

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Tuesday February 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

Member Present: Mayor Kangas, Council Members Kantola, Gladwell, Wallner, and Karki

Member Absent: Council Members Anderson and Maino

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public wished to comment.

**PUBLIC HEARING – DISCONTINUANCE OF PUBLICLY OWNED LAND AND AUTHORIZATION OF SALE – FORMER WWTP**

Mayor Kangas opened the public hearing. No one from the public wished to comment. The public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to authorize the discontinuance of publicly owned land and sale of the former wastewater treatment plant at a public auction with a price set at no less than \$30,000.

**BROWN AVE SEWER ENGINEERING COST AMENDMENT**

A motion was made by Mayor Kangas and supported by Council Member Karki to approve Change Order #1 with UPEA in the amount of \$10,000 due to increased workload for grant administration for the MDARD grant for Brown Ave sewer engineering with money coming from the Wastewater Capital Outlay fund.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Kantola, Karki and Mayor Kangas

Nays: Council Members Gladwell and Wallner

The motion passed on a 3-2 vote.

## **PRESENTATION – VFW SIGN**

Nick Mattson was present to give a brief update on the work he is doing for the VFW Sign for his Eagle Scout project. City Staff will be working with Nick to set up a patronocity account to fund this project.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN – CUPPAD**

Ryan Soucy, CUPPAD was present to give a brief update on the Public Participation Plan. This is a guide for informing the public on what is happening in the City. It is a requirement for Redevelopment Ready Communities through the State.

## **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member Karki and unanimously carried to appoint Glenn Binoniemi, Jim Kantola and Harold Ferguson to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Harold Ferguson to the Board of Review until the next regular election.

## **RENTAL CODE #1428 – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

A motion was made by Mayor Kangas, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #1428 Rental Code and set a public hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for March Regular Meeting.

## **RECREATIONAL MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS ORDINANCE #878 – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and set a public hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for the March regular meeting.

## **FIRE HALL PAINTING BIDS**

City Staff received one bid for the Fire Hall painting. \$30,000 was budgeted in the firehall capital outlay for this project.

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member Kantola and unanimously carried to make a budget adjustment in the amount of \$28,775 from the Building Fund into the General Fund Fire Hall Capital Outlay and to draw down the fund balance of the General Fund in the amount of \$28,775 and award the bid to Bosk Corporation in the total amount of \$87,550 to be paid out of the General Fund Budget Fire Hall Department capital outlay.

## **ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT AERIAL TRUCK BIDS**

Three bids were received by City Staff.

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Gladwell and unanimously carried to award the bid to Utility Sales and Service in the amount of \$139,691 for the lease to purchase of the Aerial Truck.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Karki, supported by Council Member Gladwell and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: January 10, 2019 Regular Minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$565,749.94 (checks #78360-74896), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, Poverty Exemption Resolution.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mary Beth Kurtz addressed the Council stating that she is a landlord and stated that she would not be at the next meeting regarding the Rental Code Ordinance as she has no problem with what the Council is doing.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

A brief update of the Pavilion was given.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Kantola stated that Heikki Lunta went well.

Council Member Gladwell commented on Heikki Lunta, thanked staff for hard work during the storm, adopt a fire hydrant and commended Derek at the Ice Arena for all he does.

Council Member Karki commented on snow removal.

Council Member Wallner commented that boards and commission need members and community involvement in projects.

Mayor Kangas thanked Nick Mattson for this VFW sign presentation and is looking forward to information on recreational marijuana.

## **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Heffron commented on snow plowing, his Washington DC Trip, the invent NMU event at Pasquali's the Brown Ave MDARD \$100,000 grant award, streetscape and TIF.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney O'Dea commented on the AT&T pole rental situation.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner and supported by Council Member Gladwell to go into closed session per SEC 8E pending litigation.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Gladwell, Wallner, Karki, Kantola and Mayor Kangas

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Kangas called the meeting back into Open Session at 9:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Mayor Kangas and unanimously carried to contact the MPSC and enter a formal complaint against Charter Communications.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Mayor Kangas and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

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Ann Ducoli  
Deputy Clerk