

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday January 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

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

Members Absent: Council Member VanStraten

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Kangas to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to comment.

DISPOSAL OF ASSETS – REAL PROPERTY

City Attorney Pickens stated that a letter regarding the sale of 550 Pioneer Ave. had been sent to adjacent landowners. He stated they are still waiting to hear back after some confusion with the letter. He stated that the policy is a bit cumbersome and gives the adjacent landowners the ability to hold up the sale. He suggested a time limit.

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to amend the Disposal of Assets Policy-Real Property section 8 and add the words “or failed to respond within 60 days of notification of the right to refuse or accept”.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Anderson, supported by Council Member Kangas and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: December 14, 2017 Regular Minutes, December 19, 2017 Special Minutes, December 27, 2017 Special Minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$493,288.05 checks #76495-76615), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, MDOT Performance Resolution, Designate WPPI Director, Designate Street Administrator, Senior Center Master Agreements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kurt Portale addressed the Council regarding the Government Channel.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mayor Gladwell gave an update regarding the Jackson Park Pavilion and the grant from the DNR.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Maino thanked Jay for his time as the Interim City Manager and also Gerry Koski the former Interim City Manager. He also thanked Ann Ducoli the Administrative Secretary for her hard work. He thanked all of the departments for their work during the cold weather.

Council Member Wallner commented on the Fire Hall Christmas Party and that they appreciated their new heating system. He commented on Heikki Lunta on the 19th and 20th, a poker run downtown and the county wide veteran's food pantry at MarqTran.

Council Member Kantola commented on the lack of truck traffic in town.

Council Member Kangas thanked Jay for his hard work as the Interim City Manager and also to the former Interim Gerry Koski and also the Administrative Assistant Ann Ducoli for being a good source of information. He also commented on the lack of truck traffic.

Mayor Gladwell thanked Jay and Gerry Koski for their work as the Interims and Ann Ducoli. He also asked to have the plowing policy sent to the Council.

CITY MANAGER

Interim City Manager Frusti reminded the Council that the new City Manager starts on Monday and asked that the Council and Dept Heads give him time to settle in. He thanked the Council for the nice comments and himself and staff and stated that he is always around if the Council has any questions.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Pickens stated that he had spoken with the Governor's office regarding the Charter language change and that there is a 100 word limit. They had made a suggestion on the wording and he would resubmit.

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 7:21 p.m.

Ann Ducoli
Deputy Clerk