

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 8, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday June 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

Members Present: Mayor Gladwell, Council Member Smith, Visser, Wallner, Kantola and Anderson

Members Absent: Council Member Kangas

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Gladwell added #10E Closed Session – update and discussion of Attorney’s opinion regarding the Act 345 Board.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rhonda Gravedoni addressed the Council regarding the lack of control of the audience at the last meeting and the truck route.

Margaret Twitchell addressed the Council regarding economic development and ideas to market Teal Lake as a silent sport venue.

Bill Richards addressed the Council regarding a Croix Street letter.

Jon Becker addressed the Council regarding the land swap and the Cable Franchise Agreements.

Scott Gravedoni addressed the Council regarding the truck route.

Mike VanStraten addressed the Council regarding the truck route and the consent agenda. He also encouraged people to take a walk on the north shore of teal lake to witness the rough terrain.

LSCP PRESENTATION

Ms. Carolee Swanberg was present to give the Council an update on the past years LSCP activities.

CITY MANAGER SEARCH

A discussion was held regarding the City Manager Search and that the council would be willing to pay expenses for in person interviews up to \$1,000.

FISCAL POLICY CHANGE – ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT RESTRICTED CASH RESERVES

Mr. Brett Niemi, WPPI Representative was present.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Visser to add the Electric Department Cash Reserve Policy to the existing Fiscal Policy #1993-2 and increase the Electric Fund minimum reserve from \$60,000 to \$700,000.

FEE SCHEDULE AMENDMENT (ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT)

Mr. Brett Niemi, WPPI Representative was present. He explained that there was nothing in our Fee Schedule to determine Demand or Energy charges for large customers.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Anderson and unanimously carried to approve the fee schedule based on the results of the WPPI Rate Study.

LAND TRADE/SALE – AUTHORIZE APPRAISAL

A motion was made by Council Member Visser, supported by Council Member Kantola and unanimously carried to authorize the appraisal and send to the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission for review.

CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS UPDATE

City Attorney Houghton explained that the Council needs to decide if they want a PEG Channel.

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Anderson and unanimously carried to authorize to proceed with a PEG channel and have the City Attorney continue negotiations with Charter and Negaunee Cable Co. for a PEG Agreement as part of the Franchise Agreements. Council Members Visser and Gladwell abstained.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: May 11, 2017 Regular Minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of #333,599.30 (check #75473 - #75608),

Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, Marquette County Solid Waste Authority
Amendment to Articles of Incorporation Resolution.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Smith thanked everyone who was present tonight.

Council Member Visser thanked everyone who spoke, the truck route and beach cleanup.

Council Member Anderson was glad to see people at the meeting.

Council Member Kantola acknowledged the boys tennis team and the bridge builders.

Council Member Wallner appreciated everyone coming to the meeting and reminded everyone to be patient on the roads during the 4th of July holiday. He also congratulated all of the graduates.

Mayor Gladwell commented on the street sweeper in the Teal Lake subdivision, reminded everyone to be patient during the construction of 41, Pioneer Days, the parks and recreation meeting, truck route and sanctioned little league.

CITY MANAGER

Interim City Manager Koski thanked everyone for their comments. He spoke about the work being done on North Road, W. Case and County Road, and the pavilion work.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Houghton stated that the band concerts have started for the summer every Wednesday at 7:30 at the band shell.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Gladwell and supported by Council Member Visser to go into Closed Session for an update on the Attorney's opinion regarding Act 345.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Smith, Visser, Wallner Kantola, Anderson and Mayor Gladwell

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

The meeting was called back into open session by the Mayor.

A motion was made by Council Member Visser, supported by Council Member Kantola and unanimously carried to authorize the Act 345 board to proceed with the appeal.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Anderson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:16.

Ann Ducoli
Deputy Clerk