

Joint City Council Meeting  
November 8, 2012  
6:00 p.m.

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**CITIES OF HANCOCK AND HOUGHTON  
& THE HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD  
JOINT CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday  
November 8, 2012  
Lakeview Manor  
1401 W. Quincy Street  
Hancock, MI  
6:00 p.m.

**AGENDA AS POSTED**

1. Call to order by Mayor Robert Backon & Mayor Laitila. Roll Call.
2. Receive updates on:
  - A. Portage Lake Lift Bridge Incident Management Plan update by Jack Dueweke, Houghton County Emergency Services Director and Jerry Wuorenma, Asst. Planner, WUPPDR.
  - B. Quincy Smelter Update from Mike Pflaum, Superintendent, KNHP and Scott See, Director, KNHP Advisory Commission.
  - C. Green Forces Aviation update by Dennis Hext, Manager, Houghton County Airport.
  - D. SmartZone update from Marilyn Clark, MTEC SmartZone CEO.
  - E. FinnFest 2013 update by Glenn Anderson and Scott MacInnes.
  - F. Discuss & consider EVIP consolidation of services report for 2013.
  - G Adjourn.

Meeting is called to order by Hancock Councilor Barry Givens for Mayor William Laitila.

Roll Call was taken by each City and each Board had a quorum present.

Hancock: Councilors Mayor William Laitila, Councilors John Slivon, Jeremie Moore, John Haeussler, Barry Givens and Ted Belej (was late).

Also present: Manager Anderson and City Clerk Karen Haischer.

Also present: Representatives of the Daily Mining Gazette, WMPL, Jodi Reynolds - Treasurer-Transit Director, Gail Ross – Hancock Housing Director, Mayor Robert Backon, Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Megowen, Councilors Rachel Lankton, Gernot Joachim, Mike Needham, Manager Scott MacInnes, Asst. City Manager-Clerk Ann Vollrath, Mike Pflaum, Scott See, Dennis Hext, Marilyn Clark and Susan Burack.

-Jack Dueweke, Houghton County Emergency Services Director updated both Councils on the PLLB Plan. North of the bridge considered an island (Copper Island). A copy of the Plan is on file in the Manager's Office

-Scott See, Exe Director of the KNHPAC, updated the Councils about progress at the Quincy Smelter site. The future of this site is a very high priority for the National Park Service. The Park service believes there is a wonderful opportunity to fulfill the mission of the Park which is telling the story of copper and the Keweenaw. They have been working with Franklin Township and negotiated an agreement to purchase the smelter for \$335,000 + \$11,400. They have three years (September 30, 2015) to execute the purchase agreement for the smelter, all related documents and artifacts.

There are tours of the Smelter Site offered on the first weekends of every month on Fridays and Saturdays. Tours are done for the winter. Franklin Township still owns the smelter site. Money is available for stabilization activities. Mineral House will get \$147,000 for

stabilization. MDOT will be relining M26 through Ripley in the coming year. Working on getting the EPA and Park Service to de-list the site from the superfund list.

--Mike Pflaum, Superintendent of the KNHP stated that this was the first year the Calumet Visitor Center was open and very successful. Winter hours are Thursday – Saturday 9am – 5pm. Come up and visit. It was the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the KNHP on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

-Dennis Hext, Houghton County Airport Manager updated the Councils on the Green Forces Aviation Project. It was started two years ago in collaboration with Sawyer Regional Airport, Marquette. Green Forces is based in Canada with offices in the USA, we have formed the UP Michigan Green Aviation Coalition (Houghton, Delta and Sawyer Airports)

-Marilyn Clark, MTEC SmartZone CEO updated the Councils on the SmartZone  
1<sup>st</sup> year start 32 jobs  
2<sup>nd</sup> year expansion 17 jobs  
3rd year attraction 12 jobs

-Scott MacInnes updated the Councils on the fundraising efforts of the co-chairs (Glenn Anderson and himself) The Committee has been working for three years on this five day event to be held in June 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013. Raised \$150,000, however, total budget is \$700,000-\$800,000. Another after hours event is scheduled at Nutini's in December to raise money.

Most of the hotel and motel rooms are filled and now Finlandia and MTU have opened their dorms. Houghton County Airport will be adding another flight for the summer months to accommodate travelers.

Moved by Councilor Haeussler and seconded by Councilor Givens that the City of Hancock accept and adopt the MTU Student Public Transit Plan as the EVIP Consolidation of Services Report for 2013.

Also noted that the Cities of Hancock and Houghton have jointly worked together on the following:

-FinnFest 2013

-Bike and Pedestrian Study

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Houghton Councilor Lankton and seconded by Hancock Councilor Belej that this special meeting of the Hancock and Houghton Councils be adjourned. Time: 7:29 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

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William Laitila, Mayor

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Karen Haischer CMC City Clerk

This meeting was properly advertised, posted and all Councilors properly notified.