

**Mayor and Council
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2022**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, with Councilman Faith, Councilman McCusker, Councilman Kerns, and Councilman Lanehart in attendance. Quorum in place.

Approval of Minutes

The March 8, 2022 public hearing meeting minutes, April 12, 2022 monthly meeting minutes, and April 25, 2022 Special meeting minutes were approved as presented. Motion made by Councilman Lanehart. Seconded by Councilman McCusker. All in favor. No opposed

Pledge of Allegiance

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATION:**

▪ **Mike McKay**

- Mr. Mike McKay reviewed the 90-day report. The 90-day report is a collection of bills passed in the General Assembly. Mr. McKay stated the report is available online. Mr. McKay stated the budget was 61 billion with 7.2 billion surplus and 1 million allocated to the Town of Hancock.

▪ **GREENWILL CONSULTING:**

- **Rotary Club-** Mr. Bill Valentine met with the Hancock Rotary Club to discuss new programs.
- **Tri County Council Banquet-** Mr. Valentine attended the Tri County Council Banquet.
- **Bowles House-** Mr. Valentine met with the National Park Service regarding the handicap ramp at the Bowles House. Mr. Valentine informed that the National Park Service will need to provide specifications for the ramp.

- **Tonoloway Bridge-** Mr. Valentine met with Mr. Anthony Bates of the National Park Service regarding complaints about the Tonoloway Bridge.
- **Grants-** Mr. Valentine is working to spreading the word about the two revitalization grants the Town is offering.
- **House Bill 543 –** Mr. Valentine informed that the urban renewal bill will take effect on July 1, 2022.
- **Lt. Governor-** Mr. Valentine and Mayor Smith attended lunch with the Lt. Governor to show appreciation for the 1 million dollars that the Town of Hancock was allocated.
- **Ongoing-** Mr. Valentine suggested that Mayor and Council discuss the following:
 - Truck plaza water
 - Kirkwood house
 - Town manager position
 - Pool/ splash pad
 - Nuisance Ordinance
- **Ivan Lanier/ Jacob Moore/ Lesly Feliz- Greenwill Consulting**
 - Mr. Lanier informed there were 3500 bills in legislation this year.
 - Ms. Lesly Feliz introduced herself as the newest member to the Greenwill team.
 - Mr. Moore reported that the American Rescue Plan report has been submitted as of April 30, 2022 and the Town of Hancock is fully compliant. The next report will be due April of 2023.
- **US LAWSHIELD:**
 - Ms. Sara Jones was present to inform Mayor and Council about US Law Shield, a supplemental program for Police Officers. US Law Shield provides protection at criminal and civil capacity. Councilman Lanehart ask that Ms. Jones provide a quote for five full time police officers for review.
- **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

- **Girl Scout Troop 15055**- members of Troop 15055 discussed the 2022 Tree Promise in which they have pledged to plant four trees this year, with a five-year plan to plant 20 trees all together. Troop 15055 asked Mayor and Council if they could plant the trees in Hancock. Councilman Lanehart suggested looking at areas in Town. Mayor and Council agreed to discuss and plan for the trees.
- **Valerie Oliver**- Ms. Oliver introduced herself and informed she is running for the position of County Commissioner.

- **DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Police Commissioners/ Police Dept.**

- **Cadets**- Officer Faith informed the Cadets are set to graduate June 3, 2022.
 - **Vehicle Decal**- Decal on the newest Police vehicle needs to be replaced. Officer Faith is in contact with the company.
 - **Redspeed Camera System**- Officer Faith stated Redspeed has all requested paperwork from the Town and Redspeed is working with the State Highway Administration.
 - **New Handguns**- The Police Department is receiving quotes for new handguns.
 - **Tasers/ Laptops**- The new laptops have arrived and are in the process of being set up. The new tasers have arrived and all five police officers will be certified in June of 2022.
 - **Street Cop Training**- Officer Faith stated the training consisting of Drug Identification, Paraphernalia, and Motor Vehicle Stop was successful with 22 agencies attending.

