

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2016**

A Regular meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday April 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

Members Present: Mayor Schuhknecht, Council Members Visser, Smith, Saari, Wallner, and Gladwell

Members Absent: Council Member Kangas

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to comment.

MILLAGE OPTIONS

City Manager Thornton provided the Council with a packet of information regarding a street improvement millage.

A motion was made by Council Member Saari, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to authorize the City Manager to place language on the ballot for a 2 mil increase for the improvement and rehabilitation of streets for a five year period.

PARKS AND RECREATION APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Mayor Schuhknecht, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to appoint Mr. Luke Hubbard to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

DIGGER/DERRICK BIDS

The City Electric Department solicited bids for a new Digger/Derrick Truck. One bid was received.

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner and supported by Council Member Visser to approve the bid from Utility Sales and Service Inc. in the amount of \$223,289 for the purchase of a 2017 Versalift TMD-2047B Digger/Derrick and accessories and pursue a 5 year lease to purchase program. The motion failed.

Council Member Smith stated that he would send the City Manager contacts for other providers.

DOWNTOWN RENOVATION ORDINANCE – 1ST READING

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to approve the 1st reading of the proposed downtown renovation ordinance and set a public hearing for the May 12, 2016 Regular Meeting to consider public input on the proposed ordinance.

2017 US 41 MDOT MILL AND OVERLAY PROJECT

The Council was given a brief overview of the US 41 MDOT project that is taking place in 2017 and how it would affect traffic through the City. Curbing, intersections, turn signals and Maple Street parking were discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Gladwell and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: March 10, 2016 Regular Minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$412,671.78 (checks #73572-#73706), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, Ore to Shore City Assistance Request.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jon Becker addressed the Council and thanked them on behalf of the Ore to Shore Organization.

Mr. Bill Richards addressed the Council on why his water was shut off for 45 days and why that person is still working at the City.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Council Member Gladwell commented on the Attorney Opinion for the solid waste issues. He stated he had not received any complaints regarding garbage pickup. He complimented everyone on a fine job for the High School play and that the pavilion project would still be meeting to discuss fundraising.

Mayor Schuhknecht congratulated the Robotics Team at the High School and thanked the community for their support. She also reminded everyone to pick up dog poop during the weather change.

CITY MANAGER

Mr. Thornton stated that the information regarding the Attorney for the solid waste information was in his report. He commented on the Bernie River's Field project bids and potholes.

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 8:09 p.m.

Ann Ducoli
Deputy Clerk