

February 17, 2016
Worksession
6:30 p.m.

Present: Councilors Tuisku, Bauman, McKenzie, Belej (late), Slivon and Blau.
Absent: None
Vacant: One

Also Present: Mark Dennis, Joe Neher, Mitch Lake, Mark Markham, Greg Markkanen, Brian and Julie Rimpela, John Haeussler, Susan Burack, Bill Marlor, Andy Lahti, Chrissy Gerhart.

Reviewed and Discussed:

1. Dennis Siivola, Citizen Proposal
2. Rob Roy resignation from the BOR.
3. Tax Foreclosure (County)
 - MSHDA, 930 Summit –City has an interest on mortgage
4. Bridge Project Update:
 - Testing in January went well. One more week of closures - last week in March or 1st week in April. Then the project is completed.
5. Creating an undercover drug team (UPSET) North.
 - County and City of Houghton have allocated one officer each from their departments
 - State has allocated two officers
 - Portage Health Foundation has promised support.
 - Communities pay \$2 per capita - Hancock cost \$9000
6. The City of Houghton is considering making a formal skate park and asked if the City of Hancock would consider contributing to this project?
7. ZBA Update.

Meeting is scheduled for a variance at 1627 Anthony Street. Would like to turn her single family home into a duplex. Currently zoned R-1.
8. Trust Fund application should be ready for the next regular meeting. Replace Beach Dock at a cost of \$300,000. City match would be 25% and the Hancock Rotary committed \$2000.
9. Next meeting we should have an Urban Grant in place to pave White Street in 2017.
10. The City has 13M worth of project in the works.
11. Chief Butler report – snowmobiler went through the ice. Rider was OK and the snowmobile was removed. Also, two drinking friends were fighting over a cell phone on Summit Street and one shoot the other with a bow and arrow. Has been charged with attempted murder.
12. Brian and Julie Rimpela were questioning their water credit and would like more consideration.
13. Greg Markkanen was the only applicant to apply for the Ward 2 Councilor position. Greg has lived in Hancock since October 1997, is a school teacher, has two grown kids and is involved with the Americorp, BHK and his Church.
14. John Haeussler addressed the Council regarding Land Bank HB5375.

7:35 p.m.

Public Hearing:

Mayor McKenzie opened this public hearing at 7:35 p.m. for the following purpose

1. To receive any comments from the public regarding the City of Hancock Five-Year Recreation Plan.

Public Comment:

- Steve Laski was the Project Manager from WUPPDR.
- John Haeussler, Recreation Chairperson, stated that was very valuable to the Recreation Commission to get WUPPDR on board with this project. We have an excellent document to work with. Money well spent.

2. To review the accomplishments of a MEDC Grant #MSC 213014-ESB for \$250,000 which was used to extensively rehabilitate a blighted building located at 117/119 Quincy Street. The project included façade improvements, commercial retail space and four apartments with a private investment of at least \$263,000.

-117/119 Quincy Street was blighted and vacant for years.

-foreclosed by the Bank.

-the City and a private developer applied for a grant and started in 8-2014

-should be completed in June or July of 2016

-4 apartments and 1 commercial space

-owner match of \$263,000, City \$19,800 (DDA \$10,500 and in-kind 9,300, grant of \$250,000 for a total project cost (public and private funds) \$353,654.09

With no further public comments, Mayor McKenzie closed this public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Regular Meeting

February 17, 2016

7:50 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Hancock City Council on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 7:45 p.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: None

One vacancy

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Blau to approve the February 17, 2016 Agenda as presented.

New Business: Delete #18 Add #20 Resolution 8-16, #21 Appoint Jeff Schreiber to the ZBA and accept Rob Roy resignation from the BOR

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

correspondence

Letter from Houghton County Building Department re: 119 Quincy Street

Letter from Semco Energy

Letter to Dennis Walikainen re: support of the 2017 World Frisbee Disc Federation Overall Championships.

