

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 16, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday July 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Negaunee Senior Center.

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

Members Absent: Council Member Schuhknecht

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public wished to comment.

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING, REZONING, ZONING MAP AMENDMENT**

Mayor Haines opened the Public Hearing. No one from the public wished to comment. The Public Hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member VanStraten to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the amendment to the Zoning Map #1266 as presented.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Menhennick, VanStraten, Visser, Kangas, Smith and Mayor Haines

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

**WPPI PRESENTATION – THE POWER OF MANY**

Mr. Tom Paque was in attendance to give a brief update on WPPI's objectives and the contract renewal.

A motion was made by Council Member Menhennick, supported by Council Member VanStraten and unanimously carried to approve the WPPI Resolution.

### **TAX REVERTED PROPERTY**

The City received a letter from Anne Giroux, County Treasurer requesting financial assistance with the demolition of three properties in the City of Negaunee.

A motion was made by Council Member Menhennick, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to authorize the expenditure utilizing monies coming from the Economic Development Fund as requested by the Marquette County Treasurer and adjust the budget accordingly.

### **RIVERS FIELD PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

Bids were solicited and only one was received from Penchura, LLC for the Bernie Rivers Playground Equipment.

A motion was made by Council Member VanStraten, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to purchase the playground equipment from Penchura LLC in the amount of \$60,333.10

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT COVERALL BIDS**

Bids were solicited for Wild Land Coveralls for the City Fire Department who received a DNR Grant for the purchase.

A motion was made by Council Member VanStraten, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to approve the low bid from Pomasl Fire Equipment in the amount of \$229 per pair for Med-XL and \$275 per pair for XXL-XXXL.

### **GOLD AND COPPER STREET SANITARY SEWER BIDS**

Bids were solicited and two were received. One from Lindberg and sons in the amount of \$165,000 and from Oberstar in the amount of \$89,700. Because this was a design and build project, subsequent meetings with the bidders were required for each to explain their design theory and to ensure that the both designs would function similar and have similar impact, or a more “apples to apples” comparison. Each bidder was requested to submit their best and final.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to award the project to Oberstar Inc. in the amount of \$98,900 and the City Manager will execute the appropriate agreement.

## **FIREWORKS RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Council Member VanStraten, supported by Council Member Menhennick and unanimously carried to approve a Resolution urging the repeal of the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act of 2011 that took effect on January 1, 2012.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Menhennick, supported by Council Member Kangas and unanimously carried to approved the Consent Agenda as follows: June 11, 2015 Regular Minutes, Claims and Accounts paid for the month of June in the amount of \$855,070.55 (checks #72234-#72380), Revenue/Expenditure Reports Trial Balance.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Tonja Acker-Richards addressed the Council regarding her sewer backup at her property.

Mr. Bill Richards addressed the Council regarding his water issues at 82 Croix St.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Kangas commented on Pioneer Days and the good job the City workers did with cleanup.

Council Member Visser commented on pedestrian crossing signs near the Middle School. City Manager Thornton stated that the road is maintained by MDOT but that he would look into it.

Council Member VanStraten thanked the Irontown Board for a great Pioneer Days. ~~He commented that the water main project near his home was completed.~~ He also asked about the speed wagon. \*Council Member VanStraten commented that the entire construction project on the North side of the City is now completed and thanked the staff and contractors for performing the job quickly and for keeping it within the budget. Well done.

Mayor Haines stated that the Secretary was the head of Irontown and thanked them for a great Pioneer Days. He thanked the DPW and the Police for a great job during Pioneer Days.

## **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Thornton stated that the Secretary and the Irontown Board have an awesome team and work diligently to put on Pioneer Days. He commented on the third Thursday Art festival downtown and the Red Earth Classic. He also thanked the citizens for their patience during the hydrant flushing.

### **CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Houghton gave an update on the Sundberg Building. He stated that Mr. Kantola had hired an Attorney and was soliciting bids for work on the building.

He commented the issue at 82 Croix Street and stated that all communication should go through Mr. Richards Attorney.

### **ADJOURNEMENT**

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member VanStraten, supported by Council Member Kangas and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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Ann Ducoli  
Deputy Clerk