

CITY OF HANCOCK  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 17, 2017

**6:30 P.M.  
WORKSESSION**

Present: Councilors LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau  
Absent: Councilors: None

Review and discuss agenda items:

Add public hearing for the MHSDA grant for the Wisti building to the budget work session.

City Council applications will be accepted until June 7<sup>th</sup> to fill Mary Tuisku's At Large council seat. The City Charter calls for it to be filled within 30 days.

National Park Service has decided to keep the Isle Royale headquarters in Houghton. We received a letter from Gary Peters, Debbie Stabenow and Jack Bergman in favor of moving the headquarters to Hancock.

A request will be submitted by May 19<sup>th</sup> for an additional transit bus. The new transit bus would replace the 2008 transit bus that is currently being used.

Payne and Dolan will be starting to pave White Street around June 12<sup>th</sup>.

A public hearing will be scheduled on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the regular city council meeting to discuss changing White Street back to two-way. It would be helpful to have the history of why it was changed to one way and the number of accidents before & after the change. Ask OHM to give an approximate cost for the City to maintain White Street for two-way traffic. MDOT would have to be brought back in if we do make it 2 ways. Insurance claim approved for the damage that happened in the old hardware store on Quincy Street. They should begin working on it soon.

Glenn will be going to a Transit meeting the week of June 12<sup>th</sup> in Detroit. There will not be a cost to the city, the trip will be funded by RTAP funds.

Trying to sell 2009 garbage truck, looking at different options. It will need new tires that will cost approx. \$2000.00.

Interviewing for the open position in the office. We received 32 applications.

Paddle Portage will be opening at the Hancock Beach. They will be offering rental of paddle boards and canoes.

Beachview Trailer Court still for sale there has been some interest in acquiring the property.

Gartner's going after a MHSDA grant to make improvements

City discussed acquiring the Houghton County Arena from Houghton County. A group had a general discussion about the advantages or disadvantages for the City to own the Arena.

The Michigan Municipal League meeting in June 1<sup>st</sup> in Marquette.

Jeanne DeClerk is working on getting a Hancock beautification committee started. The City is willing to supply material.

1510 Anthony Street fire claim hasn't been determined if it will have to be torn down or repaired.

There is currently one Airbnb property in East Hancock. There is legislature proposed for all Airbnb type of properties to be acceptable anywhere.

There have been complaints for North Ravine Street across from the SNB that it's too narrow. School buses have a hard time getting through the area. They would like us to go back to 45 degree rather than 90 degree. The City will review the different possibilities that could help the parking issues. Possibly a sign stating compact cars only, hard to enforce.

City Council At Large applications will be accepted until June 7<sup>th</sup> to fill Mary Tuisku's At Large council seat.

**7:30 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED**

Ordinance to amend Chapter 94 of the Title IX of the Hancock Code of Ordinances relating to Fair Housing.

- No comments

MSHDA Grant # M 2012-0657, \$256,000 close out for purchase and rehabilitation of houses

Crissy Gerhart , Northern Consultants, \$240,000 went to project cost and \$16,000 for administration fees. Home buyer assistance program and Homeowner Rehabilitation Program. All properties had electrical upgrades. The funds are currently not available .

**Public hearing**

**Public comment:**

**Closed**

**7:30 PM  
REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Hancock City Council was held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor McKenzie presiding. The United States Flag was honored by all in attendance with the following duly qualified Councilors being present:

Present: Councilors LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau  
Absent: None

**Moment of Silence** in memory of Mary Tuisku, 16 ½ years on the City Council during 3 periods, including Mayor for 5 years, 1990-1995.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councilor Belej and supported by Councilor Seguin to approve the agenda with additional items.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau,  
No: None  
Motion Carried

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Houghton County Planning Commission in regards to Houghton County Master Plan

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Seguin to place the correspondence on file as presented.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau,  
No: None  
Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Hans Lachner, Scott Street, Hancock

Cut through traffic on Scott Street is causing dangerous situations. In 2015 there were on average of 819 cars that used Scott Street as a short cut. There have been incidents with reckless and careless driving. Requested some type of control device be put in immediately.

Susan Burack, Scott Hotel

Commend the group that attended the Municipal League training. Would like the council to be involved with the Houghton County Master Plan 5 year process. Encourages the City to make recycling available for multi resident housing.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to approve the minutes of March 15, 2017 regular meeting.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

## **REPORTS**

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

Recreation Commission, March 13, 2017

DDA April 3, 2017

DDA May 1, 2017

Cemetery Trustee Board April 11, 2017

Planning Commission March 27, 2017

Planning Commission April 24, 2017

PLWSA April 11, 2017

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

1. Outstanding service award was presented to Susan Burack for the work she has done to promote the City wide recycling, placemaking, supporting Arts and Community Development.
2. The 2016 Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report will be published in the upcoming week
3. Kristi Heinonen from Michigan Americorp is sponsoring the May 20<sup>th</sup> Beach Clean-up day. There are many business and individuals providing support for the project. 89 volunteers signed up to help out on that day. Breakfast and Lunch are being supplied by Jim Foodmart and Hardees. Volunteers can just show up on the day of the clean up to help. Projects include redoing retaining wall, adding sand, painting bathrooms, painting other items.
4. Michigan State University students will be conducting a survey for transit in June. Michigan Department of Transportation is sponsoring the survey
5. New Little League scoreboard has been installed at Driving Park. Coca Cola Bottling supplied the scoreboard. Coon Electric did the electric work along with the Public Works Department.
6. Keweenaw Bike to Work Day is being held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The City of Hancock will be hosting a site by the Health Department from 7 to 9 am