- **PLANNING COMMITTEE: NO REPORT**

- **HANCOCK IN MOTION: NO REPORT**

- **PARKS / PARKS AND REC: NO REPORT**

- **ARTS COUNCIL:**

- Mr. Daniel Murphy informed the Arts Council is working on a possible outdoor concert.
- Mr. Daniel Murphy stated the Council is discussing possible art camp scholarships and should contact him or Sinclair Hamilton if interested.
- **MAIN STREET HANCOCK- NO REPORT**
- **HISTORICAL SOCIETY-**
 - Mr. Daniel Murphy informed he had attended the meeting with the National Park Service and Bill Valentine regarding the Bowles House. Mr. Murphy stated there is a manpower shortage and volunteers are needed to work at the Bowles House.
 - Councilman Lanehart inquired if Mr. Valentine could contact DNR services regarding maintenance of the rail trail sign located by Buddy Lous restaurant. Councilman Lanehart stated the sign is in need of repair.
 - Mr. Murphy informed there is progress being made with the Museum.
 - Mr. Murphy reminded of the history lecture June 26, 2022 at 2:00pm with historian Steve French.
- **Public Works**
 - Councilman Lanehart informed the Town now has 2 wells running, with one pump being replaced again.
 - Councilman Lanehart stated there will start to be repairs made to some sidewalks on Main Street.
 - The Town is still waiting on quotes for a backhoe.
 - Mayor and Council discussed the water softener system
 - Councilman Lanehart informed the generator at the Napa Pump Station is inoperable and being repaired.
- **TOWN ATTORNEY/ Mr. Ed Kuczynski: NO REPORT**
- **MAYOR and COUNCIL REPORT:**
 - **Monthly Reporting-**

- Mayor Smith informed there will be a meeting in the future with the Truck Plaza regarding the water.
 - Mayor Smith informed the Town is looking at parking meter kiosks.
 - Mayor Smith stated the electric car charging stations need to be updated in order to work with all vehicles. Councilman McCusker suggested replacing with the fast-charging systems.
 - Councilman Kerns reminded May 19, 2022 at 1:00pm, RK&K will be present in Town Hall to open bids for the Pump Station Project. Councilman Kerns also reminded about the Special Meeting scheduled for May 24, 2022 to award the bid.
 - Mayor Smith stated Mayor and Council have attended workshops concerning the budget.
- **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - **Kirkwood House-** Demolition bid information is ready to be distributed.
 - **Discussion of 317 and 319 East Main Street-** Mayor Smith stated the building is ready for sale. Signs have been placed on the building. Mayor and Council discussed the ownership details of the former public works building.
 - **Pool-** Councilman Kerns informed he has contacted a company by the name of Aquatics regarding the splash pad, with no response yet.
- **New Business**
 - **June meeting-** Mayor Smith announced a change to the June meeting date. The meeting will be held June 7, 2022 @ 7:00pm with a public hearing being held at 6:45pm regarding the budget.
 - **Next workshop-** The next Mayor and Council workshop will be held on May 31, 2022 at 6:00pm
 - **Election board-** Councilman Lanehart made a motion to move forward with forming an election board for the upcoming 2023 Town

Election. Mayor Smith suggested discussing this further during the June meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman McCusker. All in favor. No opposed.

▪ **Closed Session:**

- Motion to move to Close Session at 9:16 pm made by Councilman Lanehart. Seconded by Councilman McCusker. All in favor. No opposed.
- Motion to move into Open Session at 9:50 pm made by Councilman McCusker. Seconded by Councilman Kerns.
- Motion to put the Town of Hancock IT services out to bid made by Councilman McCusker. Seconded by Councilman Kerns. All in favor. No opposed.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Lanehart, Seconded by Councilman Kerns.

All in favor. No opposed.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:51 pm

Heather Keefer