Sample ballot for the March 8th Presidential Preference Primary

Dennis R. Siivola, "A Citizens proposal"

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

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

guests

Public Comments:

1. Hancock Fire Department – Mark Dennis and Chief Joe Neher.

Recommendations:

....Recommendation of the members of the Fire Department that you would consider the following.

Purchase from Custom Fab & Body LLC a 2016 Freightliner custom built 1500 GPM pumper in the amount of \$358,519.00 including an extra inlet and the CAFS system specified in their low bid package.

Sell our current 1999 Freightliner pumper for \$70,000 to Quincy-Franklin-Hancock Townships Fire Department. They would respond with us to any fire calls needed until our new truck arrives, and we would store one of their pumpers in our hall until spring or until they sell it. We have had a good working relationship with their fire department over the years. This is above and beyond our Copper Country Association Mutual Aid agreement.

As agreed, the fire department will contribute \$10,000. We will also pay for the letting of the new pumper and will pay for the purchase and installation of the radio equipment needed for the new pumper.....

2. Jay Ruohonen (VP Superior National Bank.

3. Bill Marlor re: Susan Sergey request for reimbursement for tires. White Street.

minutes approval

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the minutes of the January 20, 2016 worksession, public hearing and regular meeting.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

reports

Recreation Commission minutes of December 1, 2015

Planning Commission minutes of December 7, 2015

DDA minutes of January 4, 2016

Planning Commission minutes of January 25, 2016

PLWSA minutes of January 12, 2016

US41 / M26 Corridor Advisory Team minutes of January 14, 2016

Moved by Councilor Slivon and seconded by Councilor Belej to accept the reports as corrected and place them on file.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

admin report

1. Governor's FY 2017 Budget Proposal

-constitutional revenue sharing + 3.9%

-statutory revenue sharing -2.3

-bus operations and capital match

-MTU +4.3%

2. MDOT Bicycle Training Wheel Application (submitted)

-no cost, maybe a lunch

3. Transit annual ridership

-21,898 riders

-63,473 miles driven

4. MDOT bid letting February 5th

-received 4 bids

-Hebert Const. Co. from Iron River was the tentative low bidder.

-\$7,116,625.99

5. Potential DDA legislation Update

6. KNSC payment received.

7. Federal Court temporary injunction on the law barring objectively neutral speech by public officials.

old business

None at this time.

new business
january 16 a/p

Moved by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the accounts payable for January 2016 in the amount of \$147,601.45 and authorizing payment as follows as funds become available.

General	\$ 28,673.04
Transit	4,827.28
Sewer	53,907.38
Water	35,717.36
Emp Ben	730.00
Motor V	21,117.83
DDA	2,628.56
Total	\$147,601.45

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

add'l checks typed in January

Moved by Councilor Slivon and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the additional checks typed in the month of January, in the amount of \$578,905.93 and authorize payment as follows:

Expenses	\$ 205,133.68
Transfers	373,772.25
Total	\$ 578,905.93

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

ward 2 councilor

Moved by Councilor Slivon and seconded by Councilor Bauman to appoint Greg Markkainen to fill the Ward 2 Councilor position.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

phi kappa tau

Moved by Councilor Belej and supported by Councilor Tuisku directing the City Manager to send a letter of appreciation to Phi Kappa Tau for winning the 2016 Winter Carnival statue competition, including eight of the last nine years.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

3rd party admin proposals

MSHDA 3rd Party Administration Proposals

WUDDPD 75 points

OHM 64 points

Northern Consultants 80 points

Recommendation: Manager recommendation to award the 3rd Party Admin Proposal to highest scoring firm of Northern Consultants.

