CITY OF HANCOCK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023 HANCOCK CITY HALL, 399 OUINCY 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, Lounibos, Warstler

Absent: Councilor Freeman

Also Present in person: John Zurcher, John Erickson, Michael Markham, Garrett Neese, Lora Frea, Thomas Fournier, Dave Dow, Patrick Vissers, Zack Osborn, Glenn Anderson, Tami Sleeman, Brian Rimpela, Michele Balu.

Also Present via Zoom: Dick Storm.

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to excuse Councilor Freeman from tonight's meeting.

Yes: All No: None Motion Carried

<u>Review and approval of agenda</u> – Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the agenda with the correction to the date for item #8 from April 29, 2023 to May 3, 2023 and add New Business item #12 to consider scheduling the Budget Work Session at 6:00 pm on April 26th, May 17th and May 31st (if necessary) with a Public Hearing on June 7th.

Yes: All No: None Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor McKenzie to limit public comment to 3 minutes per person.

Yes: All No: None Motion Carried

Public Comment - None.

Communication

Susan – Thank you Copper Country Arts Center Portage Lake Condominium Association MDOT – City of Hancock Transit UPPCO – Notice of Hearing Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Warstler to accept and place on file the communications as presented.

Yes: All No: None Motion Carried

Review and acceptance of meeting minutes

Planning Commission February 27, 2023 Recreation Commission January 10, 2023 PLWSA February 21, 2023

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

Yes: All No: None Motion Carried

Review and approval of City Council meeting minutes

Regular Meeting February 15, 2023 Regular Meeting March 15, 2023

Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Rickard to approve and accept the City Council Regular meeting minutes of February 15, 2023 and March 15, 2023 as presented.

Yes: All No: None Motion Carried

Administrative Report

City Manager Babcock commented on the following:

- Master Plan Public Input Session on April 12th and April 13th.
- May Election to renew the Houghton County Road Millage.
- UP Health Portage Bridgefest Presenting Sponsor.
- Help Wanted Heavy Equipment Operator for Todd Borke's position. Deve Pihlaja is retiring at the end of April and Todd will be the new Water System Operator.
- Spring Clean up will be May 12th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m and May 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Scrap Tire Recycling event will be May 5th.
- John Diebel Do Good Volunteer of the Month.
- Easter Egg Hunt will be on the Quincy Green on Saturday, April 8th at 11:00 a.m.
- Finlandia University has been placed in receivership and the receiver was to be appointed today.
- Office Closure-April 7th, Good Friday holiday.
- Spring Newsletter to go out shortly.
- City Hall updates new doors to City Hall are in at McGanns and will be installed soon, also updates to the front desk area.

New Business

1. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor McKenzie to approve Resolution 23-05 Installment loan agreement with Huntington Bank in the amount of 192,002 for a term of 7 years with interest of 4.40%.

Roll Call

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

No: None Motion Carried

2. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor McKenzie to approval of Resolution 23-06 to authorize the application for a special liquor license to the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Liquor Control Commission from the application from Hancock Fire Department for the special license to serve alcohol on July 14, 2023 to be located at 400 Quincy St., Hancock MI 49930.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, LaBine, Richard, Lounibos, Warstler

No: None Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor LaBine and supported by Councilor McKenzie to appoint applicant Frank Fiala to the Downtown Development Authority with a term ending January 31, 2027.

Yes: All No: None Motion Carried

4. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor McKenzie to reappoint Amanda Lutey to the Rental Code Board of Appeals with a term ending February 28, 2025.

Yes: All No: None Motion Carried

5. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Warstler to reappoint Rick Freeman Jr to the Rental Code Board of Appeals with a term ending February 28, 2025.

Yes: All No: None Motion Carried

6. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor McKenzie to appoint John Haeussler as the Hancock Resident for the Rental Code Board of Appeals with a term ending February 28, 2025.

