

CITY OF HANCOCK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023
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, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Lounibos, and Warstler

Absent: None

Mayor LaBine addressed his new position as the Houghton County Prosecutor and acknowledged this would be his last meeting as a councilor, with his resignation effective at midnight.

Also Present in person: Mary Babcock, Linda Kalinec, Garrett Neese, Michael Markham, Barb Rickard, Tara Dulong, Tami Sleeman, John Erickson, John Zurcher, Andy Lahti, John Haessler, Chaundel Sammarco, Al Salmi, Griffin Abbott, Lauren Sprague, Melissa Davis, and members of the media.

Also Present via Zoom: Dick Storm, Mary's i-pad

Review and approval of agenda

Motion made by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler with an addition to New Business items #10 Superior Polymer's bid for the DPW roof replacement with a 20-year warranty and #11 Central Structures bid for the Salt Shed upon completion of pre-award interview.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment

None

Presentation

Melissa Davis – New Power Tour – Requesting a letter of support from the City Council for a Department of Energy Grant.

Communications

Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing

Copper Country Community Arts – July Newsletter

Mary Miller – Porvoo Park

Paul LaBine

Motion made by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor McKenzie to accept and place on file the communications as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Review and acceptance of meeting minutes

Cemetery Board of Trustees	April 11, 2023
Planning Commission	May 22, 2023
DDA	April 3, 2023
Recreation Commission	May 15, 2023

Motion made by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to place on file the meeting minutes as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Review and approval of City Council meeting minutes

Regular Meeting June 21, 2023

Motion made by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve and accept the meeting minutes as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Administrative Report

City Manager, Babcock, commented on the following:

- Introduction of Tara Dulong, Deputy Clerk
- Key Ingredients – Successful event with a great turnout, many people to thank
- City Picnic – July 20, 2023
- Copper Country Band – Art Tour – tour from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm and band at 7:00 pm on Quincy Green
- Public engagement activities
- Summer Movie Series – Thursday nights starting July 27th
- Quincy Green – Moving forward with the purchase of the Quincy Green along with the Ryan Community Garden. MEDC crowd funding for the Ryan Community Garden.
- Beth Fredianelli Retirement – July 31, 2023 – reception to be held
- Hancock Transit Flex Route – Working with MTU, will run from 7:00 am – 5:45 pm with a specific route
- Michigan Main Street – community-based planning
- HOCO Branding – is in the works
- Police Chief Tami Sleeman – picking up the new patrol car from outfitting, participating in Fine Line Tire's Touch a Truck event. August 18th graduation date for NMU Police Academy, the two new recruits will start rotation the next week.
- DPW Director John Erickson – Poplar Street sewer done. Working on water service repairs and picked up the new pick-up truck today.
- Clerk/Treasurer Kalinec – Three upcoming elections in 2024. Election Inspector training coming up in August or September, looking for anyone interested to fill out an application and return it to City Hall.

New Business

1. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$845,643.93.

Roll Call

Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Rickard, LaBine, Freeman, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Blau to approve change order #1 Hancock Business and Technology Park in the amount of \$135,099.25 for bulletins 1, 2 and 3.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Lounibos, Warstler

No: None

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve MJO Contracting application for payment #3 for the Maasto Hiihto Trail Repair in the amount of \$45,023.00.

Roll Call

Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Rickard, LaBine, Freeman, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor McKenzie to approve scheduling a public hearing on August 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm for the acquisition of acreage from Mattila's in exchange for topsoil acquired at Hancock Business and Technology Park.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

5. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Rickard to approve the purchase of Dynamic Discs permanent Veteran Basket set for 18 holes of disc golf in the amount of \$8,000.00.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Lounibos, Warstler

No: None

Motion Carried

6. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the Ryan Street Community Garden Grant applications to Copper Shores Community Health Foundation in the amount of \$10,000.00 to assist with the acquisition of the three Community Garden parcels.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

7. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Freeman to adopt Resolution 23-13 to update the ACH agreement with Superior National Bank to increase the daily ACH limit to \$65,000.00.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

8. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Blau to adopt the local governing body Resolution 23-14 for charitable gaming license for Copper Shores Community Health Foundation.

Roll Call

Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Rickard, LaBine, Freeman, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

9. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor McKenzie to approve Turner Contracting, Inc bid for the work to be completed at the intersection of US 41 and M203 for the infill and placement of the clock in the amount of \$8,570.00

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Lounibos, Warstler

No: None

Motion Carried

10. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Blau to approve Superior Polymer's bid of \$115,000.00 for the DPW Roof replacement with a 20-year warranty.

Roll Call

Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Rickard, LaBine, Freeman, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

11. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the contract award to Central Structures in the amount of \$570,000.00 for the Salt Shed upon completion of pre-award interview.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Lounibos, Warstler

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment

John Haeussler – Acknowledged Mayor LaBine's departure and thanked him for his years of service.

John Zurcher – Inquired about the roofing over the Lurn Grove Park, Manager Babcock replied that we have applied for a Spark Grant. Also asked about signage for the Business District.

Chaundel Sammarco – Issues with vandalism and stealing on the 100 block of Water Street. Police have responded several times.

Council Member Comments

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

Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

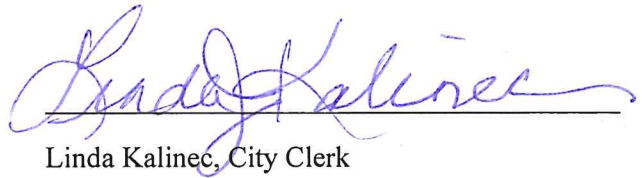
Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried



Kurt Rickard, Mayor



Linda Kalinec, City Clerk