

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday March 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

Members Present: Mayor Kangas, Council Members Gladwell, Wallner, Karki, Flohe and LaLonde

Members Absent: Council Member Maino

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to comment.

DDA EXPANSION – STRICT #2 AND AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TIF FINANCING PLAN FOR DISTRICT #1 AND DISTRICT #2

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 LaLonde and unanimously carried to approve the 1st reading and set a 2nd reading and public hearing for the April 9, 2020 Regular meeting.

MNRTF AND RP GRANT – JACKSON MINE PARK PLYGROUND PROJECT

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 Wallner, supported by Council Member Flohe to approve a request in the amount of \$125,735.92 to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for a Trust Fund grant or Recreation Passport grant for the development of a barrier free community playground space in Jackson Mine Park and also to approve a resolution committing the City to a \$31,911.98 force labor and in kind material contribution.

AMI METERING

A motion was made by Council Member LaLonde and supported by Council Member Wallner to approve the AMI Metering project in the amount of \$454,000 which will be split between the Electric Dept (\$291,950) and the Water Fund (\$161,960).

Council Member Gladwell voiced his concerns regarding the cost and felt the project should wait until next year. Council Member Wallner stated that it was already in the budget and fee schedule.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Wallner, Karki, Flohe, LaLonde and Mayor Kangas

Nays: Council Member Gladwell

The motion passed on a 5-1 vote

MERS PENSION CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN APPLICATION

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell and supported by Council Member Wallner to suspend the rules for discussion.

A discussion took place regarding the deadline of April for this application to be submitted.

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell and supported by Council Member Flohe to postpone this agenda item until the April regular meeting to gather more information.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Karki, Flohe, LaLonde, Gladwell and Mayor Kangas

Nays: Council Member Wallner

The motion passed on a 5-1 vote.

2019 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member LaLonde and unanimously carried to make the budget adjustments and any additional adjustments as deemed necessary to bring the 2019 budget into compliance with State law. **See Attachment

RAIL STREET BIDS

The Rail Street project includes roadwork on Rail Street from Gold Street to Division Street. The work will include rehabilitation of roadway, construction of parking stalls, curb and gutter work, traffic control, pavement markings and slope restoration.

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner and supported by Council Member Lalonde to accept the low bid from Oberstar, Inc. in the amount of \$202,835.75 for the Rail Street project paid out of the Street Millage.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Karki, Flohe, LaLonde, Gladwell, Wallner and Mayor Kangas

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

1ST READING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #1269 HOME OCCUPATIONS

This amendment fixes an error of exclusion of Home Occupations in the R2 and RR zone.

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to approve the 1st reading and set a public hearing and 2nd reading for April 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Negaunee Senior Center.

1ST READING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #1286.07 FENCES

This amendment adds Fence Permit Fee with a required site plan review.

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member LaLonde and unanimously carried to approve the 1st reading and set a public hearing and 2nd reading for April 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Negaunee Senior Center.

1ST READING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS: #1248 SUBDIVISION, #1260.02 ZONING DEFINITIONS, #1269.05 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, #1280.01 SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL STANDARDS, #1281.01 PUD STANDARDS, #1283.06 STANDARDS FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL

These amendments as provided by the planning commission address a requirement of the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) initiative specifically the Complete Street component which if adopted will further our completion of the Certified status for RRC. The

Complete Streets resolution was adopted at the previous regular meeting, these amendments fall in with said resolution.

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Flohe and unanimously carried to approve the 1st reading and set a public hearing and 2nd reading for April 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm. At the Negaunee Senior Center.

SET PUBLIC HEARING – USDA GRANT APPLICATION NEW POLICE VEHICLE

A motion was made by Council Member LaLonde, supported by Council Member Gladwell and unanimously carried to set a public hearing for April 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to submit a USDA grant application requesting funding for a new police vehicle.

UPAWS CONTRACT

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to postpone this agenda item until the April Regular meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member LaLonde and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: February 13, 2020 Regular Minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$500,113.22 (checks #80133- #80265), Revenue Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, Appointments to boards and commissions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to comment.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council Member Wallner commented on the MarqTran route change research in Negaunee.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Karki said get well to Officer Grasso, that he was glad to be back in town and that the snow is melting and to look for garbage.

Council Member LaLonde commented on the melting snow and garbage and also commented on the coronavirus.

Council Member Gladwell stated that the NIT's are cancelled, the DPW is doing a good job in keeping up with snow and a database that they are using.

Council Member Wallner stated that he would like to see the emergency management plan in place.

Mayor Kangas commented on his trip to Florida.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



Ann Ducoli
Deputy Clerk