Yes: All No: None Motion Carried 7. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve Amendment 2 to the EGLE Grant Project #2022-306A-010 with an extension to September 30, 2023 and increase of Contractual Services of \$35,000 for a total grant amount of \$80,000.

Roll Call

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

No: None Motion Carried

8. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to schedule a Public Hearing for draft Solar and Wind Ordinance that was recommended by the Planning Commission on March 27, 2023 for May 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with amendments to move the definitions to the beginning; remove "septic system" from page 3, paragraph 1; and page 3 paragraph 2 (1) add planning commission or strike "city".

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, LaBine, Richard, Lounibos, Warstler

No: None Motion Carried

- 9. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Warstler to form a Hancock Arena Advisory Board with membership including a City Councilor, Jon French CCJHA, Craig Sporalski Old Timers, Chris Salani Hancock Public Schools, DPW Director, and City Manager.
 - a. Motion by Councilor LaBine and supported by Councilor Rickard to amend the motion to appoint Ron Blau as the City Council member.

Yes: All No: None Motion Carried

Yes: All No: None Motion Carried

10. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor McKenize to proceed with the Poplar Street improvements and pavement repairs at an approximate cost of \$400,000.00 for work to be done by the City's DPW workers.

Roll Call

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

No: None Motion Carried

11. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the route service agreement and grapple truck agreement for the Scrap Tire Recycle Event.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, LaBine, Richard, Lounibos, Warstler

No: None Motion Carried 12. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor LaBine to schedule the Budget Work Session at 6:00 p.m. on April 26th, May 17th and May 31st (if necessary) with a Public Hearing on June 7th.

Yes: All No: None Motion Carried

Public Comment

Dave Dow introduced himself as the new Code Enforcement Officer.

Zack Osborn – Emery St., asked about the Poplar St. project.

Lora Frea – Scott Building – commented on bus transportation and financial assistance for elderly taking the transit.

Council Member Comments

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

Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Warstler to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Yes: All No: None Motion Carried

Paul LaBine, Mayor

Linda Kalinec, City Clerk

#23-05

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT

City of Hancock County of Houghton, State of Michigan

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hancock, County of Houghton, State of Michigan, held on the 5th day of April, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Members Warstler, Lounibos, Rickard, LaBine, McKenzie, Blau

ABSENT: Member Freeman

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Rickard and supported by Member McKenzie :