Moved by Councilor Slivon and supported by Councilor Bauman to accept the Manager's recommendation to award the MSHDA 3rd Party Administration Contract to Northern Consultants.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

mshda grant agreement

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Tuisku to approve the MSHDA Grant Administration Agreement (MSC02015-0657-HO) with Northern Consultants in the amount of \$28,880.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute the document.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

new fire truck bids

CFB Custom Fab & Body LLC	\$331,552.00
Marion	\$410,530.00

Moved by Councilor Bauman and supported by Councilor Belej to accept the recommendation of the Hancock Fire Department and award the new 2016 Freightliner Fire Truck to CFB Custom Fab & Body LLC in the amount of \$331,552.00 including Options #1 and #2.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

sale of the 1999 freightliner

Quincy-Franklin-Hancock Twp. Fire Dept. \$70,000.00

Moved by Councilor Bauman and seconded by Councilor Belej to accept the recommendation of the Hancock Fire Department and sell the 1999 Freightliner Fire Truck to the Quincy-Franklin-Hancock Township Fire Department for \$70,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

financing the new pumper
installment purchase

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to approve the SNB financing proposal for the 7 year fire truck loan as follows:

Amount: \$280,000.00

Tax free rate: 2.49%

Term: 7 years

Authorize the Manager and City Clerk to execute the installment contract.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

resolution #3-16
opposition to PA269

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Slivon adopting Resolution #3-16 in Opposition to Public Act 269 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 3-16

CITY OF HANCOCK

HOUGHTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PUBLIC ACT 269

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hancock, Houghton, County, Michigan, (the "City"), held on the 17th day of February 2016.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and Resolution were offered by _____
and seconded by _____.

WHEREAS, Governor Snyder signed into law, with immediate, effect Public Act 269 (Senate Bill 571) despite wide spread calls for a veto of this bill, including from members of his own party; and

WHEREAS, both the Michigan Senate and the Michigan House of Representatives passed Senate Bill 571 late into the night of December 16, 2015, just prior to recessing for the year; and

WHEREAS, one of the last minute amendments made to Senate Bill 571, without the knowledge of the Michigan Municipal League or other local government organization, and approved without any public testimony or awareness, was the new language inserted into Section 57, subsection (3); and

WHEREAS, this new law prohibits a public body, or a person acting for a public body, from using public funds or resources for the purpose of communicating any information to the electorate regarding a local ballot question that is to appear on the ballot, within 60 days of an election, and

WHEREAS, this law places an immediate gag order on entities with ballot questions on the March 8 ballot and every election thereafter; and

WHEREAS, municipal elected and appointed officials have a civic and legal duty to the residents of their communities to fully inform them regarding the issues placed before them, upon which they may exercise their constitutional right to vote; and

WHEREAS, existing laws, including the former language in Section 57, and decades of guidance from the Michigan Secretary of State, already prohibit the use of public funds to advocate for or against ballot issues; and

WHEREAS, existing laws already provided for an allowance for elected and appointed officials to express their views without fear of violating the act; and

WHEREAS, because the new law bans only communication on local ballot issues, it creates inconsistent treatment of statewide ballot questions versus local initiatives; and

WHEREAS, there are substantial questions regarding the constitutionality and legality of the new law, including a possible ban on freedom of speech;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Hancock calls for an immediate repeal of the new language in Section 57, subsection (3) of PA 269 of 2016; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the City's state representatives in the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

resolution #4-16

5 year rec. plan

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej adopting Resolution #4-16 adopting the City of Hancock 5 Year Recreation Plan as follows:

RESOLUTION # 4-16

CITY OF HANCOCK

Recreation Plan

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION HANCOCK CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Hancock City Council has undertaken a Five Year Parks & Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2016 and 2020, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 17, 2016 at Hancock City Hall to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, and ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Hancock City Council has developed , with input from the Recreation Commission, the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Hancock City Council voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Hancock City Council hereby adopts the City of Hancock Recreation Plan 2016 – 2020 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Hancock.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

resolution #5-16

MDOT contract #15-5424

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Blau adopting Resolution #5-16 approving MDOT Contract #15-5424 with revised Rural Development language as follows:

