

**CITY OF HANCOCK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021 6:00pm
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 399 QUINCY ST.**

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

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

Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Councilors Lytle, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler, Haeussler

Absent: Councilor Blau

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Freeman to excuse Councilor Blau from tonight's meeting.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Also Present: John Zurcher, Michael Markahm, Joshua Vissers, Bill Marlor, Grant Dosseto

Review and approval of agenda - Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the agenda with the addition of Correspondence from Jennifer DePuydt – Gastroparesis and New Business items #8 Purchase of 2016 John Deere 672G at the end of the lease, #9 Lease for a 2021 Caterpillar 938M Wheel Loader; #10 appointment of Ad Hoc group to work on potential acquisition projects, #11 New Council representative for KEDA.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Communications

Gitzen Company Wholesalers – open at their new location on August 2, 2021 at 1028 Ethel Ave, phone numbers will not change.

Keweenaw Snowmobile Club – Request for donation due to loss of funding resources. The Keweenaw Convention and Visitors Bureau has ceased donations to them from the Room Assessment tax. The DNR grant they receive does not cover their operating budget

MDOT FY 19 Audit Report – Routine Maintenance audit report adjustment of \$29 due to the City

Erica Denofre – 3rd Street Park – Thank you to the volunteers and City for the upkeep of 3rd Street Park, “great use of tax payer dollars!”

Jennifer DePuydt-Saari – Letter read by Mayor Paul LaBine regarding Gastroparesis Awareness – the disorder symptoms and resources for support.

Public Comment- None

Review and acceptance of meeting minutes

DDA Meeting Minutes June 7, 2021

PLWSA June 8th, 2021

Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Rickard to receive and put on file the meeting minutes of the June 7, 2021 DDA Meeting and the June 8, 2021 PLSWA Meeting.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Review and approval of meeting minutes

Regular City Council 7-7-2021

Regular City Council 7-21-2021

Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve the meeting minutes of the July 7, 2021 and July 21, 2021 with the correction to the July 7, 2021 minutes New Business item #5, the No Vote was by Councilor LaBine not Councilor Freeman.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Administrative Report

Election & Recreation Millage - Thank you to all who voted yesterday, the Recreation Millage passed with an 80% approval.

Keweenaw Co-Op – has entered into a purchase agreement for the Keweenaw Chevrolet property on Quincy St. Not sure of the time-line, they will be putting in an elevator and an addition.

Parks – Summer youth program has been working on painting and adding new mulch. SNB has adopted Terrance Park.

Fire Hydrants – being painted

Movies on Quincy Green – Thursday evenings at dusk, the last one will be Sep 3. 50-60 people at the 1st movie.

Hancock Dog Park:

MEDC Public Spaces Community Places – Patronicity – Received \$3,700 in donations, 43 days left to raise the \$20,000 to receive the matching \$20,000 from MEDC

PetSafe Bark Grant Application – We are in the pool of finalists to compete for a \$25,000 grant based on popular vote. Can vote daily. John Diebel has been active in getting the word out.

Community Night Out Celebration – Scheduled for September 4, 2021, the band Rewind with play from 6-9 at Poorvo Park; possibly have a beer garden through the Hancock or Houghton Rotary and fireworks at 9 pm.

Small fire at Studio Pizza – caused by a crock pot left on overnight, no significant damage

New Business

1. Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Lytle to approve payment of application #2 in the amount of \$27,153.90 for the Hancock Campground Bathhouse Renovation to LJJ Construction LLC.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Councilor Lytle and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve the final payment in the amount of \$2,820.00 for the Million Gallon Tank Roof replacement to McGrath, Inc.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor Freeman to approve the Quincy Mine Hoist Association’s request for \$5,000.00 to clear the 14 acres below the Quincy Hill Lookout on US41.

Motion not seconded – No action taken.

4. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to engage Rukkila Negro and Associates as the City of Hancock Auditors for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

5. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Haeussler to approve the agreement between Thornton Construction and the City of Hancock for the lease of the Hancock Dog Park Property.

Thank you to the Mattilas

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

6. Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Rickard to approve the 2022 Sewer Improvements project with OHM.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

7. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to appoint the City Manager for the 2021 Officer and Employee Delegate for the MERS Annual Business Meeting.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

8. Motion by Councilor Lytle and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve purchasing the 2016 John Deere 672G at the end of the lease in the amount of \$155,000.

Roll Call:
Yes: Haeussler, Warstler, Rickard, LaBine, Freeman, Lytle
No: None
Motion Carried

9. Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve the lease of a 2021 Caterpillar 938M Wheel Loader with FABICK CAT for a 5-year term in the amount of \$29,833 per year.

Roll Call:
Yes: Lytle, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler, Haeussler
No: None
Motion Carried

10. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Lytle to for an Ad Hoc Acquisition Committee consisting of Councilors LaBine, Haeussler and Lytle.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

11. Motion by Councilor LaBine and supported by Councilor Rickard to appoint Councilor Warstler to replace Councilor Haeussler as the City Council representative on the KEDA Board.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Public Comment

John Zurcher Summit St. Hancock – Regarding the Quincy Mine Hoist request for donation to assist with tree removal at the look-out on US-41, the property is not within the City limits.
City Manager, Mary Babcock noted the property is owned by MDOT, they will not assist with tree removal.
Councilor Rickard noted the requests we get for donations – would like to work through these requests with the budgeting process.
City Manager, Mary Babcock commented we get requests like this through the year and there are some funds built into the budget for such requests.

Council Member Comments

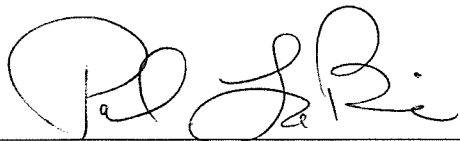
Councilor Haeussler – Thank you again to the Mattilas for the favorable lease agreement of the property to be used for the Dog Park. Thank you to those who voted, the first 5 years of the millage has been a smashing success. Reminder to council members to get their City Manager evaluations to him as soon as possible to have results compiled in time for the next council meeting.

Councilor Warstler – The Hancock Farmers Market is great! The best one in the area.

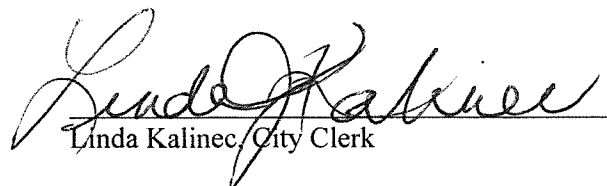
Councilor Lytle – Someone in his circle of family & friends has been diagnosed with COVID so he and others had to go through testing.

Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried



Paul LaBine, Mayor



Linda Kalinec, City Clerk