

Worksession  
May 18, 2011  
6:30 p.m.

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Reviewed and Discussed:

Present: Councilors Hainault, Slivon, Belej, Laitila, Moore, McKenzie and Haeussler.  
Also present: Lou Meyette, Babe Shiroda, Ron Studer, Ray and Chrissy Gerhart's, Susan Burack, Roland Burgan, Rick Freeman and Steve Palosaari.

1. Manager Anderson was not present at this meeting as he is out of town until Wednesday, May 25th.
2. This year the Parade of Thanks will not be coming through Hancock because of the construction on Hancock and Quincy Streets.
3. Our next budget worksession is scheduled for 5-25-2011 6pm-8pm.  
Mayor Laitila will be out of town for this meeting.
4. Discussed the request from the Houghton County Fair Board to remove fence, overhead power lines, bury power lines and other area improvements. (Rick Freeman and Steve Palosaari). Note: The Recreation Commission voted not to approve the removal of the fence at the ballfields.
5. Discussed the cost of the mandated sign replacement program. Approximately \$90,000.00.

Regular Meeting  
May 18, 2011  
7:32 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Hancock City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 7:32 p.m. with Mayor Laitila presiding. The United States Flag was honored by all in attendance with the following duly qualified Councilors being present: Councilors Hainault, Slivon, Belej, Laitila, Moore, McKenzie and Haeussler.  
Absent: None

Note: Advertise a special meeting on 5-25-2011 with the budget worksession to review the Fair Board Request and the LDFA Budget.

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Slivon approving the May 18, 2011 Agenda as amended:

Public Comment:

1. John Gedda, Fire Chief presentation.
2. Northern Consultants presentation on housing grants.

New Business:

- add #10. Mayoral Proclamation
- #11. METRO ROW extension for AT&T
- #12. Fair Board request items #1, 3 and 4

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

correspondence

OHM Reception for MML Region 7 May 26th  
Letter from Pure Michigan re: 2010 monitoring report  
Letter from AFSCME Michigan Council 25 re: House Bill 4059  
Letter from CC United Way re: 2010-2011 employee payroll deductions  
Notice from UPPCO re: Case No. U-16319  
Notice from UPPCO re: Case No. U-16031-R  
Notice from Semco Energy re: Case No. U-16294

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Moore to acknowledge the correspondence as presented and place them on file.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried.

guests

Public Comment:

1. Received Fire Chief Gedda's 2010 Annual Fire Department Report.

-No grant for 2010

-Jeremie Moore is willing to help write a grant for 2011

-2009 we had 66 fire calls, in 2010 we had 62

-18 calls to the Scott Building (the smoke alarms in the kitchen were changed to heat alarms)

-8 calls to the Houghton County Medical Facility

-3 calls to Cypress Manor

The Department has an annual spring drive to raise money for projects. They sponsor a Jr. Hockey Team, purchase fire prevention materials for the elementary kids, purchase cleaning supplies for the building, purchased two pagers, paid for the carpet cleaning, spent \$1600 on radios and purchased a new flag.

-Chief Gedda is stepping down as Chief on January 2, 2012. Will continue to stay on the department as a 3rd assistant.

2. Chrissy Gerhart presented the Council with a PowerPoint program regarding Phase I and Phase II of the Blight Reduction Programs. Phase I is underway and Phase II is additional properties that need some attention. Property owners are required to pay a 25% match. The Council had some concerns with the payback amounts after five years vs. a forgivable grant. The City Manager should review what was Council approved and what is being implemented.

3. Babe Shiroda, Emery Street re: Speed bump on Sigsbee Street. Request that the petition that was submitted to the Council be honored and that this speed bump be removed.

The Council will ask for Sigsbee residents input and make a decision at the next meeting.

minutes approval

Moved by Councilor Hainault and Seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the minutes of the April 20th worksession and regular meeting; the April 27th budget worksession; and the May 11th budget worksession as corrected:

April 20th regular minutes page 25-11 strike: ... Moratorium on the issuance of permits or licenses for the sale or dispensation of medical marihuana.....

