

CITY OF HANCOCK
CITY COUNCIL/ DDA/ PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021
6:00 PM VIA ZOOM

6:00 P.M.

Call to order and pledge of allegiance
Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Blau, Lytle, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler, Haeussler, Lahti, Kelley, Wenc, Burack, Maki, Walton, Johnson, M. Blau, Zutter, Frantti, Luse, Patchin, Diebel, Heinonen
Absent: None

Also present: Scott MacInnes, Mary Miller, Linda Kalinec, Josh Vissers, Sam Stonelake, Deb Mann, Chief Butler, Bill Marlor, and other members of the community.

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Haeussler to approve agenda with the addition of the Police and DPW updates to be added after the DDA Biannual Information Update.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Public Comment- Anyone wishing to address the council will be recognized by the Mayor at this time.

Scott MacInnes gave information on the Blight Program and what it all entails. Scott also talked about Property values.

DDA Biannual Information Meeting

Chief Butler- Police Update

Bill Marlor- DPW update

Planning Commission

Zoning Ordinance Update

Public Comment- Anyone wishing to address the council will be recognized by the Mayor at this time

None

Council Member Comments-

Councilor Haeussler discussed how greatly aggrieved he is that Houghton County Board of Commissioners Chairperson Al Koskela compared the Health Department to the Nazis and the health workers to Gestapo Agents. Haeussler is calling on the Houghton County Board of Commissioners to immediately remove Al Koskela as the Chairperson. Haeussler also commented on the disappointment of Josh Vissers leaving the Daily Mining Gazette over incidents that happened over the past weekend, more specifically, The Daily Mining Gazette running an Ad that attacked the health care workers and the Health Department. This led Haeussler to say that in his opinion, The Daily Mining Gazette is “morally bankrupt as an institution”.

Lytle mentioned a Guide Book he is working on through an internship that should be completed soon about Sustainability and Resilience Ordinance for Municipalities that the city might consider reviewing.

Susan Burack mentioned the recycling initiative meeting that was just held via Zoom, and also talked about the city creating a move-in-packet for new owners to the City of Hancock.


Wenc discussed making a lakeside access path along the lake, having city market days and ways to help make Hancock a tourist destination.

Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Lytle to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried


Paul LaBine, Mayor


Ashley Freeman, City Clerk