

CITY OF HANCOCK  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 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

Roll Call and verification of quorum

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

Absent: None

**Also Present:** John Zurcher, Frank Fiala, John Erickson, Thomas Fournier, Mike Markham and other members of the community.

**Also Present via Zoom:** Linda Kalinec and Robert Baratono

Motion by Councilor Freeman and supported by Councilor McKenzie to approve the agenda as amended with additional items.

Under Communications-Email from Carolyn Dekker

Under New Business-#4-Consider authorization to approve the purchase of 1034 Second Street

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment**

Frank Fiala-326 Harris Ave.-Owner of the Orpheum Theatre-Grant opportunity, needs property to be put on the National Register of Historic Places. He needs the Council to pass an ordinance by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 in order to apply for the grant.

Carolyn Dekker-1014 N. Elevation Street-wants the city to re-visit the Chicken Ordinance that does not allow them within the City Limits. She feels that having chickens would be positive for residents and the community.

Anna Seidel-Quast-710 Elm Street-is in support of having chickens in the city

Jeff Pettibone-302 Mason Ave.-he is in support of having chickens in the city.

Sarah Semler Smith-214 Mason Ave.-she is in support of having chickens in the city.

Zach Osborn-1316 Emery Street- he is in support of having chickens in the city.

Public Comment closed at 6:09 p.m.

**Communications**

Bay Electric-hourly service rate will be increasing on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.  
South Shore Fishing Day-boat captains wanted  
Pat and Gil Peterson-grass cutting ordinance  
Laura Erhart-contract  
Carolyn Dekker-dated 6-16-2022-chicken ordinance

Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Haeussler to accept and put on file the communications as presented.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

**Review and acceptance of meeting minutes/reports**

Planning Commission 4-25-2022  
Planning Commission 5-23-2022  
PLWSA 4-12-2022  
PLWSA 5-17-2022

Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Warstler to put on file the meeting minutes as presented.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried.

**Administrative Report**

- Bridgefest highlights
  - Great turn-out.
  - Bridge dedication-Paul accepted commemorative plaque on behalf of the city, the plaque will be placed to the East of the bridge.
  - Engineering Camp at Porvoo Park-had a great turn out. Volunteers from MTU and OHM were there to assist the kids.
  - Scavenger Hunt Winners- the Jordan Family from Lake Ave. were the winners. They received a 3D bridge puzzle.
- Loading/Unloading Dock on Navy Street-easier for people to get off/on their boat for Canal Rock and Porvoo Park.
- Hancock Dog Park Opening-Lisa and Dave Mattila cut the ribbon; they are the property donors. There was around 50-75 people with their dogs.
- Pickle Ball Court-there is a GoFundMe account set up by the players group for the paint. It will be painted next week.
- Peace Poles-they were put at the campground and the garden labyrinth as part of International City of Peace.

- Farmers Market/Tori-there are a variety of vendors, music and is a great place to visit.
- Project updates
  - Maasto Hiihto, last FEMA project, bids are due on 7-27-2022
  - DNR Trail repair-on Tezcuco/Navy Streets, bids are due on 7-8-2022
  - Sewer Project-ready for bids-acquisition grant, 40-year title search and phase 1 environmental are complete. Next step is DNR approval for appraiser.
  - Basketball Court at Terrace Park will start work next week.
  - Shoreline project with EGLE-waiting on permit approval. Planning on August bidding.
  - Business & Technology Park-waiting for EDA approval to go out on bid and working with Kristine Weidner for pricing and marketing. Covenants are in tonight's packet.
  - Ingot Street-2 location-working with Siler.
- Art Displays-in 8 locations throughout the city. The display was done in cooperation with the Copper Country Art Center/Cynthia Cote.
- Training Opportunities
  - Western U.P. Planning & Development Workshop Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> for redevelopment projects.
  - RRC Virtual Academy for Local Officials 2022 September 14<sup>th</sup> thru October 26<sup>th</sup>, each session will be scheduled from 6:00 p.m.– 7:30 p.m.
- New Vector Truck arrived last week. The DPW workers have had training on it.

### **New Business**

1. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor McKenzie to approve the City of Hancock Business and Technology Park Declaration of Restrictions and Covenants.

Discussion took place and there were numerous updates made.  
Updates to read this way:

**2.04 E.** -Front of lot/site to face Dolomite

**4.04** – Remove-except that an owner may sublet part or all of the parcel for a use consistent and compatible with this declaration

**4.07- B.** Advertise to Identify

**4.16** – Remove Section 1513 of Zoning Ordinance to read Zoning Ordinance

**Attachments** – Add legal description on Attachment A

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Haeussler to table this item until a revised copy is done.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

2. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to support a letter for Michigan Technological University's grant application for Refined Battery Materials for the United States Electric Vehicle Battery Supply Chain.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Haeussler to approve engaging with Kristine Weidner to list building lots for sale at the Hancock Business and Technology Park using market analysis for building lot pricing.

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to amend the first motion to say consider approval to engage Kristine Weidner as the listing agent to mutually agree to pricing following market analysis.

Roll Call  
Yes: Haeussler, Warstler, Rickard, LaBine, McKenzie, Blau  
No: Freeman  
Motion Carried

4. Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Warstler consider approval to authorize the city to purchase 1034 Second Street with a purchase price not to exceed \$15,000.

After a long discussion it was motioned by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor LaBine to move the question. Close the debate.

Roll Call  
Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler  
No: Haeussler  
Motion Carried

Roll Call for the original-first motion and support

Roll Call

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

No: Blau

Motion Carried

**Public Comment**

Frank Fiala-326 Harris Ave.- keep in consideration that the Business & Technology Park is near the Keweenaw National Historic Park and the Quincy Mine Hoist.

**Council Member Comments**

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

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

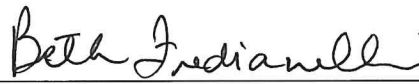
Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried



Paul LaBine, Mayor



Beth Fredianelli, Deputy Clerk