

May 18, 2016  
Worksession  
6:30 p.m.

Present: Councilors Tuisku, Markkanen, McKenzie, Belej, Slivon and Blau  
Absent: Councilor Bauman  
Also present: Manager Glenn Anderson and City Clerk Karen Haischer

Also Present: Susan Boxer, David Hermanson, Ryan Markham, Rick Freeman Carole Freeman, John Haeussler, Susan Burack, Kevin Mackey, Deb Mann, Rick Allen, Chrissy Gerhart and Wayne Butler.

Reviewed and Discussed:

1. Suzie Boxer and Dave Hermanson (co-chairs for PLMES) and Ryan Markham, Treasurer, addressed the Council on their up-coming initiative and resource development campaign. Improvement components: Convert refrigeration system to ammonia, replace out dated bleachers with handicapped accessible and install dehumidification system to prevent rusting. Total estimated cost \$430,000 to \$465,000. They are looking for major donors:  
DNR Grants, Banks and Portage Health Foundation. Can the City help?
2. Package from Dennis R. Silvola re: fifteen more proposals for towns and cities.
3. City Manager out of town next week.
4. Traverse Engineering has moved from Quincy Street to 701 Hancock Street.
5. St. Vinnie's is planning on purchasing the Miller Jewelry building.
6. Adams Township had a major water main leak on the Bill Nichols trail that they repaired this weekend. This caused the City to have eight water leaks spring up at different locations throughout the City.
7. Update on the home located at 805 Warren Street
  - went to Houghton County for tax foreclosure
  - \$5000 for tax and interest
  - city would like to demolish it (City Manager recommends condemnation)
  - county and city will work out the details for demolition
  - city would do the demolition work
8. Construction Update.
  - equipment on sidewalks

Regular Meeting  
May 18, 2016  
7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Hancock Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 7:30 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 Tuisku, Markkanen, McKenzie, Belej, Slivon and Blau.  
Absent: Councilor Bauman

Also Present: Rick Freeman Carole Freeman, John Haeussler, Susan Burack, Kevin Mackey, Deb Mann, Rick Allen, Chrissy Gerhart, Tracie Williams, Kurt Hauglie, Mary Lepisto, Jim Cone, Mitch Lake, Rep. from Waste Management and Wayne Butler.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Blau to amend the May 18, 2016 Agenda as presented.

Old Business: Delete #1 Waste Management  
New Business: Add: #18 Pay request #1 for water project.  
No: None  
Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Tuisku to excuse Councilor Bauman from tonight's meeting.  
Yes: All

No: None  
Motion Carried

correspondence

Dennis R. Silvola proposals (on file)  
Letter from Ted Fredrickson re: Dunstan Street traffic  
Letter from Semco Energy  
Letter from UPPCO

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. Jim Cone, Calumet – running as a Republican for Houghton County Prosecutor.
2. Susan Burack, Scott Bldg. re: recycling.
3. Mark from Waste Management re: waste contract.
4. Suzanne VanDam, Hancock re: recycling.
5. Ellen Akin, MTU student re: recycling.

minutes approval

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Markkanen approving the minutes of the April 19, 2016 joint special meeting with Houghton, the April 20, 2016 worksession, public hearing, regular meeting and the May 11, 2016 special meeting and 1<sup>st</sup> budget worksession.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried.

reports

March 2016 Financials all funds

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej to accept the March 2016 Financial Report for all funds and place them on file.

PLWSA minutes of March 8, 2016  
US41/M26 Corridor Advisory Team notes of March 10, 2016

Moved by Council Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej to accept the reports as presented and place them on file.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried.

admin report

1. Update on the downtown construction Project.
  - East Hancock residents concerned with traffic on Dunstan Street.
  - police presence, 25 speed limit signs in place
  - Tuesday at 10 am is our next construction meeting at City Hall
  - 15 Hebert employees work 11 hour shifts (ahead of schedule)
  - new light poles have been ordered.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quincy Street segment will start next week.
2. Canal Rock 2016 schedule is out for the season
3. SEMCo Gas is replacing about 100 service laterals in the City
4. Sister City has an Art Exchange Project with FU this summer
  - City cost \$750.00
5. Update on the DPW Central States Pension Fund

-critical status

6. MML meeting in Ironwood, June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Any Councilors interested let the City Manager know. Lisa is currently attending along with City Manager Anderson.

7. Reappraisal Update:

Erhart Assessing \$114,000 over next two years

July 17 – March 17 Photo should be done by September

30% residential (1600) and 10% commercial (200) completed

Four person crew

8. Residential Water Meters (1500)

Hyrkas is the sub-contractor hired to replace meters

City crew has completed about 120 meters

9. Planning Commission Update

Changed their meeting time to 6pm all year round.

