

**CITY OF HANCOCK
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

The regular Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Lucchesi on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Deb Mann, Devin Leonarduzzi, Ron Blau, David Lucchesi, Bob Wenc, Lisa McKenzie, and Glenn Anderson

Absent: Tony Wilmers and Stephanie Swartzendruber

Guests: None

It was moved by McKenzie and seconded by Wenc to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Blau and seconded by McKenzie to approve the January 22, 2018 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Updates/Information

- Noted that 316 building permits were issued in Houghton County in 2017, including 52 new houses
- Noted UPPCO rates for 2018 will be reduced by 6% for residential, 20% for commercial and 25% for industrial
- Heard the City was now advertising for the position of City Manager, and the City Council will begin reviewing applications in April
- Learned that the Houghton County Planning Commission is planning to undertake a 5-year update to the County Master Plan
- The city transit has 19,583 riders in 2017, and since inception 15 years ago in 2003 has had 277,159 riders
- Heard the City is applying to the PHF for a \$25,000 recreation grant for a rebuild of the Terrace Park Tennis Court
- Heard that FU is applying to the PHF for \$15,000 to expand the Ryan Street Community Garden
- Heard the CCISD awarded MJO Contracting the low bid of \$650,000 to upgrade the Lindrus building, 110 E. Quincy St. to add career tech additions for welding, health care, and construction trades. In addition, the CCISD has secured a grant to purchase \$320,000 of welding equipment
- Heard Miner's State Bank has received the deed for the Gino's Restaurant building

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-Heard David Camps, Blue Terra Energy is improving the buildings located on Michigan Ave. across the street from the Jutila building

-Heard the City has agreed to participate in a high quality aerial flight to photograph the City for \$350 a square mile

The Commission reviewed Houghton County's plan to sell a parcel of property to the Houghton County Fair Association for \$28,158.

The Commission noted that the City Council on February 21, 2018 approved a state redevelopment liquor license for Mike Shupe, owner of Studio Pizza, 426 Quincy St. and identified \$6,621,500 of downtown improvements over 5 years.

The Commission reviewed plans for a 2018 MDOT Small Urban repaving project estimated to cost \$241,000 to pave portions of Tezcuco Street, E. Quincy St., Dunstan St., Water St. and Elevation St. The project is funded by the City obtaining a \$187,500 Small Urban grant. The project is expected to be bid out June 1st.

The Commission discussed the City applying for a DNR PASSPORT grant to add an ADA addition onto the campground restroom facility for an estimated cost of \$155,250, which would also include some electrical upgrade work to the campground.

It was moved by Mann and seconded by Leonarduzzi to support a grant application to the DNR PASSPORT for \$116,250 for the ADA restroom addition for the campground.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Dave Lucchesi thanked Devin for preparing the downtown business map.

Devin Leonarduzzi asked for a list of commercial properties for sale in the City.

Lisa McKenzie said she will be out of town for the April meeting.

Bob Wenc said the Parade of Nations will be held on September 15th at 11 am.

Bob Wenc said he will miss a few upcoming meetings as he will be out of town.

Ron Blau said he likes the perpendicular parking in the downtown side streets

Bob Wenc reiterated his support for Mt. Ripley to expand the ski chalet to meet growing user demands.

David Lucchesi announced his resignation from the Planning Commission effective February 28, 2018

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It was moved by Blau and seconded by McKenzie to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary