

Worksession
December 15, 2010
6:30 p.m.

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Reviewed and discussed:

1. Gartner's Gallery update.
2. Use of MSHDA program income update.
3. Rental Rehab address update.
4. Rich Brown will step down as Clerk of the House and be the Assistant Clerk of the House.
5. Transit Update.
6. Update on required new street signs.
7. Ray Sharp - Health Department; Complete Streets (walking and biking)
8. SHPO and MSHDA are still reviewing 3 projects and have held up payment in the amount of \$42,000.00.
9. Sewer problems on Vivian Street.
10. Scott Building (\$155,000 Grant) still has not met the job creation deadline. Requesting an extension.
11. Discussion about the Beach Dock.
12. Problems with a left turn at the corner of Front Street/Reservation/Hancock going down towards E. Water Street past the old Elks Building.
13. SmartZone and Finlandia University are sending an application to MEDC for a \$100,000.00 Grant for a business incubator at the Jutila Center.
14. Pat's IGA is planning on upgrading their building façade on the grocery store building to match the car wash building next year.
15. John Hiltz from OHM is planning a dinner for the Council on Friday, January 7th. More info to follow.
16. A transit bus was in an accident in Houghton on 12-6. Not much damage, but it was a hit and run accident. Houghton Police Department is investigating.
17. IRS is auditing the 2006 Portage Health Bond Issue.
18. Copper Country Beach Club is planning on constructing an ice rink under their pavilion on the waterfront.
19. Snow removal issues to be discussed by the DPW Committee.
20. Note: The accounts payable to Lisa McKenzie is for the purchase of a CCJHA wreath.

Regular Meeting
December 15, 2010
7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Hancock City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 with Mayor Laitila presiding. The United States Flag was honored by all in attendance with the following duly qualified Councilors being present: Hainault, Slivon, Belej, Laitila, Moore, McKenzie and Haeussler.
Absent: None

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Hainault to approve the December, 2010 Agenda as amended.
new business: #6. Street signage issue (unfunded mandate)
Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried.

correspondence

CCISD request to collect their 2011 taxes on the City summer tax bill
Letter from 25 Shafter re: housing rehab grant (Thank You)
WUPPDR re: 2011-2015 Recreation Plan
Michigan Liquor Control Commission re: Sunday sales
Charter re: changes to line up
Memo from Doug Hayrynen re: December DPW Report
Concept draft drawing of 306 Reservation Street (Gartner's Gallery)

Housing Rehab Program update with addresses

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. Brian Donahue Portage Health re: Bond Issue

minutes approval

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor McKenzie approving the November 17, 2010 minutes for the worksession, public hearing and regular meeting as corrected.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

reports

Planning Commission minutes of October 25, 2010

DDA minutes of November 1, 2010

Hospital Finance Authority minutes of November 18, 2010

Hospital Finance Authority minutes of December 7, 2010

US41/M203 Corridor meeting notes of September 9, 2010

Hancock Housing Commission minutes of October 20, 2010

PLLB Emergency Management Long Term Outage Group meeting notes of November 3, 2010

PLWSA minutes of November 11, 2010

FinnFest 2013 minutes of November 22, 2010

Moved by Councilor Haeussler 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. Sewer Project update.

-Closed on project with USDA-RD in Gladstone. Low bidder was MJO \$3,092,249.60 Notice to Proceed, Interest rate is 2.25% for 40 years. Will need a few change orders as the project proceeds. (one block on Dunstan above Mason Street; transport sludge to Greenland and OHM is asking for extra money because of the additional work required in obtaining the 50 sewer easements)

2. Maasto Hiihto Ski Trail (new map)

22.42 km or 13.92 miles of cross country ski trails. This trail is maintained by the Keweenaw Nordic Ski Club. The City pays the groomers.

3. State water testing update. State lab at MTU closed on 11-19-10. City now has to send samples to White Water Associates in Amasa.

4. Water Project update.

Project is close to closing with USDA-RD. Water budget was completed and sent out. Bid out in February-March. Close in March-April. Projected interest rate 2.50%, however, this is adjusted quarterly.