April 27th budget worksession page 44-11 add: ... Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to excuse Councilor Jeremie Moore from tonight's budget worksession.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

reports

March Financials

Revenue and Expense Report - all funds

Cash Balances - all funds

Due to/from - all funds

Interest Earned - all funds

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Moore to approve the March Financials and place them on file as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Recreation Commission minutes of March 15, 2011

Planning Commission minutes of March 28, 2011

FinnFest 2013 minutes of April 13, 2011

US41/M26 Corridor minutes of April 14, 2011

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Belej to acknowledge the reports as presented and place them on file.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

administrative report

1. Reminder: Saturday, June 4th the playground work bee is scheduled for the Hancock Beach to construct the new kids playground.

2. MCTWF audit results completed.

3. IRS review of the 2006 Hospital Finance Authority completed.

4. Bid result on Campus Drive repaving project. (Lou from OHM)

-Payne & Dolan Inc. \$114,694.25

-Bacco Const. Co. \$135,681.00

\*Tentative low bidder is Payne and Dolan Inc.

Project should be completed by August 12th.

Grant Money

5. 140 acre Annexation filing is now completed.

-check to make sure it comes off of the Quincy Tax roll

6. Wefts Midwest Weavers Conference June 23-25

7. Sewer Project Update (Lou from OHM)

-MJO Contractor

-Change Order for \$133,000

8. Beach Project Update.

-MJO Contractor

-Project is on schedule - Beach should be opened by 7-4-2011

9. Water Project Update.

-Siler Contracting (sub-contractor)

-Started work last week on Hancock Street

-600 block of Hancock will be out of water for the next few days

10. Hancock DPW Report - New Traffic Sign Maintenance Requirements

-Estimated cost \$99,300.00

- Would need to spend \$66,450 in the next 3 ½ years to be compliant with the new law just for traffic control signs and then the City will need to spend an additional \$32,850 for new street name signs by January 2018.

Direct the City Manager to draft a letter to our Representative and Congressman expressing our concerns regarding this Federal mandate.

11. Downtown cleanup scheduled for 5-21-2011 is cancelled and postponed to a later date.

12. The Parade of Thanks will not come through Hancock this year due to the construction on Hancock and Quincy Streets.

old business

sigsbee speed bump

Mark Lucier addressed the Council regarding his letter, which listed concerns with the speed bump on Sigsbee Street.

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to table action on the Sigsbee speed bump and not install it until after the next regular meeting, when a canvass of the neighborhood can be completed. At this time a recommendation can be brought back to the Council for action.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

new business

april a/p

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Hainault approving the April, 2011 accounts payable in the amount of \$121,810.30 and authorize payment as follows as funds become available.

General Fund	\$35,655.62
Major	78.88
Local	78.87
Transit	6,168.86
Sewer	42,588.19
Water	22,549.15
Motor V	11,298.87
DDA	3,391.86
Total	\$121,810.30

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Haeussler, McKenzie, Moore, Laitila, Belej, Slivon and Hainault.

No: None

Motion Carried.

add'l checks typed in april

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the additional checks typed in the month of April, 2011 in the amount of \$777,823.65 and authorize payment as follows:

Expenses	\$445,533.72
Transfers	332,289.93
Total	\$777,823.65

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Hainault, Slivon, Belej, Laitila, Moore, McKenzie and Haeussler.

No: None

Motion Carried.

proposed ordinance  
moratorium on the issuance of  
permits or licenses.....

Moved by Councilor Haeussler and seconded by Councilor Hainault to amend the proposed ordinance by striking the paragraph .....WHEREAS, the City Charter authorizes the City Council to enact ordinances immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace, or safety on the date of introduction and give them immediate effect and the City Council determines that the following ordinance satisfies that requirement;....., setting a public hearing for Wednesday, June 15th at 7:30 p.m. and authorizing publication in the Daily Mining Gazette.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Haeussler, McKenzie, Moore, Laitila, Belej, Slivon and Hainault.

No: None

Motion Carried.

gino's request (tom neher)

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Moore directing the DPW crew to place two handicapped parking spots for Gino's Restaurant. One on the corner of Quincy Street (Quincy & Scallon) and one on the corner of Scallon Street (Scallon & Quincy)

subject

to MDOT approval if required.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

resolution #12-11

CITY OF HANCOCK  
RESOLUTION #12-2011

PROJECT AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, this resolution shall approve execution of the MDOT Contract No. 11-5173, Project #STP 1131 (309), Job # 109114, Federal Item #HH 7208.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that Glenn Anderson, City Manager and Karen Haischer, City Clerk of the City of Hancock, are authorized to enter into and

execute on behalf of the City of Hancock , the Contract No. 11-5173 with the Michigan Department of Transportation which will fund the milling and repaving of a portion of Campus Drive using \$123,600.00 in Federal Small Urban Grant Funds.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Hainault, Slivon, Belej, Laitila, Moore, McKenzie and Haeussler.

