

**CITY OF HANCOCK
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

Annual Organizational Meeting

Consider election for Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Councilors Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Bauman, Haeussler

Absent: Seguin

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to excuse Dan Seguin at the meeting tonight.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried

Nominations for Mayor

Councilor Haeussler nominated by Councilor Blau –Councilor Haeussler declined
Nomination for Councilor McKenzie as Mayor by Councilor Haeussler seconded by
Councilor Bauman.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried

Nomination for Mayor Pro-tem

Councilor Haeussler nominated by Councilor Blau – Councilor Haeussler declined
Nomination for Councilor Belej by Councilor Haeussler seconded by Councilor Bauman.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried

Motion to adjourn annual organizational meeting by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman.

Yes: All
No: None

Motion carried

Worksession

- Water testing is completed with other Adam Township water users. Ten tests were completed in the City of Hancock with no issues.
- Historic tax credits could be affected by new tax laws.
- UPPCO proposing minor rate reduction
- Free public skating at Houghton County Arena every Wednesday and Friday, Noon to 1:00 pm.
- Michigan Public approved 2 turbo power plants and approved Semco pipeline.
- Mark Elmer putting foundation in on the 730 Elm Street.
- Tammi Lehto has resigned as the Houghton County Medical Center Administrator.
- County Board of Commission is planning on buying the Houghton County Road Commission building on the east side of the marina.
- Koski Brothers hired Siler to put in a 6" water main across Elevation Street for the EL Wright building.
- Larn Grove will have the poly facing work done in the spring.
- Jutila Center budgeting \$100,000 for new heating cooling on the 4th floor. RC Mechanical received the contract for the work.
- Copper Country Recycling initiative discussed to recycle electronics.
- No update on the tax tribunal case for Cypress Manor property.
- Personnel committee to work on some type of contract for City Clerk, Police Chief and DPW Director. Employees would still be at will employees.

Sign Ordinance

- A. Revisions #4 dated 10/31/17
- B. LaBine version #1 dated 11/12/17

Options for sign ordinance need to be discussed in detail.
Concern of putting a sign ordinance before having the zoning ordinance.

7:30 P.M.
Regular Meeting

Call to order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call and verification of quorum
Present: Councilors Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Bauman, Haeussler
Absent: Councilor Seguin

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler excuse Dan Seguin at the meeting tonight.

Yes: All
No: None

Motion Carried

Review and approval of agenda

Remove Old Business items 1 & 2.

Motion by Councilor Bauman and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve agenda with the removal of items 1 & 2 under old business.

Yes: All
No: None

Motion carried

Communications

USHUD - Hancock Housing Commission has completed requirements of the Action Plan.

Michigan Public Service Commission notice of UPPCO -Notice of Public Hearing

David Chesney – Impact of the Master Plan

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to accept the communication and put on file.

Yes: All
No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment

Mark Mountz, 128 Hancock St. – General Glass, a sign put up so drivers realize to slow down and consider snowmobilers speed limit on the sidewalks. Air quality, concern about the smoke from Vollwerth.

Judy Albee, Hecla Street – Thank you Carol Freeman for all of her work, Deb Mann and her group for the beautification workers. Status of her July letter about the concern for blight in the City.

Adam Manderfield, 200 Hancock Street – Addressed concerns about the smoke from Vollwerth’s manufacturing facility.

Dave Chesney, 310 Center Street – concern about zoning issues with the Master Plan.

Review and approval of previous minutes

Motion by Councilor LaBine supported by Councilor Bauman to approve the October 18, 2017 meeting minutes as presented.

Yes: All
No: None

Motion carried

Reports

PLWSA monthly meeting

Motion by Councilor Bauman support by Councilor Belej to approve the reports as presented.

Yes: All
None: None

Motion carried

Administrative Report

1. Annual Christmas Walk, Friday, November 24th, 6-8 p.m.
2. SAW Grant storm sewer cleaning and televising bid update, 2nd phase of saw grant will be going out for bid in November with a bid opening in December.
3. 1105 Minnesota St. garage – removed the roof and requested an extension to complete the work on the property.
4. Master Plan public hearing, Monday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m.
5. Navy Street sanitary sewer inflow repair project is currently in progress.
6. New trackless sidewalk snow blower has been received \$15,700.00.
7. Keweenaw Culture project with Josh Loar for the Holiday Wind Display.
8. Winter snow hauling by Portage Lake Construction one quote, \$70 per hour. State requires a minimum of 2 trucks
9. New swing installations on October 28th, Make A Difference Day.

10. Over 200 volunteers on October 28th for Make a Difference Day.
11. Recycling update – Participation is remaining constant
12. Trail Way Finding sign project was approved for \$4000.00
13. Beach dock project permits were issued by DEQ Corps of Engineer.
14. Title VI transit plan approved.
15. Record 2017 campground usage
16. Cost estimate for storm sewer emergency repair, roughly \$106,000 for the City portion

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Consider Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to approve the current accounts payable in the amount of \$249,584.07.

Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Bauman, Haeussler

No: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilor Bauman and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve additional checks in the amount of \$92,541.10.

Yes: Haeussler, Bauman, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to approve the SAW Grant pay request #15 for \$63,175.64.

Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Bauman, Haeussler

No: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve SAW grant change order #2 decreasing Pipetek Infrastructure's contract by \$4,800.00.

Yes: Haeussler, Bauman, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Blau to approve the Water Project pay request #17 for \$40,774.83.

Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Bauman, Haeussler

No: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to increase campground rates for 2018; 50 amp and water sites \$22.00 to \$25.00, Regular RV sites \$20.00 to \$22.00, Tent sites \$14.00 to \$15.00.

Yes: Haeussler, Bauman, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to support the Recreation Commission to pursue a DNR Passport Grant of \$75,000 for the ADA addition to the campground bathroom/shower building at an estimated total project cost of \$115,000.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to approve the lease with RMS for an end loader at a rate of \$2000.00 per month for 5 months.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilor Haeussler and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the resolution supporting the RPI grant application from WUPPDR .

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilor Haeussler and seconded by Councilor Blau to refer the draft residential rental restriction overlay district ordinance to the ordinance committee for review.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to consider a \$1.50 per 1000-gallon sewer rate increase ordinance and schedule a public hearing for December 20th.

Yes: Belej, McKenzie, Bauman, Haeussler

No: Blau, LaBine

Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor LaBine to resolve that the City Council has the final approval for the master plan.

Yes; All

No: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej to move to a closed session.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried

Return to open session at 9:50

A motion was by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej to adjourn.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried

Lisa McKenzie, Mayor

Mary Babcock, Clerk