

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday April 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

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

Member Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council Member Dompierre asked that #12.8-Closed Session to discuss City Attorney Confidential document be added to the agenda. He also asked that the March 11<sup>th</sup> Closed Session Minutes and the March 15<sup>th</sup> Special Minutes be taken off the Consent Agenda and placed as #8.6.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Gravedoni read a letter from Mr. Jim Kantola for Public Comment.

Ms. Anna Mattson addressed the Council regarding Parks projects.

Ms. Stella Kniffen addressed the Council regarding dog waste and bb guns.

Mr. Don Gladwell asked to reserve time on #8.4.

Mr. Jim Kantola addressed the Council regarding the Sundberg building and that after inspections are performed he is planning on rebuilding.

**STATE OF THE CITY – 2010 PROJECTS AND BEYOND**

City Manager Peterson gave a presentation on current and future projects for the City. He discussed Cliff and Ridge Street sanitary sewer, Croix Street Phase II, Miners Park, Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Refuse Contract, Exterior of City Hall, Grants, Street Asset Management Plan, Utility Committee, 2010 Budget Adjustments, Employee Contracts, City vehicles, and Land Use.

### **CITY MANAGER SEARCH**

A motion was made by Council Member Menhennick and supported by Council Member Haines to contract with Stang Decision Systems to perform a City Manager search.

Council Member Dompierre stated that this should go out on bids.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: Council Member Dompierre, and Mayor Gravedoni

The motion passed on a 5-2 vote.

Council Member Dompierre stated that per the Fiscal Policy the Council needs to identify where this expense is coming from. Council Member Haines stated that the money the City would be savings in the budget from the outgoing City Manager and also money from the Street Fund to the General Fund.

### **ACCESS MANAGEMENT**

A comprehensive update to the US 41/M-28 Access Management Plan is contemplated. The City has been a participant in corridor planning meetings but has never formally adopted the plan.

Vince Bevins, Regional Planner for the Michigan Department of Transportation and Al Feldhauser, Senior Planner for Marquette County were present to answer any questions the Council might have.

No action was taken.

The Council asked to have time to digest the information and for the County to make the same presentation to the Planning Commission.

### **ADOPTION OF MARQUETTE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Marquette County developed and adopted a Marquette County Hazard Mitigation Plan in January, 2008. Various units of government have also passed resolutions adopting the plan.

An extensive planning process was used in the development of the plan which runs to more than 300 pages and is available on Marquette County's webpage. The Plan is subject to review and amendments every 5 years as part of the County's comprehensive plan.

A motion was made by Council Member VanStraten, supported by Council Member Menhennick and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a resolution adopting the Marquette County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**REQUEST TO PARK N WEST SIDE OF CROIX STREET – DIABETES OUTREACH NETWORK FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TEAL LAKE SWIM**

Croix Street was constructed to allow parking up to and on the bike path to allow for additional parking for infrequent large community events. This event is the type of community activity envisioned in the construction design for Croix Street which could provide for the suspension of no parking on the west side of Croix Street.

A motion was made by Council Member Wills, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to suspend the no parking ban for the west side of Croix Street on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> during the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Teal Lake Swim for Diabetes.

**REQUEST FOR BALLFIELD WAIVER OF FEES FOR TOURNAMENTS**

City Staff received requests from the Negaunee Little League, Renee Thomas Tournament and Irontown Association to waive the fees for their tournaments this summer.

Mayor Gravedoni pointed out that the Parks and Recreation Board did not have a quorum at their meeting to be able to make a recommendation to the Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Maino and supported by Council Member Hines to deny all three requests.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Maino and Menhennick

Nays: Council Members Dompierre, VanStraten, Haines, Wills and Mayor Gravedoni

The motion failed on a 2-5 vote.

Mr. Don Gladwell was present to represent Irontown.

A motion was made by Council Member Dompierre, supported by Council Member Wills and unanimously carried to table until the next meeting to allow the Parks and Recreation Board to have a quorum.

### **ADOPTION OF MICHIGAN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT**

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A motion was made by Council Member Haines, supported by Council Member VanStraten and unanimously carried to adopt the resolution approving the City's participation in the Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign it.

### **MARCH 11, 2010 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND MARCH 15, 2010 SPECIAL MINUTES**

A motion was made by Council Member Wills and supported by Council Member Menhennick to approve the March 11<sup>th</sup> Closed Session Minutes and the March 15<sup>th</sup> Special Minutes as presented.

Council Member Dompierre abstained as he was not present at either of those meetings.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Dompierre, supported by Council Member Wills and unanimously carried to approved the Consent Agenda as follows: March 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Minutes, March 24<sup>th</sup> Special Minutes, April 1<sup>st</sup> Special Minutes, Claims and Accounts for February in the amount of \$806,219.37 (check #31091-31249), Revenue/Expenditure Trail Balance Reports, City Property as Surplus for Auction, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Resolution.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Virginia Paulson, Negaunee Historical Society addressed the Council thanking the City Manager.

Kimme Peterson addressed the council regarding a community volunteer cleanup.

Jim Thomas addressed the Council thanking the City Manager and discussed the Iron Ore Heritage Trail.

Anna Mattson addressed the Council regarding Parks. She also thanked the City Manager.

Mary Beth Kurtz addressed the Council regarding the pocket park downtown. She also thanked the City Manager.

Stella Kniffen addressed the Council regarding dog feces pickup.

Don Gladwell addressed the Council regarding Pioneer Days, the iron ore cars and televising the City Manager search meetings. He also thanked the City Manager

Steve Perucco addressed the Council regarding the budget. He also thanked the City Manager.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Mayor Gravedoni and Council Member Maino discussed the Internet Meeting in Norway.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member VanStraten discussed the train whistle blasts, street sweeping and asked that the Interim City Manager be able to spend time with the outgoing City Manager to be brought up to speed. City Manager Peterson stated that he was going to spend his last week with the Interim.

Council Member Haines commented on the Miner's Park grant and that the work would start soon.

Council Member Menhennick thanked everyone in attendance for their good ideas.

Council Member Wills commented on signs at Miner's Park to keep the dogs out. He also thanked the City Manager for his presentation.

Council Member Dompierre commented on #10 of the Fiscal Policy, read a letter to the Editor from the Detroit Free Press and asked about employees attending a rally in Lansing. He also thanked the City Manager for his service.

A motion was made by Mayor Gravedoni, supported by Council Member Dompierre and unanimously carried to hold a recycle day in the City of Negaunee with a date to be named later.

Mayor Gravedoni thanked the City Manager for his service.

### **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Peterson thanked the community for being able to serve, that he has taken personal offense for some comments that have been made and he urged the Council to understand the budget.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Council Member Dompierre and supported by Council Member Wills to go into Closed Session to discuss Union negotiations and a confidential letter from the City Attorney and to have the City Attorney take the minutes.

The following roll call was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

Council Member Dompierre excused himself from the Union Negotiations part of the Closed Session.

The meeting was called into open Session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

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Ann Yoho  
Deputy Clerk