

July 15, 2015
Worksession
6:30 p.m.

Present: Councilors Tuisku, Bauman, McKenzie, Belej, Slivon and Blau.

Absent: Councilor Hodur.

Also present: Wayne Butler, Bill Marlor, Susan Burack, Rick Allen, Jeanette Robertson, Wayne Butler, Mary Lepisto, Richard Koski, Tracie Williams, Jay D. Martineau, Cheryl Fahrner, Andy Lahti and Kurt Hauglie.

Reviewed and Discussed:

1. MDOT Real Estate: ROW purchase for the streetscape project 2016

-Steve Palowski ROW concerns (would like paved parking in addition to some form of Payment new entrance).

-Dave's ROW Concerns (waiting to see what the State offers Palowski)

This could delay the 2016 project and Front Street could be pushed out until 2017.

2. David Hale – letter regarding cross walks.

MDOT plans to allow placement of signs in the middle of the street to yield to pedestrians on the trunkline. Houghton will have five different locations located on Sheldon. This would be seasonal only.

3. Recycling – Susan Burack.

City residents must use bins. Would like to add businesses and the schools with a twice a month pickup. Would like a Committee set up to discuss garbage and recycling issues. Glenn, Bill and Susan along with a few councilors.

4. Chief Wayne Butler gave his 2nd Quarterly Police Report to the Council which covers April 1 through June 30th. There were 608 blotter entries for the quarter.

5. City Manager Update.

-823 Summit Junk in yard, resident will cleanup.

-Request to place solar panels at a home located on Sylvan Drive. Trees on City property would have to be topped. City is getting calls from neighbors regarding this request. The Attorney is looking into the situation.

-City is having a Campground Brochure done at no cost to the City. Paid for by area businesses taking out an ad.

-County Fair Update. Fair Board building is located on our property. We do use their parking lot area for a snow dump in the winter. We are working on a proposal.

-Finlandia University – Planning on constructing a locker room at McAfee Field to be ready for next year. Their first game is on September 5th.

-SmartZone Update. State approved the Marquette satellite. The Hancock/Houghton SmartZone is awaiting approval for our 15 year extension.

-Beachview Trailer Park Update – owner Barb Jukuri (State licensed mobile home park) Lot #29 had a fire. Owner of the trailer has no insurance. Manager Anderson sent in a crew to clean up outside of the trailer after many complaints at City cost. Took out 2 ½ tons of debris and used a dump truck, endloader and City operator.

-CPS – home school at the Assembly of God Church on Ingot Street. Discovery Center.

-The float plane is still looking for an area to dock on the canal.

-MDOT Maintenance Billing through May was billed out at \$274,000.00

-Lower Scott Street has too much blacktop and has caused a bump in the road. Will be corrected next week.

-The complaints received by Dave Talvensaari at the last meeting were taken care of by the City crew.

937 W. Quincy debris

928 Ohio grass cutting

-DNR Trail received some dust control.

-Airport Update

-Mario Paoli bought the Credit Services on Quincy Street. They have seven employees.

-Kiesel Chev was purchased by a company out of Minnesota and will build a new dealership near the mall.

-We need to look at an ordinance for mobile home parks and solar panels.

-We would like to put the electrical west of City Hall (400-500 blk of Quincy) underground, however, each business would have to get their building up to code. Cost could be a factor.

-RD and MDOT Update.

Meeting today with RD went well
-Next month water ordinance for new water project. 1.8 million grant 1.9 million loan.

Special presentation:
7:30 p.m.

Presentation of Transit Survey results from the Copper Country Regional Inclusive Community Coalition (RICC).

2. Terry Sayatovich, Director of Oak House and Angela Kangas, Chair of the RICC presented the council with their Transit Survey.
-Needed service Wednesday and Friday 5pm to 9pm and Saturday Noon to 6pm
-The RRIC meets 3:30-4:30 at Lakeview Manor, the 2nd Thursday, of every month

Mary Tuisku – City should look into enforcement of our Taxi Cab Ordinance or repeal it.

Regular Meeting
July 15, 2015
7:55 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Hancock City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 7:55p.m. with Mayor McKenzie presiding. The United States Flag was honored by all in attendance with the following duly qualified Councilors being present:

Councilors: Blau, Slivon, Belej, McKenzie, Bauman and Tuisku.
Absent: Councilor Hodur.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to excuse Councilor Hodur from tonight's meeting as he is out of town.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Tuisku to amend the Agenda as follows:

New Business: #12 Approve submission of a MI Community Arts and Culture Grant for Tori Music. #13. Discuss the need for a recycling committee.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried.

correspondence

WUPPDR re: Complaint #2015-055, Lot 29 Anthony Street (BVTP)

Key Ingredients, Friday, July 17th

Our Energy re: Legislation would strengthen tie between our peninsulas

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

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried.

guests

Public Comments:

1. Susan Burack, 103 Quincy Street

Would like the Council to consider placing the Portage Lake District Library request for 2 mills be put on a ballot in 2016. Would like a committee to discuss curbside recycling and the bag system to be reviewed. Susan is a member of the County Planning Commission and has been working on recycling. Now plastics 1-8 will be taken. No plastic bags, please use bins.

