

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MINUTES  
DECEMBER 14, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday December 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

Members Present: Mayor Gladwell, Council Members Maino, Wallner, Kantola, Anderson, VanStraten and Kangas

Members Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item #7.2 City Manager Agreement was removed and a Special Meeting was scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Item #8.5 Employee wage adjustment was removed and place on the Special Meeting agenda.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rhonda Gravedoni addressed the Council regarding the Truck Route and weight restrictions on Business Route 28.

Bill Richards addressed the Council regarding his 45 day water shut off and the Croix St. project.

Tonja Acker-Richards addressed the Council regarding the City complaint form.

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING TRUCK ROUTE ORDINANCE**

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

A motion was made by Council Member VanStraten, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and adopt Ordinance Amendment #420.01(c) Travel on Designated Route.

**MAYOR PRO TEM APPOINTMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Kantola and unanimously carried to appoint Council Member Wallner as the Mayor Pro Tem until the next regular election.

## **CITY PEG CHANNEL**

City Attorney Pickens stated that he had met with Charter Communications representatives informing them that the City wants their own PEG Channel. More research is needed and negotiations are ongoing.

## **APPEAL TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

City Attorney Pickens gave a brief update on the appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals by a citizen wishing to run an AirBnB in the City and that alternates need to be appointed to the board for a vote.

## **MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY**

A brief update and Attorney's opinion was given on the status of medical marijuana dispensaries in municipalities and that new Ordinances would need to be created. There was a discussion by the Council that this is an economic issue and worth exploring with public input.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

A motion was made by Mayor Gladwell, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to appoint Jeff Gardyko and Gary Sjolund to the vacancies on the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Mayor Gladwell, supported by Council Member Wallner to appoint John Thomas to the Recreation and Parks Commission.

A motion was made by Council Member VanStraten, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to appoint Larry Dillman, Allan Rautio and Joy Holman to the Commission on Aging.

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Kantola and unanimously carried to appoint John Thomas as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

## **COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, ETHICS POLICY AND SET REGULAR MEETING DATES**

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Kangas and unanimously carried to approve the Council Policies and Procedures and Ethics Policy.

A motion was made by Council Member Kangas, supported by Council Member Kantola and unanimously carried to set the regular council meetings for 2018.

## **PA 152 RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner and supported by Council Member Kangas to comply with the requirements of 2011 PA 152, the publicly funded health insurance contribution act, by adopting the annual exemption option for the medical benefit plan coverage year 2018.

### **RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL EXEMPTION OPTION AS SET FORTH IN 2011 PUBLIC ACT 152, THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT**

**WHEREAS**, 2011 Public Act 152 (the “Act”) was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011;

**WHEREAS**, the Act contains three options for complying with the requirements of the Act;

**WHEREAS**, the three options are as follows:

- 1) Section 3 - “Hard Caps” Option - limits a public employer’s total annual health care costs for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the Act;
- 2) Section 4 - “80%/20%” Option - limits a public employer’s share of total annual health care costs to not more than 80%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the governing body;
- 3) Section 8 - “Exemption” Option - a local unit of government, as defined in the Act, may exempt itself from the requirements of the Act by an annual 2/3 vote of the governing body;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Negaunee has decided to adopt the annual Exemption option as its choice of compliance under the Act;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the City Council of the City of Negaunee elects to comply with the requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, by adopting the annual Exemption option for the medical benefit plan coverage year 2018

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Maino, Wallner, Kantola, Anderson, VanStraten, Kangas and Mayor Gladwell

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Kantola and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: November 9, 2017 regular minutes, November 17, 2017 special minutes, claims and accounts in the amount of \$649,419.24 (checks #76343-76494), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, SAW Grant, RRC Resolution, Charitable Gaming License – Negaunee Booster Club, Designate City Depositories.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Scott Gravedoni addressed the Council and thanked them regarding the truck route decision and that the High School has an audio/video crew.

Toby Smith addressed the Council and stated that the medical marijuana dispensary is a good economic development idea and that there is another cable company in town regarding the PEG channel.

Rhonda Gravedoni thanked the Council regarding the truck route and the medical marijuana dispensary issue.

Bill Richards addressed the Council regarding educating the union on what went on.

Tonja Acker-Richards addressed the Council regarding NMU interns.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Wallner wished everyone Happy Holidays and snow in the City's right of way.

Council Member Kantola stated he was happy about the truck route decision.

Council Member Anderson was happy about the truck route decision and commented on the Hockey Tournament this weekend.

Council Member VanStraten thanked everyone for voting for him and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Kangas welcomed the new Council Members.

Mayor Gladwell welcomed the new Council Members, reminded everyone about the Firehall Christmas Party and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

### **CITY MANAGER**

Interim City Manager Frusti reminded everyone that County Road 480 from the four way stop to the City limits is the responsibility of the County Road Commission.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner and supported by Council Member Maino to go into Closed Session per SEC 8E pending litigation.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Wallner, Kantola, Anderson, VanStraten, Kangas, Maino and Mayor Gladwell

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

The meeting was called back into open session at 8:53 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Gladwell, supported by Council Member Kangas and unanimously carried to keep the Sundberg litigation on the court docket and reach out to the owners of the building to negotiate a resolution and recoup the costs of demolition. Council Member Kantola abstained.

A motion was made by Council Member Kangas and supported by Council Member Kantola to go into Closed Session per SEC 8 E pending litigation.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Kantola, Anderson, VanStraten, Kangas, Maino, Wallner and Mayor Gladwell

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

The meeting was call back into open session at 9:03 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Anderson and unanimously carried to refer the appeal back to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a rehearing at their earliest convenience.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

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Ann Duoli  
Deputy Clerk