

Worksession
December 19, 2012
6:30 p.m.

Present: Councilors Haeussler, McKenzie, Moore, Laitila, Belej, Slivon and Givens.
Absent: None
Also present: Manager Glenn Anderson, City Clerk Karen Haischer and Susan Burack.

Reviewed and Discussed:

1. Bonnie Holland presented the Council with a reshape Downtown Hancock Spring List of projects that she would like to see get completed.
 - Hanging flower pots.
 - Address vacant store front windows.
 - Consider another display other than a hanging sheet at Kathy's Flowers window.
 - All store fronts, should freshen up.
 - Wisti's Quincy Lot should be landscaped.
 - Repair and stain benches.
 - Re-stain decking and stairs to waterfront.
 - Add weed control.
 - Spring garbage pick-up in multiple areas.
 - Consider installing another fountain in Montezuma Park or someplace else.
 - Refurbish flower boxes.
 - Wayfinding signs.
 - Consider priorities for the 2013 DDA budget.
 - Coordinate flowers with FU banners, flags on light poles.
 - Consider garbage pick-up on waterfront and signage at the campground area.
 - Install restaurant signs.
 - Decide materials and signs for the Front Street Wall.
 - Set up presentations for funds or volunteers with different groups.
2. Department of Human Services Update.
3. Right to Work Update.
4. PLWSA - November flows (high)
5. Audit Update - Will present at the next meeting.
6. MSHDA Grant Amendment Update.
7. Update on the street lights on the South side of Front Street.
8. DPW Furnace Update. Installed by Bob's Sheet Metal of Hancock (completed).
9. FU is switching from the City Dumpster pickup to Waste Management effective January 1st.
10. MDOT Update – considering temporary repairs to the North end of the Bridge approach.
11. Mary Pekkala – Cemetery Update. Has completed about 6800 names and lot descriptions on an Excel Spreadsheet.
12. Transit Update for Student use.
 - Longer hours and a fixed route.
 - Consider a U pass set cost for fixed route.
13. PLWSA Agreement for Franklin Twp. (Ripley)
 - Paavola may need to hookup next. About 41 homes. DEQ and Health Department gave them a written notice.
14. PLWSA Health cost, 20% to be paid by the employee.
15. E Stairway Project Update
16. Doug Hayrynen Update.
 - 1-16-13 hearing
 - Filed MERS Disability and was determined to be eligible.
17. Santa will be making his regular scheduled visit tonight.
18. Auto Zone is planning on building on the old General Store site in Houghton.

Regular Meeting
December 19, 2012
7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Hancock City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Laitila presiding. The United States Flag was honored by all in attendance with the following duly qualified Councilors being present: Haeussler, McKenzie, Moore, Laitila, Belej, Slivon and Givens.
Absent: None

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor McKenzie to amend the December 19, 2012 agenda as follows:

New business:

Add: #8 Wholesale water rate to Quincy-Franklin going up from \$1.50 to \$1.55, an increase of \$.05 cents. #9. Appoint Mike Thornton to the BOR term ending in 2014 and to the Hospital Finance Committee term ending in 2013. #10. PLWSA send a letter of appreciation to Terry Racine who is retiring after 36 years of service.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Moment of Silence for Sandy Hook Elementary School victims and families.

correspondence

Letter from Adams Twp. re: water rate increase from \$1.12 to \$1.16

Letter from Charter re: change in programing

Letter from Waste Management re: disposal rate increase effective January 2013

2013 schedule for meetings for City Boards and Commissions

Hancock Council List

Moved by Councilor Haeussler and seconded by Councilor Belej to acknowledge the correspondence as presented and place them on file.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Note: Changes to the Hancock Council List were so noted and changes will be made.

guests

Public Comment

1. Susan Burack continues to work on the condensed ordinances for Businesses and Residents. Also, the Council should consider updating the recycling pamphlet.

minutes approval

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor McKenzie approving the minutes of the November 21, 2012 worksession and regular meeting as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

reports

Cash Balances for all funds for July, August & September, 2012

Due to/from Report for all funds for July, August & September, 2012

Interest Report for all funds for July, August & September, 2012

Revenue & Expenses Report for all funds for July, August & September, 2012

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Belej to acknowledge the financial reports as presented and place them on file.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Planning Commission minutes of 10-22-2012

City of Hancock Transit Local Advisory minutes of 12-6-2012
US-41 / M-203 Corridor Advisory Team minutes of 11-8-2012
PLWSA minutes of 11-13-2012

