

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 13, 2008**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday March 13, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Negaunee Senior Center.

Members Present: Mayor Peterson, Council Members Wickstrom, Stanaway, Perucco, Gravedoni and Wills

Members Absent: Council Member Thomas

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Peterson amended the agenda to add #4A – MDOT Grant, and #7.5 MML Convention.

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

MDOT GRANT

Mayor Peterson announced that the City of Negaunee had received a \$400,000 grant for the Heritage Trail to from the Negaunee Senior Center to the Brownstone in Ishpeming. A map showing the trail was shown.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Karl Webber addressed the Council regarding his intention to run for Circuit Court Judge.

Ms. Tamara Forbes 116 Truscott addressed the Council regarding problems with her electric and water bill.

CHARTER AMENDMENT – BOARD OF REVIEW

A motion was made by Council Member Perucco and supported by Council Member Stanaway to have the public consider a Charter Amendment regarding the appointment rather than the election of Board of Review members in accordance with State Law.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Perucco

Nays: Council Members Wickstrom, Stanaway, Gravedoni, Wills and Mayor Peterson

The motion failed on a 1-5 vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Perucco, supported by Council Member Gravedoni and unanimously carried to have the public consider a Charter Amendment allowing 5 members on the Board of Review and to have the members elected.

JOINT RECREATION PLAN

The Cities of Ishpeming and Negaunee have met in the past to discuss the benefits of joint planning and use of public property on the north side of Teal Lake. Ishpeming Township and the City of Ishpeming have recommended funding this project with the help of CUPPAD.

A motion was made by Council Member Gravedoni, supported by Council Member Stanaway and unanimously carried to approve funding up to \$2,500 to work with CUPPAD to pay for development of joint Recreation Plan in cooperation with Ishpeming Township and the City of Ishpeming.

ROLLING MILL ENGINEERING CONTRACT

A motion was made by Council Member Wills, supported by Council Member Perucco and unanimously carried to approve a contract with ECI of Ishpeming for the design of the Rolling Mill sewer project in an amount not to exceed \$28,000, and for construction services on the Rolling Mill sewer project, in an amount not to exceed \$13,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$41,000.

UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR BID

The City has received funding to perform a Small Urban Street Improvement project that will resurface five streets in our community. The City has budgeted funds to cover the underground work based on engineering estimates received from Wilcox Engineering.

A motion was made by Council Member Gravedoni, supported by Council Member Perucco and unanimously carried to approve the Utility Improvement Project for Advertising for Bids.

INVITATION TO BID – NATURAL GAS ENGINE GENERATOR SET

As part of a City review to determine preparedness for emergency situations it has become clear City Hall offices lack adequate backup power for the staff to be able to function if electric power is disrupted. A natural gas generator will allow City Hall to function and provide service to the public in an emergency.

A motion was made by Council Member Perucco, supported by Council Member Gravedoni and unanimously carried to authorize the Natural Gas Engine Generator Set to be advertised for bid.

MML CONVENTION

A motion was made by Council Member Perucco, supported by Council Member Wickstrom and unanimously carried to send two Council Members to the MML Convention in April.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: February 14th Regular Minutes, February 14th Closed Session Minutes, Claims and Accounts, and the Revenue/Expenditure Fund Balance Reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to comment at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Stanaway congratulated the Boys Basketball Team, commented on the new Hair Salon on Iron St., and commented on the snow plowing.

Council Member Gravedoni gave a brief update on the Washington D.C. trip.

Council Member Wills commented on the broken cable for the flag at Lakeview School.

CITY MANAGER

Mr. Peterson commented on the Asset Management meeting on the 27th at the Senior Center and also on the WPPI meetings this summer. He stated that if anyone is interested they should contact the City Manager's office.

A motion was made by Council Member Gravedoni, supported by Council Member Perucco and unanimously carried to provide relief to the list of water-let runs based on the current City policy.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Stanaway, supported by Council Member Gravedoni to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.