

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE SPECIAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

A Special Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Wednesday November 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

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

Members Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council Member Smith asked to add as 6A – AFSCME Presentation and 6B – Closed Session – Union Negotiations and Strategy.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public wished to comment.

At this time AFSCME Representative John Thomas approached the Council stating that the Union would be willing to give its presentation in Closed Session.

A motion was made by Council Member Menhennick and supported by Council Member Visser to go into Closed Session for the purpose of Union negotiations and strategy, to have Union Representatives John Thomas and Don Larson in the session and to have the City Attorney take the minutes.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Members voting Nay: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

The meeting was called into Closed Session.

Mayor Haines called the meeting back into Open Session.

A motion was made by Council Member Schuhknecht and supported by Council Member Visser to direct the manager to finalize a settlement letter and provide it to the City Hall AFSCME unit for approval and signatures. Upon execution the MERC petition will be withdrawn and the manager has offered a letter to relinquish the confidential secretary at this time.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

AFSCME Representative John Thomas thanked the Council and stated that it will be good for both sides.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Menhennick stated that she hopes that the violation of trust can be worked on with the new Council Members.

Council Member VanStraten stated that he hopes it continues on with good efforts. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Haines stated he was happy and hopes this is the final time to meet. He stated it was a pleasure working together.

### **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Thornton they came to a middle ground.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Kangas and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

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Ann Ducoli  
Deputy Clerk