CITY OF HANCOCK

RESOLUTION #5-2016

MDOT CONTRACT #15-5424 AUTHORIZATION

WHEREAS, this resolution shall approve execution of MDOT – Special Trunkline Contract #15-5424, Federal Project STP 1631 (004), TAP 1631 (005) & TAP 1531 (323);

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Glenn Anderson, City Manager and Karen Haischer, City Clerk of the City of Hancock are authorized to enter into and execute on behalf of the City of Hancock, Contract#15-5424, with the Michigan Department of Transportation for reconstruction of highway US41 and construction of a Streetscape between the Portage Lake Lift Bridge to South Lincoln Drive within the corporate limits of the City.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

mshda #MSC-2015-0657-HO

101 quincy for \$188,800

cdbg grant federal

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Blau to accept MSHDA Grant #MSC-2015-0657-HO for \$188,800 for the Wisti-Lawton Building Project, 101 Quincy Street and authorize Mayor McKenzie to sign the grant agreement; and authorize Glenn Anderson and Karen Haischer to be the authorized signatures for the grant management.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

resolution #6-16

performance resolution for governmental agencies

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman adopting Resolution #6-16 for a MDOT performance resolution for governmental agencies as part of the annual permit process. (on file)

“This Performance Resolution is required by the Michigan Department of Transportation for purposes of issuing to a municipality an “Individual Permit for Use of State Highway Right of Way” or an “Annual Application and Permit for Miscellaneous Operations Within State Highway Right of Way”.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

resolution #7-16
cdbg/home conflict of interest

Moved by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej adopting Resolution #7-16 on a request to exception for CDBG/HOME provisions. (on file)

“Authorizing Request for exception to CDGB/HOME Conflict of Interest Provision (24 CFR 570.489(h)) and (24 CFR 92.356) for the MSHDA HOME and CDBG FundedRehabilitation Community Development Programs”.

This will allow Roland Gerhart and/or Dylan Gerhart to submit competitive sealed bids to provide services through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority’s Office of Community Development without creating a conflict of interest.....

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

manager travel advance
transit – Portland , OR &
down state

Moved by Councilor Slivon and seconded by Councilor Belej approving travel advance for the City Manager/Transit director to attend the CTAA Expo (May 24th – May 27th) and the MDOT Rural Transit Manager’s Workshop (April 6th and 7th) using RTAP Training Funds.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

susan sergey request for
reimbursement

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej to deny the request from Susan Sergey for reimbursement in the amount of \$445.80 for two tires she blew out on White Street.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

proposal for master plan

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to approve the Master Plan work proposal from OHM contingent on a DEQ Master Planning for Sustainability and Resiliency Grant of \$19,300.00.

Lump Sum Fee of \$45,000

City \$25,700

Remainder from the grant award

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

resolution #8-16
opposing HB #5375

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Bauman adopting Resolution #8-16 Opposing HB #5357 as follows:

CITY OF HANCOCK

Resolution #8-16

OPPOSING HB # 5375

WHEREAS, the City of Hancock supports the efforts of the Houghton County Land Bank Authority to return properties to the tax rolls; reduce blight; increase affordable housing; and, promote neighborhood and community development, revitalization, and stabilization within the City of Hancock; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Houghton County Land Bank Authority have realized visible successes within the City of Hancock; and

WHEREAS, Michigan House Bill 5375, introduced February 16, 2016, proposes to amend the General Property Tax Act in a manner that will significantly inhibit the aforementioned efforts of the Houghton County Land Bank Authority, and similar authorities throughout the State of Michigan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Hancock opposes Michigan House Bill 5375; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the City's representative in the Michigan House of Representatives, the City's representative in the Michigan Senate, and the Michigan Municipal League.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

zba appointment

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Tuisku to appoint Jeff Schreiber to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

rob roy resignation from the BOR

Moved by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej to accept the resignation of Rob Roy from the Board of Review effective February 16, 2016.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman that this regular meeting of the Hancock Council be adjourned. Time: 8:47 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Lisa McKenzie, Mayor

Karen Haischer, CMC City Clerk