

**SUMMARY
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2010**

A Regular meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday January 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

Members Present: Mayor Gravedoni, Council Members Wills, Maino, Van Straten, Haines and Menhennick

Members Absent: Council Member Dompierre

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Haines asked that the Monthly Cash Flow Chart be added as agenda #7.8.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stella Kniffen addressed the Council regarding snowmobiles on her street, ordinance abatements, and the Cable channels.

Joel Jarvi addressed the Council regarding Croix St. Phase IA.

Anna Mattson addressed the Council and read her Letter to the Editor.

Dave Johnson addressed the Council regarding Croix Street and working with the school.

VACATE 13 FOOT EASEMENT OF 420 RAIL STREET

A motion was made by Council Member Wills, supported by Mayor Gravedoni and unanimously carried to concur with the Planning Commission to vacate 13 feet of an easement at 420 Rail St. and set a Public Hearing for 7:00 p.m. on February 11, 2010 to meet and hear objections to this proposed vacation and reduction of easement and to recover the costs for the advertisements from the property owner.

2009 POLICE PENSION ACTUARIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Council Member VanStraten, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to split the cost of performing an actuarial report for the Police Pension Board for the period ending 12-31-09 of up to \$2,500.

**AWARD RECOGNITION, GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS
HEALTH AND SPORTS, PROMOTING ACTIVE COMMUNITIES BRONZE LEVEL
AWARD**

As part of a grant the City received from the Marquette County Health Department for funding assistance to conduct a Farmer's Market in the Jackson Mine Park, the City was encouraged to apply to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness Health and Sports for a Promoting Active Communities award. The City has received a bronze level award for its efforts to promote a more active lifestyle including the development of non-motorized trails, conducting a Farmer's Market, and promoting healthy eating.

The Council recognized the City's achievement in obtaining the award and presented it to George Sedlacek of the Marquette County Health Department.

**AGREEMENT FOR ACTIVE LIVING, MARQUETTE COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Wills and unanimously carried to approve and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement between Marquette County Health Department and City of Negaunee for implementation of the Active Living Marquette County project for the period January 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010.

PARK FACILITY RESERVATION AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Menhennick and unanimously carried to approve the rental agreement for Miner's Park and direct staff to adopt similar language used by the Ice Arena for use of alcoholic beverages.

**WIMAX IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT WITH NORTHERN MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY**

A motion was made by Mayor Gravedoni, supported by Council Member VanStraten and unanimously carried to adopt the proposed agreement with revisions and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement.

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL FUNDING
APPLICATION**

A motion was made by Council Member Wills and supported by Council Member Menhennick to deny the Safe Routes to School Resolution at this time and possibly revisit at a future date.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Wills, VanStraten, Haines, and Menhennick

Nays: Council Members Maino and Mayor Gravedoni

The motion passed on a 4-2 vote

CASH INFLOW/ OUTFLOW REPORT

Council Member Haines stated that he asked that this be on the agenda. He stated that one of his concerns for the City is to have financial stability. He stated that the report shows the City was short in their cash flow by \$601,429.32. ~~Mr. Haines~~ Another Council Member asked to see this report in November for the budget sessions and was told that it did not exist however Mr. Haines obtained a copy from City Hall since that time for November. City Manager Peterson stated that the report is all funds and that the Council had approved of a drawdown of all fund balances.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Wills, supported by Council Member Haines and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: December 10th Regular Minutes, December 10th Closed Session Minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$843,336.31 (check #30649-#30807), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balances, Appointment to NMPSA, City Assistance for Heikki Lunta, Master Agreement to Purchase Services for Senior Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Sedlacek addressed the Council regarding the Safe Routes to School Resolution.

Virginia Paulson addressed the Council regarding turning away grant money.

Joel Jarvi addressed the Council regarding dog bags in Miner's Park, snowmobiles, and littering.

Dave Johnson addressed the Council regarding overreacting about the Fund Balance and making tough decisions.

Anna Mattson addressed the Council regarding the Safe Routes to School Resolution.

Larry Marta addressed the Council regarding the City Manager's pay.

CITY MANAGER

A motion was made by Council Member Haines, supported by Council Member Menhennick and unanimously carried to seek bids for Specified Insurance Coverage.

A motion was made by Mayor Gravedoni, supported by Council Member Menhennick and unanimously carried to form an Ad Hoc Utility Committee and have Council Member VanStraten, Haines, and Wills be on the committee. Council Member Menhennick would serve as an alternate.

City Manager Peterson discussed the Cable Fund and stated that the Council should hold a Special Meeting to review and give staff a direction for the system.

The Council set a meeting for Wednesday January 20th at 6 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Gravedoni, and supported by Council Member Menhennick to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation and appoint the secretary to take the minutes.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Maino, VanStraten, Haines, Menhennick, Wills and Mayor Gravedoni

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

The meeting was called back into open session

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, and supported by Council Member Wills to authorize acceptance of the proposal.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members VanStraten, Haines, Menhennick, Wills, and Maino

Nays: Mayor Gravedoni

The motion passed on a 5-1 vote.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

VanStraten stated that there was a lot of snow around the fire hydrants that needed to be cleaned out.

A motion was made by Council Member VanStraten and supported by Council Member Haines to move \$23,699 from the General Fund into the Fire Department Fund Capital Outlay for fire safety gear.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Menhennick and VanStraten

Nays: Council Members Haines, Wills, Maino and Mayor Gravedoni

The motion failed on a 2-4 vote.

Council Member Menhennick stated that she had received a request for our City Council minutes to be archived and that she would forward the email to the Manager.

Council Member Wills asked for clarification on a statement the City Manager made earlier in the meeting about not being here after this year. City Manager Peterson stated that he was officially giving his 90 day notice and would not be continuing his contract with the City. He stated that his 90 days would start as of today's date. Council Member Haines asked if that was a motion? City Manager Peterson stated that no motion was necessary that he can do that unilaterally and that he is a contract employee and that he cannot work for this group.

Mayor Gravedoni stated the Council had sought out the City Manager back in 2005 and had given him an agenda to follow at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Ann Yoho
Deputy Clerk