

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday September 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

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

Members Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to comment.

PUBLIC HEARING – TRUTH IN TAXATION

Mayor Schuhknecht opened the public hearing. No one from the public commented. Mayor Schuhknecht closed the public hearing.

Jackie Lykins, Assessor for the City of Negaunee commented that the public hearing is regulated by state statute. She stated that due to more new construction there is more money to recapture for the millages.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to approve the 2016 Tax Rate Request as presented and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the 4029 form.

MARQUETTE COUNTY ACTION REQUIRED – SUNDBERGBUILDING

City Staff received a Notice of Corrective Action regarding the Sundberg building. The County Building Code Board denied the Sundberg Building's request for a variance and to ensure public safety the structure shall be made safe and /or demolished immediately. The City is responsible for all aspects of demolition including signing of contracts, disposal and remediation. City Manager Thornton provided the Council with two quotes for the demolition of the building but the work cannot be performed by the contractors until the spring due to the short time line given by the City.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member Gladwell to table this issue until the October meeting so the City can go out for more bids on this project.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Members voting aye: Council Member Visser, Smith, Wallner, Gladwell, and Mayor Schuhknecht

Members voting nay: Council Members Kangas and Saari

The motion passed on a 5-2 vote

2017 CITY BUDGET

The 2017 City Budget was presented to the Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to set a public hearing of the 2017 City Budget for Thursday October 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Negaunee Senior Center.

DISPOSAL OF ASSETS – DPW EQUIPMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Kangas, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to dispose of the following equipment:

1999 GM C8500 Tandem Axle Chassis
1980 Ford L series Tandem Axle Dump Truck
1974 John Deere 570A Grader
1990 Case 680L Backhoe
1982 CAT 930 Loader

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: August 11, 2016 Regular Minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$276,227.49 (check #74286-#74410), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Sjolund commented on asbestos removal.

Bill Richards addressed the Council regarding City Staff that should be removed from their jobs.

Mike VanStraten commented on the street millage and citizen input.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Saari asked for a report on comp time for any City employee receiving comp time.

Council Member Gladwell commented on the Jackson Park pavilion project and the school buses dropping and picking up children.

Mayor Schuhknecht commented on the Empire Mine closure and that there is assistance out there for the employees.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Thornton commented on the working budget that was handed out, the Paser ratings for the streets and the Gold St. manhole replacement.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Houghton commented on homeowner's that have galvanized pipes that need to be replaced and shared laterals.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Ann Ducoli
Deputy Clerk