

**CITY OF HANCOCK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 399 QUINCY ST.**

Regular Meeting - 6:00 P.M.

Call to order and pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Paul LaBine
Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Councilors Blau, Lytle, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler, Haeussler
Absent: None

Also present: Chris Jaehnig, Joshua Vissers; John Zurcher; Grant Dosseto, Greg Budweg, Sharon Haynes

Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Rickard to approve the agenda

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Communications

Office of the Governor – Charter Revisions
State of Michigan UPPCO Hearing

Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Lyle to accept and put on file the communications as presented.

Yes: 6 (Blau, Lytle, Freeman, LaBine Rickard, Warstler)

No: 1 (Office of Governor – Haeussler)

Motion Carried

Public Comment- Anyone wishing to address the council will be recognized by the Mayor at this time.
Sharon Haynes of 1201 Minnesota St. – loves what is being done in the City with the flowers, new signage, etc. She expressed concern for the road conditions at Ingot & Elevation,
Greg Budweg – addressed the council as the person taking over Joel’s position as the new “assistant transit director” – excited about taking on the position and will be working on hiring drivers and requested a rate increase for the drivers as well.

Administrative Report

- **Transit** – working on internal duty changes with the city office staff as well as the mechanics and looking at wage increases
- **DPW Director Position** – Bill’s retirement date of 11/30/2021, position has been posted with MML (Michigan Municipal League); on INDEED; and looking at a PE group – so far have received 10 applications. Look at forming a hiring committee to include a council member, DPW employee, union has asked to be included.
- **Commission Vacancies** – positions have been posted in the newspaper, website, listserv
- **Hancock Dog Park** - reached our goal for Patronicity, will be acknowledging donors with a thank you, voting ended yesterday 8/31/21 on the PetSafe site, should know by 9/3/2021 if we are one of the winners of the Bark For Your Park Petsafe Grants. Thank you to John Diebel, we would not have been able to meet our fundraising goals without his help.
- **Community Night Out** – Saturday 9/4/2021, band Rewind playing at Porvoo park from 6-9, fireworks at 9pm

- **Movie - Sing (PG)** – final movie night tomorrow 9/2/2021, next year we will not have one during fair week
- **Farmer’s Market** – Blood Drive on 9/16/2021
- **Zoning Ordinance** – looking to present to the city council in October
- **Phil Johnson Finlandia President** – will be here on 9/15 to introduce himself and give an update on Finlandia
- **Fire Hydrant Painting** – work group day on 9/24/21, anyone who would like to paint a hydrant can contact Mary for paint
- **Construction Projects** – Portage Lake Construction working on FEMA flood project PW 157 at Dakota & Lake Streets, final part of the project will be the wall at Tezcuco
- **Keweenaw Co-Op** – announced their move to the old Bruno’s property on Quincy St.
- **Transit Wages** – will consult with the transit advisory board
- **DDA Informational Meeting** – holding their public meeting on 9/13/21, review financials and projects

New Business

1. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Freeman to appoint City Manager, Mary Babcock as the City of Hancock Representative to the KEDA Board.

Yes: All
 No: None
 Motion Carried

2. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Freeman to award the Hancock Fire Hall Generator grant work in amount of \$42,945.00 to Erico Electric.

Roll Call
 Yes: Haeussler, Warstler, Rickard, LaBine, Lytle, Freeman, Blau
 No: None
 Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Haeussler to approve the quote from JCS Incorporated for the Dog Park fence work in the amount of \$32,340.00 with the condition it included labor.

Roll Call
 Yes: Blau, Lytle, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler, Haeussler
 No: None
 Motion Carried

Public Comment- None

Council Member Comments

Councilor Blau – would like to be on the DPW Director hiring committee

Councilor Haeussler – Thank you to all who have voted as well as those who have contributed funds to the dog park. Nice to see the Fire Hall Generator grant moving forward

Councilor Lytle – Rental Inspections are underway with the fire chief doing the inspections, he has been very professional

Councilor Freeman – also commented on the professionalism of Fire Chief Lepisto when conducting inspections

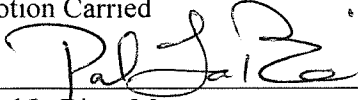
Councilor Warstler – Great to hear about the dog park, Thank you to John Diebel, he does much for the City

Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

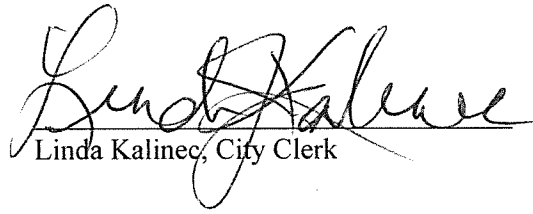
Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried



Paul LaBine, Mayor



Linda Kalinec, City Clerk