

**CITY OF HANCOCK  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Worksession**

Social hour with cake honoring the service of Mayor Lisa McKenzie, Mayor Pro-Tem Ted Belej and At-Large Council member Joe Bauman

**7:30 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting**

Call to order and pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor McKenzie  
Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Councilors Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Seguin, Bauman, Haeussler

Absent: None

Also Present: John Zurcher, Rick Allen, Marti Allen, Michael Markham, William Lytle, Laverne Roos, Kali Katerberg, Crissy Gerhart, Barry Givens, Andy Lahti, Jim Merten, Mitch Lake, Jay Ruohonen, Dick Tuisku, Jodi Bigden, Tammy Kelley, Jean Lantto, Susan Burack, Tracie Williams, John Diebel

Mayoral Proclamation, name plate and flowers were presented to Dick Tuisku and family in memory of Mary Tuisku.

**Review and approval of agenda**

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to approve the agenda with the addition of item 11.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Communications**

Dana Johnson – Valley View Drive

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to accept and keep on file the communications as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:** No Comment

Motion by Councilor Bauman and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the City Council minutes from-September 19, 2018.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

**Reports**

Downtown Development Authority September 10, 2018  
HBPA Meeting September 11, 2018  
PLWSA September 11, 2018  
Cemetery Board of Trustees October 9, 2018  
Planning Commission August 27, 2018

Motion by Councilor Bauman and seconded by Councilor Belej to place meeting minutes on file as presented.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

**Administrative Report**

- Recognition for elected service to the City for Mayor Lisa McKenzie, Mayor Pro-tem Ted Belej and council member At-Large Joe Bauman
- John Diebel from KNSC updated the Council on the Maasto Hiihto cross country ski trails. The trails will be open for skiing and snowshoeing but there won't be a continues trail to Swedetown Creek. A \$25,000 grant was received from the Besse Foundation to purchase a new tractor. The new John Deere tractor will cost \$36,000 with the balance being paid by KNSC.
- High School Girls D2 State Skiing Championship signs have been installed.
- County jail meetings will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- State Treasury Dept. (AMAR) Audit of Minimum Assessment Requirements review indicated that all items have been corrected.
- MDOT Trunkline maintenance audit results for FY 15/16 show an amount due to the State of \$1,190.
- Historic city slot machine is now at City Hall in the conference room.
- Samples of the State ballot proposals are available at City Hall.
- Sale of 1.83 acres to the Houghton County Fair Association has been completed.
- Third St. Park and Montezuma had new playground structures installed with the help of 20 students from Finlandia and Michigan Tech Sorority and Fraternity. and a special thank you was received from Jackson Bublitz, thanking the City.

- DNR Passport grant scoring submittal was completed by OHM to support a possible score increase on the grant .
- Tax Tribunal settlement order between the City and Hancock Healthcare Property Holdings, LLC. The County will refund prior years and the City will take care of 2018.
- UPPCO proposed July, 2019 rate increase of 9.71%
- Fire Hall roof drain leak was repaired after a delay caused by weather.
- MDOT M-203 bridge reconstruction project has a full crew and should be completed by the deadline of October 31, 2018.
- Transit 3-year compliance review approval was completed with 2 items noted. A missed oil change and drug and alcohol testing complete during the same time frame each quarter.
- 2018 MDOT Small Urban will be completed in 2019. Elevation Street repairs that are part of the FHWA work will be added to this project. It will be temporarily repaired before this winter.
- Flood repair update
  - MDOT Hancock St. at Tezcuco St. storm sewer replacement project was bid out by MDOT. The total bid was 374,000 which was awarded to Bacco Construction. Should be completed within 2 weeks.
  - FEMA's October 24<sup>th</sup> deadline to add flood damage projects, we have 4 projects but deleted 2 project.
  - All projects are sent to FEMA's Consolidated Resource Center, West Virginia for review and cost analysis.
  - DNR Trail repair in or near city limits should be completed to allow for snowmobiling on the trails.
  - Governor Snyder announced the State will pay for the 25% local match for FEMA projects.
  - Poplar St. temporary washout repair has been completed
  - FHWA 20% local match requirements, estimated for the City at \$670,000. Another trip to Lansing could be scheduled to try and get supplemental appropriation for the FHWA match.
  - State agency flood damage estimate
    - -MDOT \$15 million
    - -DNR \$19.9 million
    - DEQ \$2 million
    - -MTU \$2.1 million
- Council Organizational meeting on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Review statement of qualifications from OHM Advisors and Traverse Engineering
- MDOT new road funding distribution

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to bid FHWA projects; Montezuma, Campus Drive, White and Ingot Street and to allow the City Manager to award the bid to the lowest approved bidder.

