

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday April 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Negaunee Senior Center.

Members Present: Mayor Haines, Council Members Menhennick, VanStraten, Schuhknecht, Visser, Kangas and Smith

Members Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to comment.

DISPOSAL OF ASSETS – 1999 BUCKET TRUCK

The 1999 Bucket Truck was replaced in 2014.

A motion was made by Council Member Schuhknecht, supported by Council Member VanStraten and unanimously carried to allow for the disposal of a 1999 International 4700 Bucket Truck on the open market in accordance to our policy.

REQUEST FOR CITY ASSISTANCE – ORE TO SHORE MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

City Staff has received a request from the Ore to Shore Mountain Bike Epic Committee for traditional City assistance with the race scheduled for August 8, 2015.

Council Member VanStraten commented that the time has come to encourage these organizations to contribute to City costs. Council Member Schuhknecht agreed and commented on the location of the portajohns and that races are using local business for their bathrooms. Council Member Menhennick stated she would like to see the costs to the City for these events and that it could be discussed during budget sessions.

It was the consensus of the Council that City Manager Thornton would come back to the Council for next month with a breakdown of the costs for both the Ore to Shore and Pioneer Days events from 2014.

CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE REQUEST

The Ishpeming Ski Club who operates Suicide Hill here in Negaunee would like to conduct a raffle during the 2015 Red Earth Classic Bike Race.

A motion was made by Council Member Menhennick, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to recognize the Ishpeming Ski Club as operating in the City of Negaunee and their ability to obtain charitable gaming licenses.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Schuhknecht, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: March 12, 2015 Regular Minutes, Claims and Accounts paid for March in the amount of \$495,706.89 (checks #71848-71969), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bill Richards addressed the Council regarding who shut his water off for 45 days. He also read a letter from the Health Department.

Ms. Barb Marcotte addressed the Council expressing her concern regarding the thawing of water lines with an arc welder. She asked that the procedure be looked at.

Ms. Anna Mattson addressed the Council regarding the Negaunee Beautification meeting. She commented on the Master Plan schedule. The NBC Benches and the tree policy. She also commented on no motors on Teal Lake.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Smith thanked everyone for their comments.

Council Member Kangas thanked everyone for their comments and concerns.

Council Member thanked everyone for their comments and feedback.

Council Member Schuhknecht stated that she would look into Mr. Richards situation more.

Council Member VanStraten appreciated the public comments.

Council Member Menhennick thanked everyone for their comments and welcomed the new Police Officer.

Mayor Haines thanked everyone and introduced the new Police Officer. He also commented on body cameras.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Thornton commented on Spring Cleanup. He reminded everyone about the Master Plan and that survey's would be forthcoming. He commented on events in town and the watermain break.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Houghton commented on the Master Plan schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Ann Ducoli
Deputy Clerk