

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 20, 2017**

A Special Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday July 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

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

Members Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public wished to comment.

**CITY ATTORNEY SEARCH**

Mr. Jeremy Pickens, O'Dea, Nordeen, Burink and Pickens was present to give a background on their services if chosen as the City of Negaunee's Attorney. He stated that they have a staff of four attorney's and stated that they do civil defense and municipal work are experienced in re-writing ordinances, contract negotiations and parliamentary procedure. He stated that Ray O'dea and he would be at the Council Meetings. Their proposal is for a \$2,000 per month retainer, to include up to 20 hours of legal work per month. Any additional legal work will be billed at the rate of \$125 per hour.

Mr. Robert Juidici P.C. was present to give a background on his services. He stated that he was born and raised here and is familiar with the history of Negaunee. He stated that he served on the City Council with two different City Manager's. He stated that his staff consists of himself and his assistant. He stated that his proposal included all of his services for \$2,800 per month. He stated that he would use Attorney John Heikkila's services if needed.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE /UTILITY BILLING CLERK**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Wallner to voluntarily recognize the position of Customer Service/Utility Billing Clerk in the DPW union contract.

## **CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Anderson and unanimously carried to approve the Cable Franchise Agreements with Negaunee Cable Company and Charter Communication for a 5% franchise fee and a 2% PEG fee and submit.

## **CLOSED SESSION PER SEC 8(f) TO REVIEW SPECIFIC CONTENTS OF AN APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYEMENT – CITY MANAGER SEARCH**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and seconded by Council Member Kangas to go into Closed Session to review the specific contents of an application for employment.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

The meeting was called back into open session at 7:53 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to approve interviews with candidates A, C & D.

A discussion was held to hold a special meeting the following week.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Visser, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Ann Ducoli  
Deputy Clerk