Yes: All

No: None  
Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Bauman and seconded by Councilor Belej to adopt Resolution #18-13 authorizing the implementation of recommendations necessary to receive RRC certification.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to approve the current accounts payable in the amount of \$517,116.37

Roll Call  
Yes: Haeussler, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau  
No: None  
Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to approve the SAW Grant pay request #24 for \$121,403.37.

Roll Call  
Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Seguin, Bauman, Haeussler  
No: None  
Motion Passes

Motion by Councilor Bauman and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the SAW Grant change order #1 with Pipetek Infrastructure

Roll Call  
Yes: Haeussler, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau  
No: None  
Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Bauman and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the MJO Contracting pay request #3 in the amount of \$77,077.47 for the beach dock project

Roll Call  
Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Seguin, Bauman, Haeussler  
No: None  
Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to approve the change order #2 for an increase of \$3,171.99 with MJO Contracting Inc. for the Hancock Waterfront Recreational pier project

Roll Call

Yes: Haeussler, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Bauman to accept with regret, the resignation of Kathy Johnson from the DDA Board effective November 30, 2018 after 22 years of service.

Yes: Yes

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Bauman and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve DPW Director Marlor's recommendation to lease of CAT 2018 930M Endloader with snow wing for 5 years from Fabick at \$36,935 per year with a cap of 1,000 hours annually and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Seguin, Bauman, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Seguin and seconded by Councilor Belej to approve the sale of the 2001 John Deere 770 CH Grader with snow wing to Fabick CAT for \$21,000.

Roll Call

Yes: Haeussler, Bauman, Seguin, McKenzie, Belej, LaBine

No: Blau

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Haeussler and seconded by Councilor Seguin to approve the sale of the 1995 CAT 938 Front end loader to Fabick Cat for \$1,300

Yes: LaBine, Belej, McKenzie, Seguin, Bauman, Haeussler

No: Blau

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Belej seconded by Councilor Seguin to approve the general services agreement with OHM Advisors for FEMA June 17, 2018 storm damage repair projects and

authorize the City Manager to execute work orders for design engineering and inspection and testing as projects are approved by FEMA.


Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

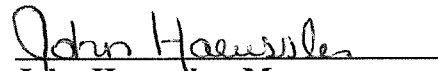
There were concerns brought forward with the liability of using the fire trucks in school events. The City needs to confirm that the Fire Department is covered for liability insurance for events

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Councilor Blau seconded by Councilor Bauman to adjourn at 9:05 p.m..

Yes: Yes  
No: None  
Motion Carried

  
Mary Babcock, Clerk

  
John Haeussler, Mayor



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**CITY OF HANCOCK  
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION  
HONORING THE MEMORY OF MARY TUISKU**

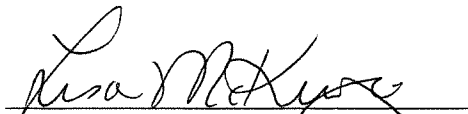
WHEREAS, Mary passed away on May 14, 2017, during her At-Large 4-year term on the Hancock City Council, and

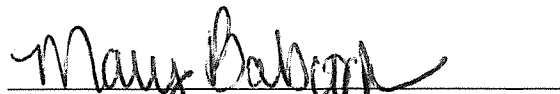
WHEREAS, Mary was an energetic supporter and ambassador of the City of Hancock, serving the City on numerous committees and commissions, and

WHEREAS, Mary served on the City Council during four different times for a total of 20.5 years, including being the first female Mayor in the history of the City, 1990 to 1995;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hancock recognizes the significant contributions Mary Tuisku has made to the City and acknowledges the faithful commitment she made to the City during her lifetime.

OCTOBER 17, 2018

  
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Lisa McKenzie, Mayor

  
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Mary Babcock, City Clerk