7. Recycling has remained constant with 40 to 50% of households participating, 25 % of businesses are currently participating. City's waste has gone from 8% to 25% of total waste
8. TORI will be starting up on Saturday, June 3rd. It will be open every Wednesday and Saturday until September. A grant was received to provide music every Saturday during the event
9. MEDC Close out of Grant # MSC 213014-ESB for 119 Quincy St has now been totally completed.
10. Construction updates
  - White and Reservation just waiting for paving to be completed by middle of June
  - 3 city blocks by the beach will be getting, 6 hydrants, 10 valves, this work will be done by the middle of August.
  - Front Street will be substantially completed by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Underpass will need to be reopened by June 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Bacco Construction is the prime company to complete the 4 bump outs on Front Street.
11. June 1st and 2nd there will be a Municipal League in Marquette
12. 80% of the City sewer will be cleaned and televised. Anything older than 20 years will be done. Project is complete by end of June.
13. Canal Rock will take place again this year with a variety of music. The schedule is available on the website.
14. Key Ingredients will take place on July 14<sup>th</sup>

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. There was on bid received for the sale of Lot 23, Block 1, Hancock Copper Mining Co's addition located at 805 Warren Street in the amount of \$5,010.00

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor LaBine to approve the sale of 805 Warren Street for the amount of \$5,010.00

Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Seguin, Baumann

No: None

Motion Carried

2. The FY 17/18 budget work session originally scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup> is changed to June 7<sup>th</sup>

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to move the FY 17/18 budget work session from May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau,  
No: None  
Motion Carried

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider redo of OHM Advisors, Engineering Amendment #1 (same amt. of \$16,000)

Moved by Councilor LaBine and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the redo of OHM Advisors, Engineering Amendment #1 (same amt. of \$16,000)

Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Seguin, Bauman  
No: None  
Motion Carried

2. Consider approval of current accounts payable.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Seguin to approve the current accounts payables in the amount of \$468,262.57

Roll Call Vote:  
Yes: Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau  
No: None  
Motion Carried

3. Additional Checks for April

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to approve the additional accounts payables in the amount of \$45,532.26.

Roll Call Vote:  
Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Seguin, Bauman  
No: None  
Motion Carried

4. Consider adoption of amended Fair Housing Title IX Ordinance

Moved by Councilor Labine and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve adoption of amended Fair Housing Title IX Ordinance

Yes: Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau  
No: None  
Motion Carried

5. Consider approval of DEQ SAW Grant pay request #9 in the amount of \$10,136.53

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Seguin to approve the DEQ SAW Grant pay request #9 in the amount of \$10,136.53.

Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Seguin, Baumann

No: None

Motion Carried

6. Consider approval of water project payment #12 in the amount of \$59,335.24

Moved by Councilor Bauman and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the water project payment #12 in the amount of \$59,335.24.

Yes: Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

7. Review and consider fire hall roof replacement bids, Lake State Roofing was the low bidder.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to approve fire hall roof replacement bids from Lake State Roofing.

Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Seguin, Bauman

No: None

Motion Carried

8. Consider approval of the LDFA MTEC SmartZone FY 17/18 operating budget.

Moved by Councilor Seguin and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the LDFA MTEC SmartZone FY 17/18 operating budget

Yes: Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

9. Consider approval of MSHDA rehab grant change from 101 Quincy Street to 112 Quincy Street and to schedule a hearing at the Budget Worksession May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Seguin to approve the MSHDA rehab grant change from 101 Quincy Street to 112 Quincy Street.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Seguin, Bauman

Motion Carried

10. Consider authorizing advertising At Large city council vacancy for a term ending November 2018.

Moved by Councilor LaBine and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve authorizing advertising At Large city council vacancy for a term ending November 2018

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

11. Public hearing on White Street to be scheduled on June 21, 2017

Moved by Councilor Bauman and seconded by Councilor Belej to hold a public hearing on June 21, 2017 for the traffic flow on White Street

12. Consider water project change order #2 increasing project cost by \$12,203.47.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor LaBine to approve the Water Project change order #2 increasing project cost by \$12,203.47.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

13. Consider temporary speed bumps on Scott Street between Lincoln and Pine, Pine and Elm Streets. The placement of the speed bumps should be reviewed in 30 days. Consider permanent blacktop speed bumps in the future.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Seguin to place two temporary speed bumps on Scott Street.

Yes: Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

14. Joe Bauman, keep Mary in your thoughts and prayers. She was a wonderful woman. Keep her in your prayers.

15. Motion to adjourn

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm

Yes: LaBine, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau, Tuisku

No: None

Motion Carried

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Mary Babcock, City Clerk

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Lisa McKenzie, Mayor