5. Excerpts from the Hancock Housing Commission audit. Complete audit is available for review at City Hall.

6. The January 3rd meeting of the DDA is cancelled.

7. FinnFest 2013 committee will hold a meeting in early January to finalize our bid to host the 2013 Event. Applications are due 1-19-2011.

old business
retro-active 6-30-10 budget
amendments

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the following retro-active FY 09/10 year end adjusting journal entries for the year ended June 30, 2010 to adjust the Motor Vehicle equipment rentals. As recommended by the City Manager.

General Fund

		DR	CR
Due to Motor Vehicle	101000214661	78,079.64	
Equipment Rentals	101171943000		126.00
	101289943000		2,821.22
	101301943000		10,226.88
	101441943000		9,313.78
	101525943000		27,364.43
	101531943000		19,767.37
	101774943000		970.17
	101775943000		3,762.44
	101776943000		3,713.04
	101265943000		14.31
Major Street Fund			
Due to Motor Vehicle	202000214661	13,301.68	
Equipment Rentals	202463943000		4,057.60
	202474943000		50.43
	202451943000		7,311.64
	202478943000		1,000.00
	202480943000		882.01
Local Street Fund			
Due to Motor Vehicle	203000214661	110,089.08	
Equipment Rentals	203463943000		17,425.30
	203478943000		65,700.00
	203482943000		792.00
	203474943000		650.64
	203451943000		25,086.89
	203480943000		434.25

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

equipment rental rates

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor Belej to adjust the internal City fund use of equipment rental rates to 70% of MDOT published Schedule C Rates, based on an internal analysis of costs, effective November 1, 2010.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

09/10 deficit reduction plan
fye 6-30-2010 &
10/11 budget amendment
fye 6-30-2011

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Belej to adopt the following Deficit Reduction Plan for the Parking Meter Fund and amend the 10/11 Budget as follows:
Deficit Reduction Plan for the Parking Meter Fund: Deficit amount of \$6,274.00.

1. Transfer \$6,500.00 from the General Fund to Parking Meter Fund.

Amendment:

General Fund-Transfer Out 101999999516 \$3,150.00 to \$9,650.00.

Parking Meter Fund-Transfer In 516000699101 \$3,150.00 to \$9,650.00.

Manager to do a cost analysis of the Fund.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

new business
november a/p

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the November, 2010 accounts payable in the amount of \$169,527.03 and authorize payment as follows as funds become available.

General \$58,583.96

Local 2,690.50

Transit 4,232.14

Sewer 66,199.00

Water 22,473.33

Sylvan E 165.00

Motor V 14,433.10

DDA 750.00

Total \$169,527.03

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

add'l checks typed in
November

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Haeussler approving the additional checks typed in the month of November, 2010 in the amount of \$575,024.09 and authorize payment as follows:

Expenses \$176,969.69

Transfers 398,054.40

Total \$575,024.09

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

mjo 6th payment

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the 6th payment to MJO Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$38,393.12 as funds become available for the new Transit Facility Project.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Resolution #28-10

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler adopting Resolution #28-10 "City of Hancock Hospital Finance Authority" to issue its Multi-Modal Limited Obligation Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 (Portage Health, Inc.) in an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000 . (complete copy of Resolution #28-10 is on file) Not an obligation of the City of Hancock to pay this bond.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None
Motion Carried

adams twp rate
increase

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the rate increase for wholesale water for the Franklin-Quincy Water Authority from \$1.18/1000 gallons to \$1.33/1000 gallons. An increase of \$.15 effective January 1, 2011. This is the same increase the City is paying.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried.

reflective sign
mandate

Moved by Councilor Hainault and seconded by Councilor Belej directing the City Manager to send a comments letter on behalf of the City Council in strong opposition in accordance with the proposed reflective sign (unfunded mandate) for traffic sign maintenance requirements to our Representatives and US Senator.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried.

The City Manager is directed to send a letter of condolence to the Family of US Major (Retired Air Force) Glenn Taipo at his untimely passing. Glenn was serving the City of Hancock as Chair of the Finnish Theme Committee.

Laurn Grove Rink needs volunteers to get the ice started.

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Hainault that this regular meeting of the Hancock City Council be adjourned. Time: 8:30 p.m.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried.

William Laitila, Mayor

Karen Haischer, CMC City Clerk