

**CITY OF HANCOCK  
COUNCIL MEETING MINTUES  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021 6:00pm  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 399 QUINCY ST.**

**Regular Meeting – 6:00 P. M.**

Call to order and pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Paul LaBine  
Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Blau, Lytle, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Haeussler  
Absent: Warstler

Motion by Haeussler and supported by Councilor Rickard to excuse Councilor Warstler.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

Also Present: Thomas Fournier, Joshua Vissers, John Zurcher, Michael Markham

Observed a moment of silence in honor of Sheriff Brian McLean

**Review and approval of agenda**

Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Lytle to approve the agenda

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

**Communications**

UPSET West  
USDA Patrol Vehicle funds deposited  
MML Annual Meeting Notice  
S&P Global Ratings – A/Stable from Negative rating

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Haeussler to accept and put on file the communication as presented.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

**Public Comment**

Rick Freeman, 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Hancock; thank you to the City for allowing the National Guard use of the Hancock Beach for exercises

**Administrative Report**

**Hancock Dog Park – MEDC Public Spaces Community Places – Patroncity** - \$1400 to date, open Friday 7/16 through 9/17 to reach our goal – put link on social media  
**CEDAM Deadline** – 7/26/2021, there are 7 applicants from as far away as Louisiana. Will interview first then the candidate would interview with CEDAM

**Rental Registration Updates** – 86% of the registrations returned – some single family for sale. Fire Chief, William Lepisto will be doing the inspections and will start soon. Will start inspections with new registrations after 7/1/2021; otherwise, will use self-inspections to prioritize and high-density rental areas. Will accept MSHDA & HUD inspections.

**Zoning Ordinance Timeline** – 1<sup>st</sup> draft will go to the Planning Commission in Aug and plan to go to the Council in October

**Recreation Millage Renewal** – August 3, 2021 election, 300 Absentee Applications have been received

**End of Summer Celebration** – planning event with Houghton as a thank you & celebration of everyone’s efforts with COVID – sponsorship between \$2500 & \$3000

**Movies on the Green** – Thursday evenings, DDA sponsored, next year will work on sponsorship by local businesses, each movies rental & license is approximately \$300/movie plus time to set up & take down

**New Business**

1. Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Blau to approve payment of accounts payable in the amount of \$430,484.20

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

2. Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Rickard to accept with regret the resignation of Ron Antila from the Hancock Housing Commission effective June 15, 2021.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor Freeman and supported by Councilor Haeussler to appoint Joe Bianucci to the Hancock Housing Commission to fill the vacancy with term ending 12/31/2021. Amened term ended 12/31/2022.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

4. Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Rickard to approve the agreement with David and Lisa Mattila owners of Thornton Construction and the City of Hancock for use of property for the City of Hancock Dog Park.

Address and name changes need to be made to the document, list Lisa Mattila as Vice President.  
Motion to table Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Lytle.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

5. Motion by Councilor Freeman and supported by Councilor Haeussler to approve a donation to the UPSET West program in the amount of \$25,000.00 over the next 5 years.

Motion to table pending more information by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Rickard

Yes: Haeussler, Warstler, Rickard, LaBine, Lytle, Blau

No: Freeman

Motion Carried

Mayor Paul LaBine would like it placed on the August 18, 2021 agenda.

**Public Comment**

Thomas Fournier introduced himself as reporter with ABC 10, and has purchased a house in Hancock.

**Council Member Comments**

Council Member Haeussler stressed getting the word out about the Recreation Millage Renewal Projects for the millage include,

Dog Park

Trail improvements

Beach to Campground

Would personally like to see improvements at the Driving Park

Irrigation system

Better restroom facilities

Acquisition of Swede Town gorge

Transient Boat docks at the beach

Asked if all council members received the City Manager evaluation form, please return by the end of the month, he will summarize/compile to present in August.

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

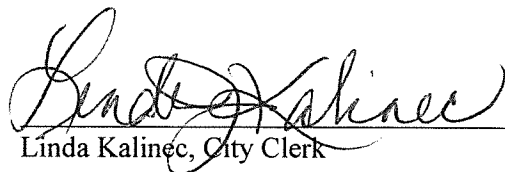
Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried



Paul LaBine, Mayor



Linda Kalinec, City Clerk