No: None

Motion Carried.

smartzone ldfa fy 10-11 budget

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to table approval of the Smart Zone LDFA FY 10-11 Budget until the special meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 25th. Review METC budget.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

sewer project draw 2nd of funds

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor Belej approving payment of the 2009 Hancock Sanitary Sewer Improvements bills as follows:

OHM	\$ 993.00
OHM	\$3,869.50
<u>MJO Contracting</u>	<u>\$246,838.19</u>
Total	\$251,700.69

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Haeussler, McKenzie, Moore, Laitila, Belej, Slivon and Hainault.

No: None

Motion Carried.

2009 sewer project 1st change order

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor Moore approving the 2009 Sanitary Sewer Improvements 1st Change Order in the amount of \$133,502.65 and authorize payment as funds become available.

Engineering Note: A portion of Dunstan Street that was proposed to be re-lined was found to be unsuitable for lining. This change is to reconstruct that portion of Dunstan Street. Additional exploratory excavation was required in the Tezcuco street Alley to locate service laterals. A number of manholes were proposed as full reconstruct (bid item 70) which is a method that leaves the manhole base in place for re-use. It has been determined that some of these bases are non-standard diameter and will require replacement. A new bid item has been created (bid item 113) to replace these manholes including the base over an existing sewer. When the actual quantity requiring replacement is determined a corresponding number of full reconstructs will be deleted from the project. A new bid item (bid item 114) was added for concrete foundation encountered. A new bid item (bid item 115) was added to relocate services from entering directly into manholes to enter in to the sewer line downstream of the manhole. A number of these have been encountered and had not been anticipated.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Hainault, Slivon, Belej, Laitila, Moore, McKenzie and Haeussler.

No: None

Motion Carried.

resolution #13-2011

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor McKenzie that the request from Copper Island Beach Club Inc. for a new brew pub license, to be held in conjunction with Class C Licensed Business with dance-entertainment permit, located at 101 Navy, Hancock,

MI 49930, Houghton County be considered for approval. It is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance.

Yes: All

No: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

mayoral proclamation

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor Haeussler adopting the following Mayoral Proclamation:

**WHEREAS**, Richard "Rick" Freeman has demonstrated community leadership and extensive community participation, and

**WHEREAS**, Rick has worked diligently to promote the Hancock Business Community, the Houghton County Fair Board, the annual Houghton County Fair, the Hancock City Council and numerous other events and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Rick has volunteered countless hours to support fundraising for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, William Laitila, Mayor of the City of Hancock, do hereby proclaim and recognize Richard "Rick" Freeman for his significant involvement and contribution in the Community and hereby offer CONGRATULATIONS on behalf of the City of Hancock for his selection as "PATRIOT OF THE YEAR".

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

metro action row extension

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the existing METRO Act Permit issued by the City of Hancock to Michigan Bell Telephone Co. d/b/a AT&T Michigan which expires on 7-31-2011. The extension is for a term to end on July 31, 2014.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

fair board request

Moved by Councilor Moore and seconded by Councilor Haeussler approving the following Houghton County Fair Board requests (#1, 3 and 4) dated 5-18-2011.

**Request #1.** Removal of the overhead electric wires running north of the hockey arena to the Maasto Hiihto Building and west to the end of the baseball field by burying them underground. This would be completed by UPPCO with an estimated cost of \$10,000 plus to be paid by the Fair Association. The poles with lights on them would remain.

**Request #3.** Install underground water and electrical lines along the north end of the first baseball field for various vendors.

**Request #4.** Installation of a 16-20 foot gate on the west side of the baseball fields. It appears that there was previously a gate in this location.

Note: Request #2. To remove the fence will be discussed at the Special May 25th meeting.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor McKenzie to excuse Mayor Laitila from the 5-25-2011 special meeting and budget worksession as he will be out of town.

Yes: All

No: None  
Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Moore that this regular meeting of the Hancock Council be adjourned. Time: 9:10 p.m.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried.

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William Laitila, Mayor

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Karen Haischer, CMC City Clerk