

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 10, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday June 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Negaunee Senior Center.

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

Nays: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Gravedoni asked that #6.3-City Hall Contract be moved to #9.1. Council Member Haines asked that Silver Street Construction be added as the new #6.2. Council Member VanStraten asked that the 480 Compost Site be added as #7.4. Council Member Menhennick asked that the May 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Minutes be taken off the Consent Agenda and added as #6.3. Council Member Maino asked that Croix Street Phase II be added to the agenda as #7.4 and the Closed Session be moved to after the City Attorney.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Tom Casperson addressed the Council regarding running for his political seat.

George Sedlacek addressed the Council regarding an upcoming training session.

Mr. John Thomas, AFSCME Union addressed the Council to reserve time for the Closed Session.

Ms. Anna Mattson addressed the Council regarding a flower planting in Miner's Park. She also commented on a citizen that would like to put up a gazebo at Teal Lake.

Mr. Pat Dewitt addressed the Council regarding a citizen in his scout troop that wants to put up a gazebo at Teal Lake.

**SUNDBERG BUILDING**

Mr. Jim Kantola the owner of the Sundberg Building to give the Council an update. He stated that he is planning on moving forward with renovations to the building. He stated that currently he is working on another building and is planning on giving tours during Pioneer Days to see if

there is a demand for the renovation of the Sundberg Building. He stated that he would reassess if there were not good feedback. Council Member VanStraten addressed the Council regarding the City's position on liability. Council Member Menhennick discussed vandalism.

### **SILVER STREET RECONSTRUCTION**

At the last regular meeting a motion was made to open Silver Street. Dan Czarnecki, DPW Director provided the Council with an estimate on what it would cost to open the street up.

A motion was made by Council Member Haines and supported by Council Member Maino to not approve the opening of Silver Street and to not spend the estimated cost of \$45,725.75 for the opening.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: Mayor Gravedoni

The motion passed on 6-1 vote.

Council Member Wills asked what it cost the City to close Silver St.? Interim City Manager Koski stated that he would get those costs for the Council.

Council Member Menhennick stated that this project could possibly be put in next year's budget. Mayor Gravedoni stated that the closing of Silver Street was done without the Council's consent.

### **MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MINUTES**

Council Member Menhennick stated that she made comments during Council Comments that were not reflected in the minutes and would like to see that stated as follows:

*"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."*

A motion was made by Council Member Menhennick, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to approve the May 13, 2010 Regular minutes as amended.

### **APPOINTMENT TO POLICE RETIREMENT BOARD**

A motion was made by Council Member Wills and supported by Council Member Haines to appoint Interim City Manager Koski to the vacancy on the Police Retirement Board.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: Council Member Dompierre

The motion passed on a 6-1 vote.

Council Member Dompierre stated that he was concerned that the board would consist of all union members.

### **2011 BUDGET CALENDAR**

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Wills and unanimously carried to adopt the 2011 Budget Calendar as presented.

#### **CITY OF NEGAUNEE FY11 BUDGET CALENDAR**

July 16th	Midyear Financial Reports to Staff
Aug. 6th	Treasurer's Revenue Projections to City Manager
Aug. 6th (noon)	Departmental Fee Schedule adjustment Recommendations to City Manager
Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup>	City Council Reviews and Adopts Fee Schedule
Aug. 20th	2010 Departmental Budget Requests to City Manager
Aug. 23rd Aug. 27th	Manager Meets with Department Heads (call Ann to schedule appointment)
Aug. 31 <sup>st</sup>	City Manager and Staff Budget Finalized
Sept. 9th	7:00 p.m. FY10 Budget Provided to City Council at meeting

Sept. 9th	7:00 p.m.	Council Approves Millage to be levied December 1 <sup>st</sup> (Truth in Taxation Hearing)
Sept. 30th		Millage Resolution to County
Oct. 7th	6:30 p.m.	Budget Work Session (6:30-Senior Center) With Dept. Heads
Oct. 14th	7:00 p.m.	Public Hearing on 2010 Budget at Regular Meeting of City Council
Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Budget Work Session (Senior Center) If needed
Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Budget Work Session (Senior Center) If needed
Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Budget Adopted at Regular Meeting of City Council

