

CITY OF HANCOCK  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023  
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 Pro-Tem Kurt Rickard  
Roll Call and verification of quorum  
Present: Councilors Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, Rickard, Lounibos, and Warstler  
Absent: None

**Also Present in person:** Mary Babcock, Linda Kalinec, Thomas Fournier, Colin Jackson, Barb Rickard, Matt Strong, Maddie Strong, John Zurcher, Ryan Tanner, Mariana Grohowski, Zachary Osborn, Enid Partika, Braden Knoop, Chaundel Sammarco, Al Salmi.

**Also Present via Zoom:** Margo Pizzi.

**Review and approval of agenda**

Motion made by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

**Public Comment** None

**City Council Candidates Introductions**

Each candidate in the order below gave a brief introduction and answered any questions presented to them by council members.

Candidate Ryan Tanner  
Candidate Mariana Grohowski  
Candidate Zachary Osborn  
Candidate John Zurcher  
Candidate Braden Knoop

**New Business**

1. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Freeman to nominate Kurt Rickard as Mayor.

Roll Call  
Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Rickard, Freeman, McKenzie, Blau  
No: None  
Motion Carried

2. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Warstler to nominate Lisa McKenzie as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Roll Call  
Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, Rickard, Lounibos, Warstler  
No: None  
Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor McKenzie to approve Hancock Transit Budget Amendment Resolution 23-16 for the MDOT FYE September 30, 2024 in the total budget amount of \$510,279.

Roll Call

Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Rickard, Freeman, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor McKenzie to approve Resolution 23-15 to authorize the application for a Special Liquor License for the Hancock Fire Department event on September 9, 2023.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

### **Public Comment**

John Zurcher – 116 Summit St., Hancock - Thank you to the general public and candidates for coming tonight.

Edid Partika – 1316 Emery St., Hancock – as a Michigan Tech student, happy to see the transit flex route arrangement with Michigan Tech. And commented on Candidate Osborn.

Ryan Tanner – 901 Birch St., Hancock – asked about Transit funding.

### **Council Member Comments**

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

Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Warstler to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried



Kurt Rickard, Mayor



Linda Kalinec, City Clerk