

Worksession
August 15, 2012
6:30 p.m.

Present: Councilors Haeussler, McKenzie, Moore, Laitila, Belej, Slivon and Hainault.
Absent: None
Also present City Clerk Haischer.

Reviewed and Discussed:

1. Added under new business to the agenda: #9. EPA Delisting of 3 parcels, #10. Appointing a Mayor Pro-Tem and #11. Resolution for the 55th Anniversary of Phi Kappa Tau.
2. MML Councilors already registered (Haeussler, Belej, McKenzie, Moore, Laitila and Manager Anderson)
3. MML Annual meeting.
4. Junk Car Update.
One removed from 306 Holland Street and one from the corner of Wright/Ryan
5. Fair Board Update.
 - Request was for one main gate expanded to two gates. (Not this year)
 - Relocate a hydrant
 - Using gravel from the Fair area up at Valley View Dr.
6. MSHDA Update.
 - Julie Gardner is our current Rep.
 - Suggested we amend our current grant to include the Kaleva (3 apts), Crystal Room 2 apts), WMPL Building (2 apts) and the Masonic Temple (4 apts)
 - Still working on the Gartner's building (8-10 apts)
 - JB Sports Update. Miners State Bank took back the building. Century 21 has it listed For Sale, two pending offers. DDA has \$10,000 grant for façade. MSHDA would be interested in this building as it is a foreclosed property.
7. FinnFest 2013
 - Hotels are almost filled up. Dorms at Finlandia and MTU are available.
8. A Bike Committee has been started. Their next meeting is on Thursday, August 30th, at 7:30 a.m. at the Health Department on Depot Street.
9. PLWSA Update.
 - flows down about 1.6%
10. Jim Turner, RD State Director was in town this past Tuesday to look at our water and sewer projects.
11. WUPPDR will be conducting a phaser rating of all of our streets. In 2007 22% of the streets were in poor condition, 55% were fair and 22% just good.
12. ToldBoys will be visiting us the First week in July. Won't be able to attend FinnFest.
13. Update on Doug Hayrynen.
 - Dispute with worker's comp carried. Pre-trial scheduled in Baraga for 9-12-2012
 - Filed for SS Disability and Disability MERS
14. Hope to get the East Hancock Stairway project repairs completed this year.
15. Finlandia University Update
 - Replaced the seating in the middle school auditorium. Hired World of Wood to bring the building up to code.
16. Update on sewer backup damages. Our insurance carried and turned down the claims submitted by Paul Nelson and Franklin for damages. Manager told them to file an appeal to the Council for review.
17. Barkell Elementary received a mini-grant for a rain and flow garden. City will dig out the area and fill with topsoil.
18. Parking Meter Update.
 - about 300 are happy with no meters
 - no complaints, yet

Regular Meeting
August 15, 2012
7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Hancock City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Laitila presiding. The United States Flag was honored by all in attendance with the following duly qualified Councilors being present: Haeussler, McKenzie, Moore, Laitila, Belej, Slivon and Hainault.
Absent None

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Moore to approve the August 15, 2012 Agenda as amended:

New Business: add #9. EPA Delisting of 3 parcels, #10. Appointing a Mayor Pro-Tem and #11. Resolution for the 55th Anniversary of Phi Kappa Tau.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

correspondence

Letter from the Yooper Sprint Triathlon (www.YooperTri.com)

Letter from the WPPA re: opening of contract negotiations – Hancock Police Officers Association

Letter from MSHDA re: 116 Quincy Street Rehabilitation Project

Letter from HCC Public Risk Claim Service, Inc. (Sewer backup claims) denied

-Frank Taucher, 1619 Anthony Street

-Paul Nelson, 1617 Anthony Street

Letter from Patricia A. Rotundo, 225 Water re: concerns about tree cutting on the hillside

e-mail from Manager Anderson re: Councilor Hainault resignation

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

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

guests

Public Comment:

- 1.
- 2.

minutes approval

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the minutes of the July 18, 2012 worksession and regular meeting as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

reports

Memo from City Clerk Haischer re: Councilor Candidates for the November 6, 2012 General Election and proposed ballot wording.

Hancock Bike & Pedestrian Committee minutes 8-7-12

FinnFest 2013 minutes of 7-11-12

FinnFest 2013 minutes of 8-8-12

US-41/M-26 Corridor Advisory Team minutes of 6-14-12

US-41/M-26 Corridor Advisory Team minutes of 7-12-12

PLWSA minutes of 6-19-12

Hancock Housing Commission minutes of 8-31-11, 11-16-11, 1-18-12, 2-22-12, 3-21-12, 5-16-12 and 6-20-12.