10. Update on M&M PowerSports (90 Navy) project.

11. Transit 2017 Vehicle Accessibility Plan was approved by the State.

12. Update on Election Gag Law.

13. Tori Market starts June 1st.

14. DEQ and COE storm outlet at Forest Street update.

15. Police Department is going to a 12 hour shift. OT is paid after 12 hours.

DPW is going to a 10 hour shift for the summer starting June 1<sup>st</sup>

16. Mike to work day is May 20<sup>th</sup>

-a tent will be located at the corner of Depot and Dakota Street from 7am-9am and 4pm-6pm

old business

transit grant app. 3 buses

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Slivon approving the submission of a grant application to the State of Michigan for three new transit buses in the amount of \$225,660. This is a 100% funded grant.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

new business

april a/p

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the accounts payable for April 2016 in the amount of \$141,367.73 and authorizing payment as follows as funds become available.

General \$ 58,650.01

Major 3,010.79

Local 3,010.79

Transit 3,005.42

Sewer 54,043.94

Water 10,908.06

Motor V 8,538.72

DDA 200.00

Total \$141,367.73

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

add'l checks typed in april

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Slivon approving the additional checks typed in the month of April, in the amount of \$476,428.18 and authorize payment as follows:

Expenses \$126,876.89

Transfers 349,551.29

Total \$476,428.18

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

mml meeting  
ironwood

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej authorizing the City Manager and any Councilor to attend the MML annual UP Education Summit in Ironwood on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Yes: Unanimous

No: None

Motion Carried.

805 warren st home

Moved by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej not to exercise the right to acquire the 805 Warren Street home via the first round of the Houghton County Tax foreclosure process.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

805 warrant st condemnation

Moved by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej directing the City Manager to proceed with the condemnation process to remove the home located at 805 Warren St.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

mtech LDFA  
budget

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the FY 16/17 Michigan Tech SmartZone LDFA Operating Budget as follows

Revenue: Hancock	\$500,000		
Houghton	\$490,000	=	\$990,000
Expenses Audit	4,000		
Building	10,000		
Insurance	6,000		
MTEC Contract	\$971,800	=	\$990,000

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

fireworks application

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the 2016 Bridegfest Fireworks permit application for a public display.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

resolution #13-16  
downtown redevelopment  
liquor license

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej approving Resolution #13-16 regarding a Downtown Redevelopment Liquor License as follows:

RESOLUTION #13-16

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL) 436.1521a(1)(b) provides that the City of Hancock may approve an application for an on-premises liquor license that may be issued by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to an establishment which is located in a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) (“Redevelopment License”).

WHEREAS, For an establishment to obtain such a Redevelopment License, it must be located in a DDA Development District, must be engaged in dining, entertainment, or recreation, must be open to the general public, and must have a seating capacity of not less than 25 persons.

WHEREAS, The Hancock Downtown Development District was established in accordance with Section 17(2) of Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan of 1975 and was adopted as Chapter 154 of Title XV of the Hancock City Ordinances On April 21, 1993. A map of the Development District is appended as Exhibit A.

WHEREAS, Scott Building Development, LLC, proposes to do business at 103 E. Quincy St., Hancock, which is located in the DDA Development District, and has asked for approval and issuance of an on-premises Redevelopment Liquor License.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Scott Building Development, LLC is approved “ABOVE ALL OTHERS” to operate a Class C Liquor-Licensed Establishment under MCL 436.1521a(1)(b)(iii).

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

resolution #14-16  
installment loan contract  
fire truck

Moved by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej approving Resolution #14-16 for an installment loan contract for \$280,000 to purchase a new fire pumper truck with financing with Superior National Bank. Interest rate of 2.49%. (resolution on file)

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

keweenaw foundation grant  
laurn grove

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Blau accepting the Keweenaw Community Foundation grant for \$3,000 for the Laurn Grove Park LED lighting upgrades and authorize the Mayor to execute the documents.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

rd-usda patrol award

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Slivon accepting a \$15,000 grant from Rural Development, authorize Mayor McKenzie to sign the appropriate paperwork and also authorize the purchase of a new 4WD pursuit rated vehicle with MI-Deal.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

thrivent financial  
request-offer plans to employees

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the request of Thrivent Financial to allow the company to offer life insurance and deferred compensation plans to City employees.

Yes: All

No: None  
Motion Carried.

houghton fair board request  
county arena

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and Recreation Commission directing the City Manager to negotiate a long term lease (20-50 years) with the Houghton County Fair Board for the event arena land, the horse arena and main parking lot as stated in their 2016 request (on file)

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Tuisku to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and Recreation Commission to relocate the horse arena warm up area from the West side to the North side of the main horse arena. This will allow more room for parking.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried.

recreation millage for  
november election

Moved by Councilor Slivon and seconded by Councilor Markkanen to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Commission and approve to place a .8 of one mill on the November Ballot for recreation capital investments.

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

holland street traffic

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Tuisku approving and authorizing Holland Street to be a two-way street until the end of October from Franklin Street to Ryan Street.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried.

pay raise 7-1-16 non-union

Moved by Councilor Tuisku and seconded by Councilor Belej approving a 3% increase for non-union transit, water meter reader, sexton and parking ticket employees effective 7-1-16.

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

water project pay request #1

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Tuisku approving the first draw down on our water system improvements project in the amount of \$22,213.00 for filing and attorney fees.

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

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Tuisku that this regular meeting of the Hancock Council be adjourned. Time: 9:05 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

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Lisa McKenzie, Mayor

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Karen Haischer, CMC City Clerk