

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE SPECIAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 17, 2017**

A Special Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Friday November 17, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

Members Present: Mayor Gladwell, Council Members Kangas, Smith, Kantola, Anderson,

\*Council Member Visser arrived at 2:10 p.m.

Members Absent: Council Member Wallner

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tonja Acker-Richards addressed the Council regarding qualities she would like to see in a City Manager candidate.

**CITY MANAGER INTERVIEW**

Mr. Nate Heffron was present for a City Manager Interview. Mr. Heffron was asked a series of questions relating to the City of Negaunee and his experience in municipal government. Mr. Heffron stated that he is currently a City Clerk in Nebraska performing administrative duties. He stated that he is a team player and welcomes community involvement and feedback. He stated that he will rely on his Department Heads. He stated that he likes change and would involve the community in that process. He stated that he has had another offer from a community downstate.

A motion was made by Council Member Kantola and supported by Council Member Smith to go into Closed Session per Sec 8H to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

The following roll call was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Kangas, Smith, Kantola, Anderson and Mayor Gladwell

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Tonja Acker-Richards addressed the Council regarding Mr. Heffron's interview.

The Council went into Closed Session at this time.

The meeting was called into open session at 2:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Anderson, supported by Council Member Kangas and unanimously carried to offer the position of City Manager to Mr. Heffron, contingent upon negotiating acceptable terms with the Acting City Manager and City Attorney and negotiations be completed on or after December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **COUNCIL COMMENT**

Council Member Kantola commented this is what the City needs.

Council Member Kangas liked Mr. Heffron's comments.

Council Member Visser stated that Mr. Heffron would be a good fit.

Mayor Gladwell stated that he did not think this is the way this would happen today but that he is good with the outcome.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Anderson, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

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Ann Ducoli  
Deputy Clerk