

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
MAY 8, 2008**

A meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

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

Members Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Mazzuchi addressed the Council informing them of her intention to run for Judge.

Greg Degabriele, 424 Peninsula addressed the Council regarding iron ore running down his street and stumps that need to be removed.

PRESENTATIONS

UPDATE MINING HERITAGE PROJECT BY NEGAUNEE HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Andy Skewis from the Negaunee High School provided the Council with an update of the Mining Heritage Project. He stated in his update that the group would be ready to present their final project to the Council at the June meeting.

YMCA SPONSORED TRIATHLON EVENT

City Manager Peterson informed the Council that he did not have all the information on this event and would like to defer this item until the next meeting.

MDOT FIFTH LANE CONSTRUCTION ON US 41

Mr. Al Anderson from MDOT addressed the Council regarding the fifth lane construction that will be starting June 2nd and continuing until September 12th. The construction project will run from the west City limits to the west side of the pond, located on the south side of US 41. Brochures were handed out to the Council and provided for resident information.

LIBRARY/CABLE TV BOARD ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – 1ST READING

At its last meeting, the Council approved combining the Library and Cable Boards. There would be amendments to Ordinance 276 and 278.

A motion was made by Council Member Perucco, supported by Council Member Wills and unanimously carried to approve the 1st reading of the Library/Cable TV Board Ordinance Amendments.

SALE/DEVELOPMENT OF JACKSON PARK AND ADJACENT PROPERTY

Medallion Development is interested in the development of a senior/disabled housing project financed and approved by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Sale of the Jackson Park and adjacent City property has been discussed at a number of meetings by the City Council. It is now timely and appropriate to seek bid for the sale of approximately 11 acres of City property.

A motion was made by Council Member Perucco, supported by Council Member Thomas and unanimously carried to meet on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to hear objections to the proposed sale of approximately 11 acres of City property and to have City Staff provide notice of the meeting and publish a resolution once a week for four weeks prior to June 12th.

USE OF CITY PROPERTY FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING SITE

The Negaunee Fire Department and Firefighters Association wishes to develop a site in the City which could be used to train City firefighters as well as firefighters from other neighboring fire departments. The site being looked at is near the old Tracy Mine area.

A motion was made by Council Member Gravedoni, supported by Council Member Perucco and unanimously carried to approve the concept of developing a fire training facility for use by the Negaunee Fire Department and surrounding departments provided risk management controls are in place and to approve use of land as indicated subject to Planning Commission review and approval.

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING CONTRACT – CROIX ST.

In March 2007 the City of Negaunee entered into a construction-engineering contract with OHM in the amount of \$99,803.61. Contractor inefficiencies have caused our construction engineer to incur additional construction inspection expenses which they have requested an increase in payments through a contract amendment. This would increase the contract from \$99,803.61 to \$150,589.52. Grant funds received by the City for this project along with liquidated damages assessed to the contractor should be sufficient to pay for some of the increased construction engineering costs incurred by OHM.

A motion was made by Council Member Thomas, supported by Council Member Stanaway and unanimously carried to approve contract amendments up to an amount, which can be reimbursed through liquidated damages assessed to the contractor and eligible grand funds.

TEAL LAKE RECREATION PLAN CONTRACT WITH CUPPAD

The contract for development of a joint Teal Lake Recreation Plan along with the City of Ishpeming and Ishpeming Township has been developed with the input and participation of all signatories to the contract.

A motion was made by Council Member Gravedoni, supported by Council Member Thomas and unanimously carried to approve the terms of the contract and authorize the Mayor to sign it.

VFW MEMORIAL DAY REQUEST FOR CITY ASSISTANCE

A motion was made by Council Member Perucco, supported by Council Member Thomas and unanimously carried to approve City assistance with the annual Memorial Day Parade as requested.

CONSTRUCTION OF GAZEBO FOR PUBLIC USE ON CITY PROPERTY

Mr. Bruce Bartle wishes to contract a gazebo with the help of the high school wood shop on City owned property for use and enjoyment by the public. Funding for materials for the project are coming from a \$1,500 community improvements grant in partnership with WPPI.

A motion was made by Council Member Thomas, supported by Council Member Stanaway and unanimously carried to approve construction of a gazebo on City property for public use.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Gravedoni, supported by Council Member Perucco and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: April 10th Regular Minutes, April 10th Closed Session Minutes, April 30th Joint Meeting minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$507,361.63, Revenue/Expenditure Report, and the Wild Fire Skid Unit Bid Award.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council Member Thomas commented on the Heritage Trail committee and that bids would be going out soon for the trail and that help will be needed for brushing the trail.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Wills thanked the City Electric Crew for helping the school with their flagpole and he stated that the bleachers at Miners Park need to be removed.

A motion was made by Council Member Gravedoni, supported by Council Member Stanaway and unanimously carried to have the City Manager contact MDOT regarding turning lights at Baldwin Ave and US 41 and Teal Lake Ave and US 41.

Council Member Stanaway commented on the trash on Collins Road.

Council Member Thomas commented on the Joint Meeting with the Parks and Recreation Committee and that it went well.

Council Member Wickstrom commented on the Ann Street area and some houses that needed to clean up their yards, that there is an abandoned house in that area and the zoning ordinances need to be enforced and the Trailer Park needs to be looked at.

Mayor Peterson commented on the Marquette Ambassadors awards and Little Friends new expansion. He also reminded citizens about Spring Cleanup May 19-June 2.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Peterson commented on the sanitary sewer transmission line negotiations. He stated that the Council should meet to discuss the agreement. It was decided to meet on Wednesday May 14th at 9:00 am in the Michigan Room of City Hall.

Mr. Peterson stated that he received information from MDOT on a shared ride park for carpooling. He stated that this would be on the next agenda. He also commented on the Timber Sale property and that this topic would be on the Special Meeting agenda for the 14th. He stated that timber would be taken out of the area next to the Senior Center beginning next week.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Gravedoni, supported by Council Member Stanaway and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Ann Yoho
Deputy Clerk