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor McKenzie to acknowledge the reports as presented and place them on file.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

admin report

1. Update on SB1020 – Off-Road Recreation Vehicles
2. Update on the Lurn Grove dasher board project.
3. Update on Finn Fest 2013 planned activities.
4. Personal Property Tax update.
 - utilities still pay PP
 - Phase out of PP for businesses
5. Beach Dock PASSPORT Grant denied.
6. DHS, 200 Quincy Street RFP for new office space. (due 12-7-2012)
 - Houghton County owns the building and rents to DHS
7. Sesquicentennial update.
 - Publishing 2000 booklets
 - Starting in January the City will sponsor monthly historic presentations.
 - 1/12/13 1st Lurn Grove Hockey – Oral Panel Discussion
 - Feb 2nd History of Suomi College / Finlandia University
 - Mar 3rd Hancock Volunteer Fire Department with photo's
 - April 4th Gala Dinner
8. MDOT Project Update.
 - M203 and Quincy micro surfacing in 2013
 - M26 Project, Bridge to Dollar Bay in 2014
9. HB 5302 regarding Act 51 Local Road Agencies
 - modeled under the EVIP - would need one new filing making 5 EVIP forms instead of 4 EVIP forms.
10. Copper and lead testing update.
 - Monitoring from June 2013 to September 2015
 - 20 distribution sites sampled and analyzed for lead & copper
 - Must be done during June, July, August or September and submitted by October 10th, 2015.
11. PLWSA Audit
 - Houghton is due \$4,611.35
 - Hancock is due \$40,620.20
 - Franklin Twp. owes \$1,108.67

old business

None at this time.

new business
november 12 a/p

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Moore approving the November 2012 accounts payable in the amount of \$81,276.82 and authorizing payment as follows as funds become available.

General	\$20,176.37
Major	2,968.00
Transit	3,144.65
Water	16,879.88
Motor V	29,961.55
DDA	5,060.00
Local TIFA	3,086.37
Total	\$81,276.82

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Haeussler, McKenzie, Moore, Laitila, Belej, Slivon and Givens.

No: None

Motion Carried.

add'l checks typed

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Belej approving the additional checks typed in the month of November, 2012 in the amount of \$686,504.40 and authorize payment as follows:

Expense \$203,417.34

Transfer 483,087.06

Total \$686,504.40

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Givens, Slivon, Belej, Laitila, Moore, McKenzie and Haeussler.

No: None

Motion Carried.

resolution #11-12

citizens bank

Moved by Councilor Haeussler and seconded by Councilor Givens approving Resolution #11-12 changing signatures on the Citizen Bank accounts as follows:

New signature card: Glenn Anderson, Karen Haischer, William Laitila and Melissa McKenzie.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

m203 petitions

lower speed limit

Moved by Councilor Givens and seconded by Councilor Belej to acknowledge receiving the five page petition (with 46 signatures) to re-evaluate the speed limit on M203 within the City of Hancock limits.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Givens directing the City Manager to contact the signers of the petition with information regarding what the State requires and what they will be looking for and what the outcome of a re-evaluation could be and schedule a Public Hearing for the next regular meeting to discuss this issue.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

resolution #12-12

Moved by Councilor Haeussler and seconded by Councilor McKenzie approving and adopting Resolution #12-12 as follows:

CITY OF HANCOCK

Relating to Public Act 152 of 2011—the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act

WHEREAS, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act or Public Act 152 of 2011 mandated certain cost-sharing obligations for public employee health insurance premiums and costs, and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Act permits the “governing body” of “a local unit of government may exempt itself from the requirements of this Act for the next succeeding year.”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Hancock does by a vote of 2/3 of its members, exempt itself from the provisions of Public Act 152 for one coverage year beginning April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Givens, Slivon, Belej, Laitila, Moore, McKenzie and Haeussler.

No: None

Motion Carried.

resolution #13-12

Moved by Councilor Givens and seconded by Councilor Slivon approving the FY 14 Transit Operating Budget and Capital Budget as follows:

Revenues \$268,400

Expenses \$268,400

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Haeussler, McKenzie, Moore, Laitila, Belej, Slivon and Givens.

No: None

Motion Carried.

plwsa agreement
with franklin twp.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Moore to approve the PLWSA/Franklin Township sewer treatment agreement for the Ripley area and authorize Mayor Laitila and City Clerk Haischer to execute the document.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Givens, Slivon, Belej, Laitila, Moore, McKenzie and Haeussler.

No: None

Motion Carried.

adams twp, water rate increase

Moved by Councilor Givens and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the water rate increase to Quincy Township from \$1.50 to \$1.55 (increase of \$.05 cents) effective 1-1-2013. This increase was due to the increase Adams Twp. is charging the City for wholesale water.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Haeussler, McKenzie, Moore, Laitila, Belej, Slivon and Givens.

No: None

Motion Carried.

bor appointment

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Slivon to appoint Mike Thornton to the BOR with a term ending in 2014.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

hospital finance authority

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler to appoint Mike Thornton to the Hospital Finance Committee with a term ending in 2013.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

plwsa retirement

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Haeussler directing the City Manager to send a letter of appreciation to Terry Racine for his 36 years of service congratulating him on his retirement.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor McKenzie that this regular meeting of the Hancock City Council be adjourned. Time: 9:12 p.m.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried.

William Laitila, Mayor

Karen Haischer, CMC City Clerk