

CITY OF HANCOCK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024
HANCOCK CITY HALL, 399 QUINCY STREET
Public viewing available via ZOOM.com Meeting ID: 821 4402 1682

Public Hearing – Ordinance 312 – Adopting supplement to the code of ordinances.
No Comments

Regular Meeting - 6:01 P.M.

Call to order and pledge of allegiance led by Mayor Kurt Rickard
Roll Call and verification of quorum
Present: Councilors Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, Rickard, Tanner, Lounibos, Warstler
Absent: None

Also Present in person: John Zucher, Glenn Anderson, John Erickson, Tami Sleeman, Michael Markham, Tracie Williams, Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity Member; Garrett Neese, Mary Babcock, Linda Kalinec, Scott MacInnes and other members of the public.

Also Present via Zoom: None

Review and approval of agenda

Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business item #14 to consider approval of Resolution 24-05 Act 51 Street Additional Certification for Calcite and Dolomite Drives; and item # 15 to Consider adoption of Ordinance #312 adopting supplement to the Code of Ordinances.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Public Comment - None

Communication

OHM - Ice Arena Memo
Michigan Public Service Commission – Semco Gas
Michigan Public Service Commission - UPPCO
Copper Shores Community Health Foundation
MTEC Smartzone – Advance Materials and Manufacturing Program

Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor McKenzie to accept and place on file the communication received.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Review and acceptance of meeting minutes

Planning Commission September 25, 2023
Planning Commission December 5, 2023
Portage Lake Water and Sewage Authority January 9, 2024

Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Tanner to accept and place on file the meeting minutes as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Review and approval of City Council meeting minutes

Regular Meeting with Recreation Public Hearing January 17, 2024
Closed Session January 17, 2024

Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve and accept the City Council Regular and Recreation Public Hearing Meeting minutes of January 17, 2024 and City Council Closed Session meeting minutes of January 17, 2024 as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Administrative Report

City Manager, Babcock commented on the following:

- National Sauna Week February 18th – 25th Events and Activities sponsored by the Hancock Finnish Theme Committee.
- Kids Day Event on March 23rd sponsored by the Hancock Business Association.
- Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th sponsored by the City of Hancock and the Hancock DDA.
- New Recreation Sites Map signs to be placed at the various recreation sites throughout the city.
- EV Charger use statistics.
- The Community Center grant was not awarded to the city.
- Leases have been drawn up by the Attorney to be used for spaces to be leased in Nikander, Wargelin and Mannerheim.
- UP Health System Portage will be a major sponsor for Bridgefest supporting the fireworks this year.
- Congratulations to Phi Kappa Tau, they took 1st place overall in MTU Winter Carnival and 2nd place in the Snow Statues. A member of fraternity added comments.

Police Chief, Sleeman commented on the following:

- Hancock Officer Darren Olson named Copper Country Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, he was presented an award at the Pigs ‘N Heat hockey game.
- Ben Galetto is in his 5th week at the Academy.

DPW Director, Erickson commented on the following:

- Various projects the DPW workers have been doing with the low snow fall amount including the two new offices at City Hall along with other renovations, cutting dead trees at the cemetery and campground, will be working on the beach bathrooms.

Clerk/Treasurer, Kalinec commented on the following:

- Elections update including early voting days and turnout to date, absentee ballots issued and returned, all precincts voting at Lakeview Manor.

New Business

1. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor McKenzie to approve the Macqueen Equipment lease agreement for a 2021 Elgin Pelican Unit #, LOR98 in the amount of \$13,000.00.

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Tanner, Rickard, Freeman, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to appoint Wayne Weaver to the Board of Review with a term ending 12/31/2026.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Tanner to approve the Pyrotecnico Fireworks permit for Bridgefest Fireworks on June 15, 2024.

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, Rickard, Tanner, Lounibos

No: Warstler

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development grant for the Feasibility Study on Finlandia University.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

5. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve OHM's proposal for professional services for the Feasibility Assessment of the Finlandia University bldgs. in the amount of \$54,000.00.

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, Rickard, Tanner, Lounibos, Warstler

No: None

Motion Carried

6. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve Central Structures payment application #5 for the Hancock Salt Storage Shed project in the amount of \$51,394.57.

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Tanner, Rickard, Freeman, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

7. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Lounibos to approve Payne and Dolan, Inc change order #3 for the Business and Technology Park in the amount of \$116,059.73.

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, Rickard, Tanner, Lounibos, Warstler

No: None

Motion Carried

8. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Blau to approve Payne and Dolan, Inc payment application #9 for the Business and Technology Park in the amount of \$79,410.32.

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Tanner, Rickard, Freeman, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

9. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Tanner to approve Resolution #24-04 to set an alternate date for the March Board of Review.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

10. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to appoint Taylor Mills to the Hancock Housing Commission with a term ending 12/31/2024.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

11. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the operation of the HoCo Arena through August 15, 2024.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

12. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve the current accounts payable in the amount of \$650,629.73.

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, Rickard, Tanner, Lounibos, Warstler

No: None

Motion Carried

13. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Lounibos to approve the listing contract for the property located on Captain's Drive and Campus Drive in the amount of \$52,000.00 and extension of Spruce Haven listing agreement with Kristine Weidner.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

14. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve Resolution 24-05 Act 51 Street Addition Certification for Calcite and Dolomite Drives.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

15. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Freeman to adopt Ordinance 312 To Adopt Supplement to the Code of Ordinances.

Roll Call Vote
Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Tanner, Rickard, Freeman, McKenzie, Blau
No: None
Motion Carried

16. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Freeman to enter into Closed Session at 6:43 p.m. Pursuant to Open Meetings Act MCL15.268 for personnel evaluation.

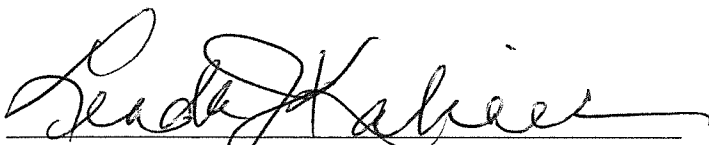
Roll Call Vote
Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, Rickard, Tanner, Lounibos, Warstler
No: None
Motion Carried

17. Return to Open Session at 7:54 p.m.

Public Comment-None

Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried



Linda Kalinec, City Clerk