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

Yes: All

No: None
Motion Carried.

admin report

1. Grant Updates:
 - DNR MNRTF Navy Street Boardwalk. Awarded.
 - Passport Beach Dock (Site visit by the DNR on 7-23)
Still waiting to hear outcome. \$45,000 City match \$15,000 (cash) in-kind \$10,000
2. WUPHD continues to monitor the Hancock Beach.
 - 1.54 E coli per 100 ML
 - Continue normal beach operations
3. Update on Big Louie Moilanen Project.
 - suggested location would be west of the Finnish Heritage Center on Quincy Street.
4. Update on HB 5246 , SmartZone LDFA's
 - adding two new SmartZones (current 15 to 17 in the State)
 - one military (certified alternative energy park)
 - 5 year extension for 15 years to 20
 - MTEC has the 3rd highest tax capture
5. SmartZone Objectives 2011-2012 (copy on file) FYI
6. MPTA/MDOT Transit Conference (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).
City to receive a 10 year award
7. AT&T has a buried line project scheduled for Scott Street and N. Lincoln Dr.
8. Picnic Table Upgrade
 - 6 new tables at the beach
9. 61st Annual County Fair at the Fair Grounds and Driving Park.
 - August 23rd – August 26th
10. DPW Project Updates:
 - Valley View Infrastructure is coming along. 1st phase of water is done. Road is Graded and sewer is across road. Hope to have completed by next June to start selling lots.
 - Quincy/Ethel sanitary manhole sewer upgrade.
MDOT and the City are sharing the cost of \$5,500. Siler Contracting is doing the work.
 - Navy Street storm sewer quote is about \$30,000
11. EPA superfund site delisting process.
Public comment on the delisting of Michigan Smelter, Isle Royale and Mason Sand from the Torch Lake site can be submitted until date to be determined.
Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at the FU Jutila Center 200 Michigan Street in Hancock.
12. Update on water and sewer projects.
 - Funds available to add back 15 valves in the water project. Siler is working in Portage Twp. on a re-construct.
 - Sewer project is almost completely done.
13. Driving Park Update.
Total games from May-August 184
14. DPW crew projects.
 - 116 Quincy service lateral replacement
 - Hancock Street disconnect of a 1" water line
15. Portage Health Labor Day Walk.
 - September 3rd

old business

No old business at this time.

new business

no july a/p

add'l checks typed in july

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Slivon to approve the additional checks typed in the month of July, 2012 in the amount of \$1,098,272.50 and authorize payment as follows:

Expense \$764,854.11

Transfers 333,418.39

Total \$1,098,272.50

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

parade of nations
contribution request

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor McKenzie approving the contribution to the Parade of Nations in the amount of \$250.00 and authorize payment as funds become available. This item was budgeted.

valley view add'l lots

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor McKenzie approving the additional four (4) residential lots to the Valley View Estates infrastructure development with Pat and Jan Campioni for \$37,499.00. These would be lots 13, 14, 15 and 16.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

hainault resignation

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor McKenzie to accept the resignation, with regret, of Councilor At Large James Hainault. Mr. Hainault moved out of the City limits to Chassell.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: Councilor Hainault.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Haeussler and seconded by Councilor Belej directing the City Clerk to advertise for an At Large vacancy seat on the Council. Applications due Monday, September 10th at 5:00 p.m. with a special council meeting on Wednesday, September 12th at 5:00 to consider an appointment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

water project pay request

Moved by Councilor Haeussler and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve a water project pay request to James Peterson and Sons in the amount of \$109,122.87 and OHM in the amount of 12,258.50 for a total payment of \$121,381.37 and authorize payment when funds become available.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

water project co #12

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to approve Change Order #12 for an increase of \$42,884.75 to the Hancock Water Project for valve work and balancing.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

sewer project pay request

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Haeussler to approve a sewer project pay request to MJO Contracting in the amount of \$7,170.06 and OHM in the amount of \$2,484.00 for a total payment of \$9,654.06 and authorize payment when funds become available.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

epa delisting of 3 parcels

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler directing the City Manager to draft a letter of support delisting the Michigan Smelter, Isle Royale and Mason Sand from the Torch Lake site.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

mayor pro-tem
appointment

Moved by Councilor Haeussler and seconded by Councilor Belej to appoint Councilor Lisa McKenzie as Mayor Pro-Tem due to the resignation of Councilor Hainault.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor McKenzie directing the City Manager to draft a Proclamation in Honor of the 55 Year Anniversary of Phi Kappa Tau.

CITY OF HANCOCK
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION
HONORING PHI KAPPA TAU FRATERNITY'S
55TH ANNIVERSARY

Whereas, Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity was established in the City of Hancock in the Spring of 1957, then known as Mu Kappa Mu Fraternity, and

Whereas, the goal of the original twelve founders of the Fraternity was to promote the principles of brotherhood, security, morals, guidance in the paths of righteousness and integrity, regardless of race, color, religious creed or economic level, and

Whereas, the Fraternity purchased the old Ray Hill Hotel in September of 1957 located at 1209 W. Quincy St., and

Whereas, Phi Kappa Tau has maintained the Fraternity house and grounds in excellent condition, and

Whereas, the Gamma Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau has over a 1,000 alumni, and,

Whereas, the Fraternity has a strong and proud tradition of community service, both in the City of Hancock and surrounding areas, and,

Whereas, the Fraternity brings recognition to the City for its regular success in MTU Winter Carnival Snow Statue competitions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, William Laitila, Mayor of the City of Hancock, does hereby recognize Phi Kappa Tau for its significant involvement and contribution to the community, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that I proclaim Sunday, September 2, 2012 as PHI KAPPA TAU DAY in the City of Hancock, and the City welcomes all alumni and family members to its 55th reunion.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Moore that this regular meeting of the Hancock City Council be adjourned. Time: 8:43 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

William Laitila, Mayor

Karen Haischer, CMC City Clerk