

CITY OF HANCOCK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023
HANCOCK CITY HALL, 399 QUINCY STREET
Public viewing available via ZOOM Meeting ID: 821 4402 1682

Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Call to order and pledge of allegiance led by Mayor Paul LaBine

Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Councilors: Blau, Freeman, Rickard, Lounibos, LaBine, Warstler

Absent: McKenzie

Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Rickard to excuse Councilor McKenzie from tonight's meeting.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Also Present: Lora Frea, Thomas Fournier, Jay Ruohonen, Glenn Anderson, John Zurcher, Tami Sleeman, Susan Burack, Zack Osborne, Grant Neese, and Michael Markham.

Review and Approval of agenda

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to review and approve the agenda with the addition of Item #11 under New Business: SNB-Demand Deposit Marketplace.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment- Zack Osbourne-housing; development and comments on Business & Technology Park.

Correspondence

Emily Fisher

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Freeman to remove per request from Emily Fisher the correspondence from the City's files.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Review and acceptance of meeting minutes

DDA January 9, 2023

Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Freeman to receive and place on file the meeting minutes as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Review and approval of City Council meeting minutes

Regular meeting February 1, 2023

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve and accept the City Council Regular meeting minutes of February 1, 2023.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Administrative Report

City Manager Babcock, commented on the following:

- DDA/Planning/City Council-March 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the Wiitanen Room at the HOCO.
- Finlandia Servant Leadership Soup and Salad Luncheon.
- SRO Position-posted with MCOLES and Michigan Police Chiefs.
- E. Howard Clock-will be located by the Krist Oil (Citgo) triangle-approved by MDOT.
- Phi Kappa Tau-1st Place Statue.
- Michigan State Computer Crimes Unit presentation-February 22, 2023 Cyber Security.
- Superior National Bank-DDM program.
- Spark Plug Nominations-Deb Mann; Dog Park and Pickle Ball Courts.
- Budget Meeting Schedule-start in March, Master Plan started-working on public meetings and online security update.
- DDA opening-Steve Zutter's position.
- Ryan Street Garden-public and private funding.
- Police Chief Tami Sleeman-new firearms bid, trade-in value, new taser lease. New officer Jacob McGinnis.
- DPW Director John Erickson-since there has not been much snow to remove, the DPW is working on upkeep of buildings and patching pot holes.
- City Clerk/Treasurer Linda Kalinec-2023 tentative equalization ratios were posted in yesterday's paper, Board of Review March 13, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and 14th 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Preparations for the election and implementation of some of the aspects of Proposal 2022-2 (prepaid postage, ballot drop boxes, permanent AV ballot list and early voting).

New Business

1. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve the accounts payable for the month of February in the amount of \$600,971.29.

Roll Call

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

No: None

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Rickard to table this item of City Council meetings being held only on the 3rd Wednesday of the month until the whole City Council is present.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Rickard to approve scheduling a public hearing on March 15th to consider the purchase of the Community Garden sites on Ryan Street.

Roll Call

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

No: None

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Rickard to approve the Chemical Storage Facility (salt barn) contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation in the estimated amount of \$1,000,000 that includes a cost share of 20%.

Roll Call

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

No: None

Motion Carried

5. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve the purchase of 3 doors from McGann Building and Supply in the total amount of \$7,633.13.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, Freeman, LaBine, Richard, Lounibos, Warstler

No: None

Motion Carried

6. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Blau to approve the purchase of firearms from Freeman Guns per their quote of \$6,792.00 for (12) 9MM pistols.

Roll Call

Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Rickard, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Abstain: Freeman

Motion Carried

7. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Rickard to approve a 5-year lease with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for new tasers at a cost of \$4,834.60 per year.

Roll Call

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

No: None

Motion Carried

8. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Rickard to approve the OHM Advisors proposal for Professional Services for the replacement of the DPW garage roof for \$21,000.

Roll Call

Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Rickard, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

9. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Rickard to approve closing the Keweenaw Community Foundation Recreation account.

Roll Call

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

No: None

Motion Carried

10. Motion by Councilor LaBine and supported by Councilor Rickard to approve the name of Calcite Drive for the road connecting Tomasi Drive and Dolomite Drive.

Roll Call

Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Rickard, LaBine, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

11. Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Blau to enroll in the Demand Deposit Marketplace Program with our accounts at Superior National Bank.

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


Public Comment- Lora Frea-the City needs a theatre and museum
John Zucher- Lourn-Grove ice rink roof

Council Member Comments


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

Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried



Paul LaBine, Mayor



Linda Kalinec, City Clerk