2. Richard Koski, 814 Scott Street

He has not seen an increase in traffic on Scott Street. The City has placed five stop signs on Scott Street of which three are illegal and one is questionable. You can't post them on light poles. 805 Pine/800 Scott owned by Pat McCarthy is a mess. Property went up for a Sheriff Sale and then SNB will be taking it back. Trying to sell his home, but, no luck with the mess behind him. What can be done?

3. Mary Lepisto, N. Lincoln Dr.

She is stuck between two rental homes and the grass is never cut. Also a mess.

minutes approval

Moved by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the minutes of the June 17, 2015 worksession, public hearing and regular meeting.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

reports

US-41 / M-26 Corridor Advisory Team, May 14th minutes
RICC Transit Survey

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

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

admin report

1. KSEF, August 5th -8th Discover With Us – Event Calendar
2. MSU, October 7-8 Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities
3. KNSC Newsletter
4. KNSC fund raising efforts for a new grooming ATV cost \$29,000.00
5. Maasto Hiihto -Middle Bridge – 2015
6. Maasto Hiihto -Sisu Bridge – 2017 estimated cost \$14,000
7. Update of Portage Lift Bridge project.
 - testing is being done during the day
 - electrical work - lights will be LED
 - Security cameras
8. MDOT pedestrian grant.
 - Looking at Krist Oil, Bridge approach, Scott Building, Holiday Gas Station and Bridge underpass.
9. MJO started on the City Hall chimney repair today.
10. Recycling Update.
11. Road funding update. Legislative Updates
12. MSHDA Grant. Environmental release letter for M-202-0657.
13. CC Festa Italiana 2015, August 8th 4 to 9pm
Houghton County Arena
14. MERS 2016 Contribution Rate: Employer Rate 16.06% Employee Rate 3.30%
 - employee rate remains the same.
15. MDOT highway maintenance contract audit report. Adjustment in favor of the state \$2,446.
16. MEDC – Vollwerth Expansion Project.
 - Contract with a certified grant administrator in the amount of \$10,000 (WUPPDR)
17. Key Ingredient's Friday, July 17th 6-8 pm.
18. Canal Rocks Update for July
19. City completed the variable frequency drive at the water pump station. Cost \$12,500.
20. Refinance: Fire Truck, City Hall Upgrades (2)
21. S/P rating of AA-

22. Friday, August 14th we will have a re-dedication of the Laurn Grove Park. A plaque will be installed and the American Legion and Mr. Gordie Schaaf will be in attendance.

old business

None at this time.

new busines
june 15 a/p

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the accounts payable for June in the amount of \$106,900.66 and authorizing payment as follows as funds become available.

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| General | \$37,039.12 |
| Major | 3,737.80 |
| Local | 343.93 |
| Parking M | 609.47 |
| Transit | 1,886.68 |
| Sewer | 226.25 |
| Water | 45,047.60 |
| Motor V | 17,265.81 |
| <u>DDA</u> | <u>744.00</u> |
| Total | \$106,900.66 |

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Tuisku, Bauman, McKenzie, Belej, Slivon and Blau.

No: None

Motion Carried.

add'l checks typed in june

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman approving the additional checks typed in the month of June, in the amount of \$1,020,792.44 and authorize payment as follows:

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| Expenses | \$366,420.02 |
| <u>Transfers</u> | <u>654,372.42</u> |
| Total | \$1,020,792.44 |

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Blau, Slivon, Belej, McKenzie, Bauman and Tuisku.

No: None

Motion Carried.

mtec smartzone
ldfa fy 15/16 budget

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Tuisku approving the MTEC Smartzone LDFA FY 15/16 Operating Budget in the amount of \$935,000.00 for revenues and expenses.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Tuisku, Bauman, McKenzie, Belej, Slivon and Blau.

No: None

Absent: Councilor Hodur

Motion Carried.

resolution 8-15
poverty exemption

RESOLUTION #8-2015
CITY OF HANCOCK
Resolution for Poverty Exemption

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the Hancock City Council; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who Assessor and the Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, the City of Hancock, Houghton County adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

1. Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
2. File a claim with the Assessor or Board of Review, accompanied by federal and State income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including Any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
3. File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed the current guidelines. Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc.
4. Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested.
5. Produce, if requested a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.
6. Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body providing the alternative guidelines do not provide eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines.
7. The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but one day prior to the last day of the Board of Review. The filing of this claim constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

The following are the federal poverty income guidelines which are updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence.

Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2015 Assessments

| Number of Persons Residing In the Principal Residence | Poverty Guidelines Annual allowable income |
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| 1 person | \$11,770. |
| 2 persons | \$15,930. |
| 3 persons | \$20,090. |
| 4 persons | \$24,250. |
| 5 persons | \$28,410. |
| 6 persons | \$32,570. |
| 7 persons | \$40,890. |
| 8 persons | |
| Each additional person add \$4,160. | |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Assessor and the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the Assessor and Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these reasons are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The foregoing resolution offered by Councilor Tuisku and supported by Councilor Belej.
Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Blau, Belej, McKenzie, Bauman and Tuisku.
No: Councilor Slivon.
Absent: Councilor Hodur
Motion Carried.

mml-traverse city, mi

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman authorizing Councilors to attend the MML Annual Conference in Traverse City, September 16th to the 18th with appropriate travel advance.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried.

medc-vollwerth's project
grant

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Slivon to accept the MEDC Grant #MSC-215002-CDF for \$176,390.00 for the Vollwerth's Job Expansion Project and authorize the City Manager and Clerk to execute the agreement.

Roll Call Vote:
Yes: Councilors Blau, Slivon, Belej, McKenzie, Bauman and Tuisku.
No: None
Motion Carried.

They have already hired four out of ten new employees and looking to purchase two new trucks.

15-16 winter sand quotes
2NS sand – 5000 tons

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| Superior Sand and Gravel, Inc. | 2,500 tons delivered to DPW @ \$9.15/ton |
| Pebbles, Inc. | 5,000 tons at \$7.90 per ton we pick up or additional \$1.35/ton delivered \$9.25 |

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Blau to award the 15/16 winter sand bid for 2NS sand – 400 tons as follows:

SS&G, Inc. 2,500 tons delivered to DPW @ \$9.15/ton = \$22,875.00
Pebbles, Inc. 2,500 tons delivered to DPW @ \$9.25/ton = \$23,125.00
Total: \$46,000.00

Roll Call Vote:
Yes: Councilors Tuisku, Bauman, McKenzie, Belej, Slivon and Blau.
No: None
Motion Carried.

campus dr. west
mjo contract

Moved by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej authorizing MJO Contracting to undertake \$10,000.00 of work on Campus Drive West, Phase II.

Roll Call Vote:
Yes: Councilors Blau, Slivon, Belej, McKenzie, Bauman and Tuisku.
No: None
Motion Carried.

valley view estates
lot 6 – split

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Tuisku approving the request of Alfred Lazzari to split Lot 6, Valley View Estates (parcel # 31-051-400-001-06) into three parcels as recommended by the Planning Commission with the exception that the current

duplex built on the lot has to have separate water/sewer service and all three lots have to have their own utilities.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilor Tuisku, Bauman, McKenzie, Belej, Slivon and Blau.

No: None

Motion Carried.

Copy to Assessor 7-24-15.

portage lake district library
request

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Slivon to approve the request by the Portage Lake District Library to place a ballot proposal on a City election in 2016 for a 2 mill levy for the library for Hancock voters to consider.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Slivon, Belej, McKenzie, Bauman and Tuisku.

No: Councilor Blau.

Motion Carried.

resolution #7-15 (mshda)
fredianelli conflict of interest

RESOLUTION # 7-2015

City of Hancock

Authorizing REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

for the MSHDA HOME Homeowner Rehabilitation Program

WHEREAS, the Hancock City Council is interested in the continuing effort to assist homeowners in providing and creating affordable, safe, energy efficient housing opportunities for low and moderate income residents and has an existing MSHDA Homeowner Rehab Grant, M2012-0657;

WHEREAS, the Hancock City Council has reviewed and understands the content of the request for an EXCEPTION to the CONFLICT OF INTEREST for Beth Fredianelli, Secretary for City of Hancock;

WHEREAS, the Hancock City Council has decided to request an exception for a Conflict of Interest for Beth Fredianelli, Secretary, City of Hancock and MSHDA HOME Homeowner Rehabilitation Program Grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Hancock City Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the Request From a Conflict of Interest MSHDA PB #8 form as required:

WHEREAS, the written Public Disclosure was posted July 13, 2015 on Hancock Bulletin Board and will remain for a minimum of 30 days and made public at the Hancock City Council Meeting July 15, 2015:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Hancock City Council authorizes the City of Hancock to allow Beth Fredianelli to be able to participate for funding through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's Office of Community Development M 2012-0657 Homeowner Rehab grant without creating a conflict of interest.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Tuisku, Bauman, McKenzie, Belej, Slivon and Blau.

No: None

Motion Carried.

tori music grant

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej authorizing the City Manager to apply for a MI Council for Arts & Culture grant for music at the Tori Market in the amount of \$2000.00.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

recycling committee

New Council Committee:

Solid Waste Committee – Susan Burack, Glenn Anderson, Bill Marlor, Ted Belej, Lisa McKenzie and John Slivon.
Will schedule 3-4 meetings over the next several weeks.

Moved by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej that this regular meeting of the Hancock Council be adjourned. Time: 9:28 p.m.

Yes: All:

No: None

Motion Carried.

Lisa McKenzie, Mayor

Karen Haischer, CMC City Clerk