

CITY OF HANCOCK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022
HANCOCK CITY HALL, 399 QUINCY STREET
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Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM

Call to order and pledge of allegiance led by Mayor Paul LaBine
Council Member Freeman will be attending remotely due to military duty.

Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Councilors, Blau, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler, Haeussler,

Present remotely: Councilor Freeman

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Haeussler to excuse Councilor McKenzie.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Also Present: Michael Markham, Thomas Fournier, John Zurcher, Sadiq, Garrett Neese and other members of the public.

Via Zoom: Patrick Greenley, Laura Reilley, Robert Lewis, Robert Baratono and Rick Freeman Jr.

Review and approval of agenda - Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve agenda as amended with the addition before new business item #4, Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing, to go into closed session to discuss client/attorney privileged information in order to consult with the attorney on a memo regarding appropriate classification of the assessor position.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Councilor Freeman lost remote connection at 6:06 p.m. unable to reconnect for the remainder of the meeting.
Councilor McKenzie entered the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Public Comment- None

Presentation

Jeremy Lassila was presented with a plaque in appreciation and recognition of his retirement from the City of Hancock Police Department after 21 years of service.

Communications

Central States Pension Fund Contribution Rate Increase at 4% per year through January 1, 2027.

Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Rickard to accept and put on file the communication as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Administrative Report

- There are 4 At-Large City Council Openings on the November 2022 ballot, each are a 4-year term. Reviewed the requirements for someone to be placed on the ballot.
- There are 24 people signed up for the fire hydrant painting on June 7th from 4-6 p.m. with the firemen cooking at the firehall after the event.
- There is a team of people working on Key Ingredients this year and will be July 15th from 6-8 p.m.
- The Farmers Market will start on June 23rd and there is a new market manager this year.
- Sunflower Books & Coffee is holding a special event, Farm on the Town Day, on Saturday, June 11th from 10 am – 2 pm in their parking lot.
- A plaque for Kathy Salmi is being placed at Porvoo Park, she took care of this park as part of the Beautification Committee.

New Business

1. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Haeussler to approve change order #1 for work completed on Hancock Fire Hall Generator by Erico Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$280.00.

Roll Call

Yes: Haeussler, Warstler, Rickard, LaBine, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Rickard to approve a letter of support of Hancock Housing Foundation MEDC RAP grant application for Quincy Place.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor McKenzie to approve a letter of support for Portage Canal Ventures MEDC RAP grant application of 805 Pine Street.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to go into closed session to consult with the attorney on a memo regarding appropriate classification of the assessor position.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Warstler to return to open session at 7:30 p.m.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Open session resumed at 7:40 pm after a 10-minute recess.

5. Motion Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor McKenzie to introduce Zoning Ordinance #309 and schedule a Public Hearing on July 6, 2022.

Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Warster to table the motion with the intention of considering it as old business on June 15th and schedule a work session for Monday, June 13th at 6 p.m.

Yes: All
No: Rickard
Motion Carried

6. No action taken by the Council to consider a one-month extension to Erhart Assessing, LLC contract with a current expiration date of May 31, 2022 to now expire June 30, 2022 with an increase of 2.75%.

Public Comment

John Zurcher of Summit St. commented on concerns with the cemetery vault, the old Coast to Coast building; nice to see plans for the old funeral home and the planned boardwalk improvements.

Council Member Comments

Time was provided for council members to promote, discuss and/or comment on items not on the agenda.

Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor McKenzie to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried



Paul LaBine, Mayor



Linda Kalinec, City Clerk