

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday September 10, 2015 at the Negaunee Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#7.6 Copper/Gold Change Order was added. #10E Closed Session-Union Negotiations and Strategy was added.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Virginia Paulson stated that she would like to comment on Agenda Item #7.3 Historical Society Resolution.

**PUBLIC HEARING – TRUTH IN TAXATION**

The Negaunee City Charter (Section (9) (6)) sets the maximum real and personal tax rates to be levied upon property at 22.5 mills. A Fiscal Policy (5) “The minimum levy for the City to be set at 22.5 mills when permitted by law”. State law passed in 1978 MCL 211.34d referred to as the “Headlee Amendment” provides for a roll back of otherwise permitted millage levies based upon a formula which considers increases in the taxable value of property from the previous year.

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 VanStraten, supported by Council Member Menhennick and unanimously carried to approve the 2015 Tax Rate Request of 18.1572 mills City, 0.8869 mills Parks and Recreation and 1.4774 mills Equipment and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign it.

**2016 CITY BUDGET**

The 2016 Proposed Budget was handed out.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Kangas and unanimously carried to set a Public Hearing for Thursday October 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Negaunee Senior Center.

**RESOLUTION HONORING UP VETERAN OF THE YEAR**

A motion was made by Council Member Menhennick, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION HONORING  
THOMAS STANAWAY  
UPPER PENINSULA VETERAN OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Stanaway has been awarded the Upper Peninsula's Veteran of the Year for the year 2015, and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Stanaway served in the US Army during the Vietnam War, completing two tours of duty in Vietnam with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and the 32<sup>nd</sup> Armor Battalion, and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Stanaway is a life member of VFW Post 3165, a life member of Marquette Chapter 22 of the Disabled American veterans and a member of American Legion Post 225. His Military Decorations include the National Defense Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Accommodations Medal, Bronze Star and Vietnam Combat Medal, among others.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Negaunee City Council, on behalf of the City of Negaunee, does hereby proclaim to Thomas Stanaway our sincere gratitude for his honest and distinguished service in our Armed Forces and as the Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year

**WHEREUPON**, said Resolution was declared passed and adopted at the September 10, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Stanaway was present and thanked the Council for this recognition.

**RESOLUTION HONORING NEGAUNEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

A motion was made by Council Member Schuhknecht, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION HONORING  
NEGAUNEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN SUPERIOR AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, The Negaunee Historical Society was established in 1984 and has successfully run a museum honoring the heritage of its community, and

**WHEREAS**, The Negaunee Historical Society with the help of grant monies, digitized 93 years worth of hard copy from the Iron Herald newspapers which was published in the City of Negaunee,

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Negaunee City Council to recognize the contribution that the Negaunee Historical Society has made to the community by unselfishly contributing their time, energy and effort toward making the City of Negaunee a better community for all of its citizens, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Negaunee City Council, on behalf of the City of Negaunee, does hereby proclaim to the Negaunee Historical Society our sincere gratitude for their tireless efforts in preserving and promoting the history of the City of Negaunee.

**WHEREUPON**, said Resolution was declared passed and adopted at the September 10, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.

Ms. Virginia Paulson, Historical Society President was present. She gave a brief update on the activities of the Historical Society and stated that over 700 visitors from 18 States and 2 Countries had visited the Museum over the season.

#### **ROLLING MILL CHANGE ORDER**

It was understood that the price provided for some interior home upgrades to both electrical and plumbing that were estimated to the best of Moyles ability. It was also understood that upon retention of licensed subcontractors and proper permitting that unexpected extraordinary costs may be discovered. Further inspection revealed needed plumbing changes and electrical upgrades to affected residences totaling \$25,655.25. Staff has reviewed and verified the need for the additional work.

A motion was made by Council Member Schuhknecht, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to approve the change order and amend the Moyle Trucking and Excavating agreement in the amount of \$205,765.25 with monies coming from the Wastewater Fund.

#### **DISPOSAL OF ASSETS**

A motion was made by Council Member Schuhknecht, supported by Council Member VanStraten and unanimously carried to allow for the disposal of unit #70, a Ford 420 tractor with blower unit, in accordance to our policy with a reserve bid of \$2,500.

#### **GOLD/COPPER STREET SANITARY CHANGE ORDER**

During construction a rotted storm water line was discovered beneath Gold Street of which its exact location was not previously known. Oberstar has prepared a lump sum price of \$20,400 for the remediation. An existing manhole that a new main is to be tied into is constructed of brick and not of cast construction. Brick constructed manholes, after time, tend to become

pervious and this manholes age is not known. It is recommended to replace the brick manhole at this time at the contracted amount of \$2,700.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member VanStraten and unanimously carried to allow for the change order for Oberstar Inc. in the amount of \$23,100 from the Wastewater Fund.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Schuhknecht, supported by Council Member Menhennick and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: August 13, 2015 Regular Minutes, Claims and Accounts for August in the amount of \$546,527.63 (checks #72535-72710), Revenue/Expenditure Reports Trial Balances.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Barb Marcotte addressed the Council regarding the City's thawing policy and procedures and to keep it on the City's radar for review.

Bill Richards addressed the Council regarding an issue at 82 Croix St.

Ms. Tonja Acker-Richards addressed the Council regarding her name being spelled wrong in previous minutes and an issue at 82 Croix St.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Kangas congratulated Mr. Stanaway on his award.

Mayor Haines thanked Mr. Stanaway and the Historical Society.

### **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Thornton credited the Fire Department for their refurbishing of the Fire Truck. He reminded everyone of the park build at Bernie Rivers Field and volunteers are welcome. He also mentioned the Open House at the Teal Lake Assisted Living Facility.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Council Member Schuhknecht and supported by Council Member Visser to **go** into Closed Session per Section 8C – for the strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement and to appoint the City Attorney to take the minutes.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

The Council went into Closed Session at 7:50 pm

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 9:08 pm.

A motion was made by Council Member Schuhknecht and supported by Council Member Van Straten to authorize the manager to negotiate subsequent agreements with the Negaunee Professional Police Association (POAM), the DPW Local 1415 affiliated with Michigan Council #25, AFSCME; to notify AFSCME that the City considers the employees covered by the CBA with the Negaunee Supervisory and Non-Supervisory Employees' Chapter of Local 1415, affiliated with Michigan Council #25, AFSCME, AFL-CIO to be executive employees who have no right to engage in collective bargaining and to request the voluntary agreement of Negaunee Supervisory and Non-Supervisory Employees' Chapter of Local 1415, affiliated with Michigan Council #25, AFSCME, AFL-CIO that this CBA will expire on December 31, 2015 and no further negotiations will be conducted for this unit; and if no voluntary agreement is reached to authority the City Manager to file a unit clarification petition with MERC to determine the status of employees in this unit to participate in collective bargaining.

Schuhknecht's discussion was that there will be personnel policies developed to be adopted covering employees in the very near future.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Members Voting Aye: Council Members Van Straten, Schuhknecht, Smith, Kangas, Visser, and Mayor Haines

Members Voting Nay: Council Member Menhennick

Motion passed on a 6-1 vote.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

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Ann Ducoli  
Deputy Clerk