

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday November 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Negaunee Senior Center.

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

Members Absent: Council Member Kantola

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#8.4 Board of Review Appointment was added to the Agenda.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Tony Ruiz addressed the Council regarding a Medical Marijuana growth operation in the City.

Don Schinella was available to speak on Agenda items #6.1 and #7.1.

Rhonda Gravedoni addressed the Council regarding the Truck Route.

Mike VanStraten asked to speak on #7.3.

Bill Richards addressed the Council regarding water/sewer shutoff at 82 Croix and the park and ride.

Jon Becker addressed the Council regarding the objection he filed regarding the 550 Pioneer land sale.

Tonja Acker-Richards stated that the public had voted poorly in the election and that the Interim City Manager had called her on her concerns.

At this time Council Member Wallner asked for a point of procedure regarding a citizen reserving time to speak on a particular agenda time. City Attorney O'Dea stated that there is nothing in the procedure regarding the reserving of time and that Mr. VanStraten should speak now during public comment.

Mike VanStraten addressed the Council with his concerns regarding the truck route.

**PUBLIC HEARING – CITY OWNED PROPERTY SALE #52-53-601-007-00**

Mayor Gladwell opened the public hearing. No one from the public wished to comment.

A motion was made by Council Member Kangas, supported by Smith and unanimously carried to declare #52-53-601-007-00 surplus.

**SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY - #52-53-601-007-00**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to accept the offer of \$9,000 and approve the Quit Claim Deed.

**CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT #6.2**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to accept the language change for Ordinance Amendment #6.2 as follows:

\*\* See Attached

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #420.01 (c)**

A motion was made by Council Member Visser, supported by Council Member Kangas and unanimously carried to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and set a public hearing for December 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**2018 BUDGET RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Anderson and unanimously carried to adopt the 2018 Budget Resolution. \*\*\* See Attached

## **DELINQUENT UTILITIES TO TAX ROLL**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Anderson and unanimously carried to cause the delinquent utility bills to be spread upon the December tax roll for collection in the amount of \$12,960.79.

## **NEGAUNEE CABLE COMPANY INVOICES/AGREEMENT**

City Attorney O'Dea explained that Negaunee Cable Company had started invoicing the City for internet and cable but that per the agreement the City should be getting the services for free. If there were to be any amendments to the agreement it needed to be in writing not a verbal agreement between the former Interim City Manager and the Negaunee Cable Company.

No action was taken by the Council which leaves the agreement as is.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to have two comment periods for three minutes each with no restrictions.

## **BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to appoint Gary Sjolund, Linda Sjolund and Glenn Binoniemi to the Board of Review until the next regular election.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: October 12<sup>th</sup> regular minutes, October 12<sup>th</sup> special minutes, October 19<sup>th</sup> special minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$477,605.91 (checks #76201-#76342), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, 2018 Fee Schedule.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Mayor Gladwell gave an update on the pavilion project for Jackson Mine Park.

Mike VanStraten stated that the 911 board is working well and the millage renewal is next year.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Kangas welcomed the two new Council Members and thanked the outgoing members.

Council Member Smith commented on an article in the Mining Journal regarding the PEG Channel and that both Charter and Negaunee Cable Company have the same agreements. He thanked Mr. Kangas and congratulated the new members.

Council Member Visser thanked Council Member Kangas and congratulated the new members.

Mayor Gladwell thanked the outgoing Council Members and the election workers. He commented on Tinseltown on December 2nd and wished everyone a safe Thanksgiving.

## **CITY MANAGER**

Interim City Manager Frusti stated that the City Manager search was ongoing.

## **CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney O'Dea commented on Charter revision and ongoing issue that involve the Teal Lake Overlay, the City had filed in the Sundberg lawsuit for fees incurred and Mr. Becker's concerns with the vacation of land.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Visser, supported by Council Member Anderson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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Ann Ducoli  
Deputy Clerk