: Barry Givens, Mary Babcock, John Zurcher, Rick Allen, Marti Allen, Michael Markham, Josh Visser, Mitch Lake, Carol Carli, Susan Burack, Jared Hyrkas, Michelle Blau, Bill Marlor, and other members of the community.

Motion by Councilor Lytle and supported by Councilor Slivon to approve the agenda with the addition of the following changes:

Removal of Hancock High Student Council President

Addition of meeting minutes for 3/18/2019

HB 4083

Removal of LDFA appointments

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Communications

3/18/2019 Mark and Lisa Almquist – 200 East Street

3/8/2019 DEQ – Drinking Water Monitoring Schedule and Annual Reports

3/14/2019 Houghton County Administrator Eric Forsberg

Motion by Councilor Slivon and supported by Councilor Seguin to accept and file the communications as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment

Lora Frea – Scott Building – Concerned about safety and suggested the City apply for grants to have cameras installed downtown.

John Zurcher – Summit Street – Suggested the City put in place an “Adopt a fire hydrant” program to keep fire hydrants accessible during the winter. Concerned about illegal parking at the Houghton County Arena.

Carol Carli – Liberty Street – Would like to see the dog ordinance reviewed and amended so all dogs need to be on a leash at all times.

Previous Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor LaBine to approve and file the meeting minutes as presented.

February 20th 2019 Council Meeting

March 18th 2019 Council Work Session

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Reports

Motion by Councilor LaBine and supported by Councilor Seguin to receive and file the reports as presented.

DDA 2/4/2019

PLWSA 2/12/2019

HBPA 3/12/2019

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Administrative Report

7 FEMA projects are currently obligated and there are 18 under review by FEMA. Meetings are held weekly to keep projects moving forward. The SIB loan has been approved to help pay the City portion of the FHWA projects which is projected at \$641,000.00.

Gov. Whitmer’s Budget includes a 2.5% increase over last year’s budget. This includes an increase in the gas tax to fund the increase for work on roads. The city would see an increase in revenue sharing by 3.3%.

Appreciate all of the work that the DPW crew has done to maintain the roads and their assistance provided at the Hancock Elementary School last week. There were 191.5 hours of overtime worked to move the snow during the February 24th storm. There was an issue with the new leased loader and the manufacturer took care of all repairs and is now back in service. Both blowers are currently not working. The City will need to look into acquiring a new blower by next winter. The new dump truck should be here next week. Bill Marlor will provide the DPW capital requests at a budget work session in April.

Chief Butler provided his quarterly statistics for activity in the police department. There was a total of 504 complaints this year.

The transit number of riders has stayed pretty consistent compared to previous years ridership. One of the new buses is now in service and the second new bus should be arriving in the next month.

Portage Lake Water and Sewage Authority flow report is showing a decline of over 200,000 gallons per day in late February. This can be attributed to a repair on a manhole on Sunset Drive.

Energy Efficiency Grant was awarded for \$25,000.00 and a City contribution of \$5,084.74. The work has started on the lighting at the Fire Hall and DPW garage.

A PHF Grant was submitted for \$20,000.00 to purchase snow removal equipment for Laurn Grove ice rink.

The Hancock Beautification Committee was nominated for a 2019 Spark Plug award. Key Ingredients will be held again this year with Stephen Smith as the organizer. There will be outdoor movies at Quincy Green, Porvoo Park and the Campground this summer. The Downtown Coordinator position will be posted this week. There have been inquiries for both new business opportunities and façade grants.

A meeting on March 6, 2019 of the Lift Bridge Outage Committee discussed the plans for a short term bridge outage. The group will continue to work on a long term plan.

Old Business

Motion by Councilor Seguin and supported by Councilor Slivon to award the FHWA Ingot and White Street Construction contract to Bacco Construction in the amount of \$338,031.32 contingent on MDOT approval.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, Lytle, Slivon, Haeussler, Seguin, Warstler, LaBine

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor LaBine to approve the amended Resolution 19-01 MDOT FY 2020 Resolution of Intent for Transit Operations.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

New Business

Motion by Councilor Slivon and supported by Councilor LaBine to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$944,788.55.

Roll Call

Yes: LaBine, Warstler, Seguin, Haeussler, Slivon, Lytle, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Lytle to approve resolution 19-05 Passport Grant Application for the Campground project.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor LaBine and supported by Councilor Warstler to issue a letter of support to the Marquette County Recycling Facility.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor LaBine and supported by Councilor Warstler to oppose House Bill 4046 a bill to amend 20016 PA 110, entitled "Michigan zoning enabling act".

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor LaBine and supported by Councilor Lytle to oppose House Bill 4083 a bill to prohibit local units of government from enacting or enforcing any law, ordinance, policy, or rule that limits local officials or employees from communicating or cooperating with appropriate federal officials concerning immigration status.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor LaBine and supported by Councilor Seguin to extension of the Metro Act Right of Way permit for AT&T.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor LaBine to issue MSP Hazard Mitigation Grant Notice of Intent for Fire Hall Emergency Generator Project.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Public Comment

Lora Frea – Scott Building – Shared concerns about safety in the parking lot associated with the Scott Building.

Zurcher – Summit Street – Any possibility of a grant to put lighting on the ATV trail.

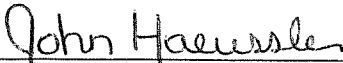
City Council Comments:

Planning Commission meeting is cancelled for March 25, 2019


Adjourn:

Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor LaBine to adjourn at 7:35 pm.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried



John Haeussler, Mayor



Mary Babcock, Clerk

CITY OF HANCOCK

RESOLUTION #19-05

**AUTHORIZING A MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES RECREATION
PASSPORT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE HANCOCK CAMPGROUND
ADA RESTROOM FACILITY UPGRADE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City is proposing to construct an addition onto the existing campground restroom that would be ADA compliant to serve the 72-site campground, and

WHEREAS, in addition, the project would include an electrical upgrade for the restroom and campground area, and

WHEREAS, funding is available from the DNR Michigan Resources Recreation Passport Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the total cost is estimated at \$193,000 of which \$144,700 would be funded through the Michigan Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant; and the City General Fund would fund \$48,300 and

WHEREAS, this project has been identified as a priority need in the City's Five-Year Recreation Plan:


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hancock City Council does hereby approve the submission of the grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant Program in the amount of \$144,700 and commits that the local match shall be provided by the General Fund.

Adopted this 20st day of March, 2019.

Yes: 7

No: 0

Motion Carried




John Haeussler, Mayor



Mary Babcock, City Clerk

I, Mary Babcock, Clerk of the City of Hancock, do hereby certify that the above Resolution #19-05 is a true and correct copy of this Resolution adopted and passed at a regular meeting held on March 20, 2019.



Mary Babcock, City Clerk