

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2010**

A Regular meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday May 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

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

Members Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Dompierre requested that the April 20th Special Minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed as #7.11.

The Sundberg Building was also placed as #6.3.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kim Sowle reserved time on #6.3.

Don Gladwell reserved time on #6.1, #7.6, and #7.7.

Bob Clark reserved time on #7.10.

Mr. Tom Stanaway addressed the Council regarding an article in the Mining Journal regarding the Study on the cost of the Interim City Manager. He stated that the information in the article was not correct and that the computer at City Hall was deleted of all of its information when the former City Manager left.

BALLFIELD FEE WAIVER REQUEST

A motion was made by Council Member Wills, supported by Council Member Haines and unanimously carried to waive the fees for the ballfield for Pioneer Days, the Little League Baseball Tournament and the Renee Thomas Tournament.

STANG DECISION SYSTEMS CONTRACT AND CITY MANAGER POSTING

A motion was made by Council Member VanStraten, supported by Council Member Wills and unanimously carried to approve the Stang Contract and have the Mayor sign it and to also authorize a budget of \$1,000 for the City Manager posting advertisement.

SUNDBERG BUILDING

Ms. Kim Soule addressed the Council regarding the opening of Iron Street. She stated that it is hurting her business with the road closed.

A motion was made by Council Member VanStraten, supported by Mayor Gravedoni and unanimously carried to authorize the Interim City Manager to contact the owner of the Sundberg building to move the fence and open Iron St. in accordance to their engineering study from Cambensy Engineering

REQUEST FOR BIDS, CURBSIDE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE COLLECTION

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Menhennick and unanimously carried to authorize the Interim City Manager to contact Ishpeming's City Manager to discuss setting up a meeting to work jointly in seeking garbage bids.

SEEK BIDS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH GASB STATEMENT 45

A motion was made by Council Member Wills and supported by Council Member Haines to authorize bids for performing the GASB 45 Compliance.

After discussion and an explanation of what GASB 45 is the Council took the following roll call vote.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: None.

Nays: Wills, Maino, Dompierre, VanStraten, Haines, Menhennick and Mayor Gravedoni

The motion failed 0-7

A motion was made by Council Member Dompierre, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to direct City staff to contact the auditors and get more information on the GASB 45 for the next meeting.

NOTICE OF INTENT RESOLUTION FOR SANITARY SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS AND PUBLIC NOTICE

Mr. Tom Colis from Miller, Canfield Bond Counsel was present to answer any questions the Council might have. He stated that this is the first step in the bond process and that this is an intent to issue bonds for the project. He stated that the citizen's have the right to use the petition process which could cause the bond process on the ballot for a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Dompierre, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to approve the Notice of Intent Resolution for Sanitary Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds.

USDA LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR WASTEWATER

City staff received a memo from the City Attorney regarding the USDA funding for the City's wastewater project. She stated in the memo that after review of the documents for the engineer's she was unable to find a separate Council approval for the legal services agreement. In order to be sure the City has complied with every possible technical requirement in the USDA process it is important to have the Council review this contract and issue an approval.

A motion was made by Council Member Dompierre, supported by Council Member Menhennick and unanimously carried to approve the Legal Services contract and authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to sign it.

FEE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT, FIXED MONTHLY CHARGE FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE

Current fixed monthly charges assessed by the City to its wastewater customers currently range from \$20.26 to \$275.70. As part of the City's application to the USDA and their subsequent reviews of City fees, sewer and wastewater budgets, and approval of a \$5,364,000 grant and loan package a small adjustment in City wastewater rates is required to conform with their debt ratio requirements.

A motion was made by Council Member Wills, supported by Council Member Dompierre and unanimously carried to adjust the fee schedule and increase the fixed monthly charge for all meter sizes by \$1.00 per month effective September 1, 2010.

IRON ORE HERITAGE TRAIL ARTWORK DONATION

A motion was made by Mayor Gravedoni, supported by Council Member Haines and unanimously carried to accept a donation from the Lake Superior Community Partnership Foundation of the Old Towne artwork and authorize the City Manager to sign it.

Council Member Haines asked that City staff contact the LSCP Foundation for a blank form as the current one was signed by the former City Manager before it was approved.

2010 PIONEER DAYS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND NEGAUNEE IRONTOWN REQUEST

Mr. Don Gladwell was present to answer any questions the Council might have.