### **CROIX STREET PHASE II ENGINEERING**

The City of Negaunee is currently working with the Michigan Department of Transportation to perform reconstruction work on Croix St. from Maas St. to approximately 417 Croix St. This project is being funded for \$250,000 by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus funds for the construction work on the project. The cost for engineering work such as construction inspection is the responsibility of the City of Negaunee and is a requirement of the ARRA funding. At their March 11, 2010, City Council approved seeking bids on construction inspection services utilizing the QBS process.

A motion was made by Council Member VanStraten, supported by Council Member Menhennick to award the bid for civil engineering construction services, as specified in the proposal, to AECOM, Marquette for \$27,472.50 and authorize the Interim City Manager to sign the contract for their services.

### **COMPOST SITE**

Council Member VanStraten handed out pictures of the compost site on 480. He stated that citizens are using the site as a dump for household and building materials.

A motion was made by Mayor Gravedoni, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to post signs at the compost site stating that the site is under surveillance and people will be prosecuted for wrongful dumping.

### **CROIX STREET PHASE II**

Council Member Maino asked that the DPW Directors memo regarding the update on Croix Street Phase II be discussed so that the public is aware of the project. Because of funding issues the project has been scaled back. Originally, the City had received \$250,000 through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funds. The City also received additional federal funding of approximately \$500,000. Unfortunate, the additional funding has not yet come through from Washington for the project. The current project will run from Maas St., approximately 650 feet east, ending in front of 471 Croix St.

### **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: May 25, 3020 Special Minutes, Claims and Accounts for May in the amount of \$494,581.69 (checks #31412-#31577), Revenue/Expenditure Reports, Additional Financial Depositories for 2010, Negaunee Elks request for use of bandshell.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Mayor Gravedoni commented on the Communications Ad Hoc Committee meeting and that there were good discussion regarding Internet. He stated that more information would be coming.

Council Member Maino also commented on the Communications meeting and the information they received looked favorable.

Council Member Wills commented on the Utilities Committee meeting and that they are moving forward.

Council Member Menhennick commented on the District Library meeting and that they are currently working with the LSCP on a detailed budget.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Wills congratulated the 2010 graduates.

Council Member Maino thanked Anna Mattson for her family's donation of a flag for Miner's Park.

Council Member VanStraten congratulated the 2010 graduates, the blight ordinance, the new PD Tahoe that is seldom used and if it could be put away when not in use and he also commented on the street sweeper.

Council Member Haines commented on the Memorial Day festivities and congratulated the 2010 graduates.

Mayor Gravedoni commented on the WPPI smart metering meeting in Norway.

### **CITY MANAGER**

Interim City Manager Koski commented on a meeting he had with the ACOEC and that they are looking for a list of projects. He stated that he would be working on that list and the Army Corps would hold those monies in reserve for the projects. He stated that staff would be meeting with the auditors, the garbage contract with Ishpeming is moving forward, the WPPI smart metering meeting, the artwork restoration is moving forward and that the Heritage Trail Authority is requesting direction on putting up some fencing in Old Towne and that the City Manager search was progressing.

A motion was made by Mayor Gravedoni, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to have 3 to 4 DPW workers assist the Heritage Authority for 2 days and to provide equipment for putting up fencing in Old Towne.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. John Thomas addressed the Council stating that if the Council had any questions or concerns he would come into Closed Session.

A motion was made by Mayor Gravedoni and supported by Council Member Wills to go into Closed Session to discuss the City Hall contract and have the City Attorney act as the secretary.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

Council Member Dompierre excused himself from the Closed Session meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Wills, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to hold the City Hall Contract in Abeyance until the New City Manager reviews the documents.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

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Ann Yoho  
Deputy Clerk