

CITY OF HANCOCK
CITY COUNCIL/DDA/PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 9, 2024
HoCo Arena – Wiitanen Room

Call to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Kurt Rickard

Roll Call and verification of quorum, members introduced themselves by council or commission assignment.

Present: (C) Council; (P) Planning; (D) DDA

R. Blau (C&P), M. Blau, (D), McKenzie (C), Rickard (C & P), Tanner (C), Lounibos (C), Warstler (C) Knoop (P), Lahti, (P & D), Harris (P), Nagel (P & D), Griffis (P), Walton (P), K. Kalinec, (P), Luse (D), Olsson (D), Diebel (D)

Also Present: Mary Babcock, Linda Kalinec, Tami Sleeman, John Erickson, Susan Burak, Glen & Nancy Bugni, Al Brokaw, Jim Quinlan, Todd Gast, Dave Dow, Garret Neese, Michael Markham, Ben Galetto, and other members of the public.

Public Comment - None

- City Manager Babcock gave updates on the following
 - The General Fund balance.
 - Staffing new hires and fire department retirees
 - Projects
 - Disc Golf Course
 - Master Plan Update
 - Security Cameras at Lurn-Grove & Porvoo Park
 - Salt Barn completed
 - Zoning Ordinance amendment
 - 2022 Sewer Improvements
 - Recreation Plan Update completed
 - Alley Pedestrian/Bike plan working with WUPPDR
 - Poplar St. Reconstruction
 - Driving Park Garage
 - Community Events
 - Purchases
 - Garbage Truck
 - 2024 Dodge Durango Police vehicle
 - Fire Truck Refurbishing
 - Finlandia Buildings
 - Ryan St. Garden Property with the help of a grant from Copper Shores & crowd funding via Patronicity and MEDC
 - Requested future purchases
 - Hot Patch equipment
 - Loader with attachments
 - Grants Completed
 - Maasto Hiihto – FEMA funding
 - Salt Barn – MDOT funding
 - Business & Technology Park – EDA funding
 - Police Grants – MCOLES police academy funding
 - Fire Department Turn Out Gear – Copper Shores funding

- Grants in progress
 - Business & Technology Park Phase II - MEDC Strategic Site Readiness Program funding
 - EV Charging Station at the Keweenaw Co-Op parking lot - Superior Watershed Partnership & Land Conservancy funding
 - Minnesota Street – Category B MDOT funding
 - North & Prospect Streets – Category B MDOT funding
 - DWAM (Drinking Water Asset Management – EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes, & Energy) funding
 - Sidewalk along Elevation between Fir St. & Campus Drive - Safe Streets funding
 - Transit Bus & Pickup with plow – MDOT funding
 - Dump Truck & Loader with wing – USDA RD funding (no funding available at this time)
 - Porvoo Park Boat Docks – MDNR Boating Infrastructure funding
 - Water System – EGLE Water System Grant
 - Fire Department – various granting agencies

- Police Chief, Sleeman gave updates on the following:
 - Current Staffing
 - Patrol Vehicles
 - Calls for Service
 - Arrest numbers
 - New State of Michigan mandatory law enforcement officers training & state funding provided
 - Staffing changes and academy graduates

- Clerk, Kalinec gave updates on the following
 - One polling location at Lakeview Manor for the 3 City of Hancock Precincts
 - Changes due to Proposal 2022-2
 - Absentee ballot changes
 - Early voting

- Code Enforcement, Dow gave updates on the following
 - Number of rental properties
 - Number of violations issued
 - Hang tags for grass or other misc. issues down from the previous year.
 - Beautification tags to thank residents for taking care of their lawns/property

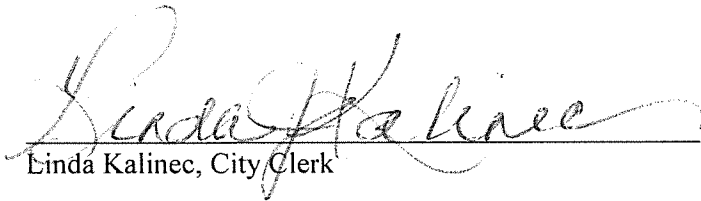
- City Manager, Babcock gave updates on what we are working on:
 - Ordinances
 - Animal updates
 - Water/Sewer updates
 - Cross Connection
 - Rental Registration
 - Sign Ordinance
 - Other projects
 - Finlandia buildings
 - Front Street Wall updates
 - Campus Drive West
 - HoCo Elevator funding
 - Council/Commission members were provided with a sheet of upcoming training opportunities.

Public Comment- None

Committee members commented on:

- Member Walton regarding a Historical committee
- Member McKenzie regarding the DPW workers and the garbage pickup
- Member Diebel regarding the Maasto Hiihto trails
- Member Nagel regarding the climate project with MTU
- Todd Gast, DDA & community development regarding the movie addition this Friday the 13th will be showing "Goonies" on the Quincy Green

Mayor Rickard adjourned the meeting at 6:51 pm



Linda Kalinec, City Clerk