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Wills and unanimously carried to approve the Irontown schedule of events and their request for \$250 from the Electric Fund for flowers for the ore cars.

IRONTOWN REQUEST TO PLACE SIGN AT OLD WATER WORKS BUILDING

A motion was made by Council Member Wills, supported by Council Member Haines and unanimously carried to refer this matter back to the Planning Commission for their review.

TCO #54, YIELD SIGN ON OPECHEE STREET AT INTERSECTION WITH NAKOMIS STREET

A motion was made by Council Member Dompierre, supported by Council Member Wills and unanimously carried to approve TCO #54 which would place a yield sign on Opechee Street at its intersection with Nakomis Street and authorize the appropriate individual to sign the order.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT CONTRACT APPROVAL

The City of Negaunee currently has limited payment options for municipal utilities and taxes such as, cash, check or money order payments accepted at City Hall during normal business hours (10-4 M-F), via mail, utility payment box located outside of City Hall or through a number of our local banks/credit unions, as well as a pre-authorized automatic withdrawals (ACH). There are an increasing number of people who have a strong desire to use credit cards due to the proliferation of "rewards" programs that credit card companies are offering and also to prevent a shut off of utility services.

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member VanStraten to authorize signature of the Paymentus Contract.

ISHPEMING ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB REQUEST

The Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club (IRMC) was established over 80 years ago as a center for rock and mineral enthusiasts to share and learn about a common interest. The IRMC conducts excavation trips for area geologists to search and unearth new specimens to be displayed at the Cliffs Museum in Ishpeming. The IRMC has contacted the City in regards to having access to land owned by the city to conduct these excavation trips.

More specifically the IRMC is asking permission for the following activities

- Access to the South Jackson Mine area on May 15th 2010 and the Lucy Mine area at a later date to be agreed upon with the city
- Removal of brush from trails leading to mine areas for convenience and safety
- Allow a contractor to enter the mine area with a small bulldozer or similar tools to unearth rock piles and possibly expose mineral specimens

A motion was made by Mayor Gravedoni, supported by Council Member Wills and unanimously carried to allow the IRMC access to the area.

APRIL 20, 2010 SPECIAL MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Dompierre, supported by Council Member Maino to table the minutes until the next regular meeting to have time to review the tape of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Dompierre, supported by Council Member Wills to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: April 8, 2010 Regular Minutes, April 8th Closed Session Minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$533,486.17 (checks #31250-#31411), Revenue/Expenditure Reports-Trial Balances, Surplus Property Addition, and Memorial Day Parade Request from Fire Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Dawn Schukenekdt addressed the Council regarding people parking in the alley behind their business on Iron Street.

Mr. Bob Clark addressed the Council thanking the Council for access for the mineral club.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Council Member Menhennick commented on the District Library Committee. She also commented on National Law Enforcement Week with the following comments: This week is National Law Enforcement week and today a memorial was held in Manistique in honor of those who have been lost in the line of duty and the recognize those who are still serving and

protecting. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank not only Chief Frusti and the Negaunee Police Department but also all of the law enforcement agencies across Marquette County for their hard work and dedication to serve and protect. We are truly lucky to have such hard working individuals keeping this county safe."

Council Member Wills commented on the Utility Committee.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Wills commented on the articles in the Mining Journal not being professional.

Council Member Maino commented on having children's programming on tier one of the City's cable system. He also commented on the flag pole at Miner's Park and an update on Croix Street.

Council Member VanStraten commented on the estimate to complete Croix Street up to Baldwin.

A motion was made by Mayor Gravedoni, supported by Council Member Wills and unanimously carried to reopen Silver Street.

Mayor Gravedoni read contract language from the DPW Contract.

CITY MANAGER

Interim City Manager Koski stated that the last seven days were overwhelming and thanked City staff and the City Attorney for their help. He stated that the Ad Hoc Utility Committee would be meeting soon.

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Wills and unanimously carried to send the Interim City Manager, Mayor and the Treasurer to the WPPI Regional meeting in Norway on June 8th.

A discussion followed regarding not being able to table minutes per the Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Council Member Dompierre, supported by Council Member Haines and unanimously carried to adopt the presented April 20, 2010 Special Minutes and after review of the tape changes would be made then.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Dompierre, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Ann Yoho
Deputy Clerk