

CITY OF HANCOCK  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022  
HANCOCK CITY HALL, 399 QUINCY STREET  
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**Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM**

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

Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Councilors, Blau, McKenzie, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler, Haeussler

Absent: Councilor Freeman

**Also Present in person:** Michael Markham, John Zurcher, John Erickson, Thomas Fournier, Glenn Anderson, Nick Wilson, Jay Ruohonen, Zack Osborn, Bill Lepisto, other members of the community.

**Also Present via Zoom:** Lisa McKenzie, Kevin Kalinec, Michele Blau, Bob Baratono, Sadiq Edo-Abdi and other members of the public.

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

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Review and approval of agenda** – Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the agenda as amended with additional New Business items #5 Consider approval of the EGLE grant for EV Charger in the amount of 60,326.49; New Business item #6 consider approval to purchase 3 used 2WD pickup trucks from the Houghton County Road Commission in the amount of \$5,000 each for a total of \$15,000 and item #7 consider approval to purchase 2 AED units with pads and batteries in the amount of \$6,577.00 from American AED and a short discussion item to the work session to discuss introduction and moving forward on the zoning ordinance.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment**

John Zurcher – Summit St. commented on the city cemetery vault; a bus shelter on Quincy St.; on expansion of boardwalk at the Ramada/Porvoo Park; camper parking on the narrow streets with new zoning ordinance.

Katrina Linde-Moriarty – 825 Warren St. Apt A – the new Portage Lake District Library Librarian introduced herself and gave her business cards to council members.

**Communications**

Copper Country Community Arts Center newsletter

Parade of Nations Sponsorship request letter

Alan McClellan's note was added to the annual rental license fee invoice when he submitted payment

State of Michigan Public Service Commission

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

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Review and approval of meeting minutes**

Work Session April 27, 2022

Work Session April 11, 2022

Special Council Meeting May 12, 2022

Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Rickard to approve and accept the meeting minutes of the City Council Work Session of April 27, 2022, the City Council Work Session of April 11, 2022 and the Special City Council meeting of May 12, 2022.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Review and acceptance of meeting minutes/reports**

Recreation Commission January 11, 2022

DDA April 4, 2022

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor McKenzie to put on file the meeting minutes as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Administrative Report**

- Reviewed the list of obsolete equipment for sale on bid as published, sealed bids are due by Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm.
- The police department was awarded Portage Health Auxiliary grant in the amount of \$6,552 to purchase 2 AED units, batteries and supplies.
- USDA – RD has approved funding for the 2022 Police Vehicle Grant and the vehicle has been ordered.
- There will be 4 At-Large City Councilmember positions on the ballot for the November election. Nominating petitions and other required paperwork is available at the front desk. The paperwork is due back by 4:00 p.m. August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The campground is open for the season.

**New Business**

1. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor McKenzie to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$367,116.04.

Roll Call

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

No: None

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Councilor LaBine and supported by Councilor Haeussler to approve the Hancock Public Transit ADA Compliant and Reasonable Modification Policy update for 2022.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Rickard to schedule the Public Hearing for the Budget adoption on June 15, 2022.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

4. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor LaBine to approve resolution 22-08 to re-join and appoint Councilmember Haeussler to the Houghton Country Recreation Authority through his regular council term expiring Nov 2022.

Roll Call  
Yes: Blau, McKenzie, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler, Haeussler  
No: None  
Motion Carried

5. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Rickard to accept the Amendment to the Charge Up Michigan grant Agreement between EGLE and the City of Hancock.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

6. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Warstler to purchase 3 used 2-wheel drive pick up trucks from the Houghton County Road Commission for \$5,000 each for a total of \$15,000.

Roll Call  
Yes: Haeussler, Warstler, Rickard, LaBine, McKenzie, Blau  
No: None  
Motion Carried

7. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Rickard to approve the purchase of 2 AED units, with pads and batteries in the amount of \$6,577.00 from American AED.

Roll Call  
Yes: Blau, McKenzie, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler, Haeussler  
No: None  
Motion Carried

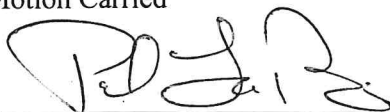
**Public Comment**-None

**Council Member Comments**

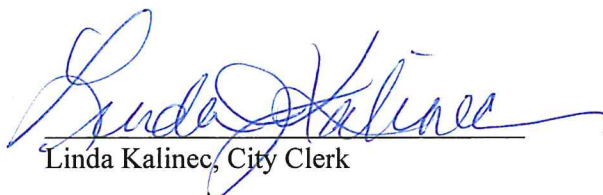
Time was provided for council members to promote, discuss and/or comment on items not on the agenda.

Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried



Paul LaBine, Mayor



Linda Kalinec, City Clerk

## RESOLUTION 2022-08

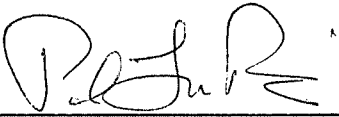
WHEREAS, the Houghton County Recreation Authority was created to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities and infrastructure within Houghton County to improve residents' quality of life and enhance the economic benefits of outdoor recreation within Houghton County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hancock may be a participating municipality in the Authority upon adopting the Houghton County Recreation Authority Articles of Incorporation and requesting to re-join the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Hancock City Council adopts the Houghton County Recreation Authority Articles of Incorporation and requests to re-join the Authority.


Motion offered at a regular meeting of the Hancock City Council on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 by Councilor Warstler and seconded by Councilor LaBine.

Yes: *Biau, McKenzie, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler, Haussler*  
No: *None*  
Absent: *Freeman*



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Paul LaBine, Mayor



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Linda Kalinec, City Clerk/Treasurer