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hancock, County of Houghton, State of Michigan (the "City") determines it to be necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the City and its residents to acquire a 2023 Western Star Sander, as described in more detail on Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Equipment"); and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Act 99, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended ("Act 99"), the City is authorized to enter into any contracts or agreements for the purchase of the Equipment to be paid for in installments over a period of not to exceed the useful life of the Equipment acquired as determined by resolution of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City shall purchase the Equipment for the sum of \$192,002 (the "Purchase Price") which shall be financed through the execution of an Installment Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") between the City and Huntington Public Capital Corporation, Las Vegas, Nevada (the "Purchaser"), with U.P. Truck Center Inc., Quinnesec, Michigan, assigning its right to be paid to the Purchaser; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding balance of all purchases by the City under Act 99, exclusive of interest, shall not exceed one and one quarter percent (1-1/4%) of the taxable value of the real and personal property in the City at the date of such contract or agreement; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the Equipment pursuant to the Agreement will not result in the outstanding balance of all such purchases in excess of the limitation contained within Act 99 as set forth above; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement is to be assigned to the Purchaser; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to approve the Agreement and authorize the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk/Treasurer to execute the Agreement and authorize City officials to execute certain other documentation relative thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Approval of Agreement; Agreement Terms. The Agreement is hereby approved substantially in the form attached hereto at Exhibit B. The City shall incur the debt described in the Agreement through execution of the Agreement by the officers authorized below which debt shall consist of the Purchase Price of \$192,002, which shall be payable in seven (7) annual installment payments of principal due on May 1 of each year commencing May 1, 2024, with interest thereon first payable on May 1, 2024 and annually each May 1 thereafter at a rate of 4.40% per annum; provided that the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk/Treasurer are each hereby authorized to adjust the payment dates and final details set forth herein to the extent necessary or convenient to complete the transaction authorized herein, and in pursuance of the foregoing are each authorized to make determinations regarding the principal and interest payment dates.
- 2. <u>Execution and Delivery of Agreement</u>. The Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk/Treasurer are each hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement and deliver it to the Vendor, substantially in the form attached hereto with such additions, changes and modifications as shall be approved by the City's bond counsel.
- 3. <u>Useful Life of Equipment</u>. The useful life of the Equipment is hereby determined to be not less than seven (7) years.
- 4. <u>Authorization of Officers</u>. The Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk/Treasurer are each authorized to execute such additional documentation and open such accounts as shall be necessary to effectuate the closing of the Agreement and the assignment thereof to the Purchaser within the parameters set forth in this resolution.
- 5. <u>Assignment of Agreement</u>. The assignment by the Vendor to the Purchaser of the Agreement or of the Vendor's right to be paid for the Equipment is hereby approved.
- 6. Security; Limited Tax Pledge. The City hereby agrees to include in its budget for each year, commencing with the current fiscal year, a sum which will be sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on the Agreement coming due before the next fiscal year. In addition, the City hereby pledges to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the City each year in an amount necessary to make its debt service payments under the Agreement, subject to applicable constitutional, statutory and charter tax rate limitations.
- 7. <u>Tax Covenant</u>. The City covenants that, to the extent permitted by law, it shall take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exclusion of the interest component of the payments due under the Agreement from adjusted gross income for general federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including but not limited to, actions relating to the rebate of arbitrage earnings, if applicable.
- 8. <u>Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation</u>. The City hereby designates the Agreement as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for purposes of deduction of interest expense by financial institutions pursuant to the Code.
 - 9. Rescission. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the

provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded to the extent of such conflict.

AYES:

Members Warstler, Lounibos, Rickard, LaBine, McKenzie, Blau

NAYS:

Members None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Linda Kalinec

City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Hancock, County of Houghton, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on April 5, 2023 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Linda Kalinec

City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Description of Equipment

U.P. TRUCK CENTER INC.

SALES INVOICE

4920 Menominee Street, P.O. Box 261 Quinnesec, M1 49876 Invoice#: 1165

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EXHIBIT B

Form of Installment Purchase Agreement

(attached)



Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Liquor Control Commission (MLCC)

Constitution Hall - 525 W. Allegan, Lansing, MI 48933 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 30005, Lansing, MI 48909 Toll-Free: 866-813-0011 - <u>www.michigan.gov/lcc</u> Business ID:

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(For MLCC Use Only)

#23-06

Certified Resolution of the Membership or Board of Directors Authorizing the Application for Special License (Required under Administrative Rule R 436.576 - Not Required for Candidate Committee)

Board of Directors meeting of the Membership At a Regular Special 4/5/2023 6:00 pm called to order by Paul LaBine on at (Date) (Time) the following resolution was offered: and supported by Councilor Lisa McKenzie Moved by Councilor Ron Blau that the application from Hancock Fire Department (Name of Organization) for a Special License to serve alcohol on 7/14/2023 (Event Date or Dates) to be located at 400 Quincy St., Hancock, MI 49930 (Physical Address - Include Location Name, Street Address, City, State, & Zip Code) for issuance. It is the consensus of this body that the application be Recommended (Recommended or Not Recommended) **Approval Vote Tally** Yeas: Nays: Absent: 1 **Certification by Authorized Officer of Organization:** I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and is a complete copy of the resolution offered and adopted by the at a 🔀 Regular Special meeting held on 4/5/2023 **Board of Directors** Membership (Date) 04/05/2023 Linda Kalinec, City Clerk Signature of Authorized Officer Date Print Name & Title of Authorized Officer