

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday November 10, 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 THE AGENDA

Council Member Saari asked that #7.4 Comp Time be added to the agenda. Council Member Visser asked that #7.5 Police Department Request be added to the agenda. Council Member Smith asked that #6.3 Sundberg update be added to the agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to comment.

CLOSED SESSION – UNION NEGOTIATIONS AND PENDING LITIGATION

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member Gladwell to go into Closed Session for union negotiations and pending litigation.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

Council went into closed session.

2017 BUDGET RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2017 CITY OF NEGAUNEE MICHIGAN BUDGET

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8.8 of the City Charter, City Council is required to adopt the municipal budget at the first regular meeting in November of each calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held the required public hearing and budget work sessions necessary to formulate an operating budget for the 2017 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, said budget is subject to periodic modifications as required by state audit procedures and the City Charter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Negaunee, Marquette County, Michigan that the general fund, streets, and enterprise account budgets of the City of Negaunee be and hereby are adopted as follows:

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| 1. | <u>General Fund</u> | 6. | <u>Water Fund</u> |
| | A. Revenues - \$4,209,678 | | A. Revenues - \$1,214,727 |
| | B. Expenditures - \$4,209,678 | | B. Expenditures - \$1,108,643 |
| 2. | <u>Major Streets</u> | 7. | <u>Elderly Citizens Fund</u> |
| | A. Revenues - \$434,760 | | A. Revenues - \$312,307 |
| | B. Expenditures - \$434,760 | | B. Expenditures - \$312,300 |
| 3. | <u>Local Streets</u> | 8. | <u>Economic Development Fund</u> |
| | A. Revenues - \$356,350 | | A. Revenues - \$352,189 |
| | B. Expenditures - \$356,350 | | B. Expenditures - \$301,989 |
| 4. | <u>Electric Fund</u> | 9. | <u>Salvage Inspection Fund</u> |
| | A. Revenues - \$3,671,233 | | A. Revenues - \$1,000 |
| | B. Expenditures - \$3,646,185 | | B. Expenditures - \$1,000 |
| 5. | <u>Wastewater Fund</u> | 10. | <u>Drug Forfeiture Fund</u> |
| | A. Revenues - \$1,411,569 | | A. Revenues - \$0 |
| | B. Expenditures - \$1,234,261 | | B. Expenditures - \$0 |

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| <p>11. <u>Library State Aid</u></p> <p> A. Revenues - \$5,973
 B. Expenditures - \$5,473</p> <p>12. <u>Law Enforcement Fund</u></p> <p> A. Revenues - \$1,100
 B. Expenditures - \$1,100</p> <p>13. <u>Crime Prevention Fund</u></p> <p> A. Revenues - \$1,500
 B. Expenditures - \$1,500</p> <p>14. <u>Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund</u></p> <p> A. Revenues - \$27,800
 B. Expenditures - \$25,000</p> | <p>15. <u>Building Improvement Fund</u></p> <p> A. Revenues - \$65,000
 B. Expenditures - \$65,000</p> <p>16. <u>Parks & Rec Tax Levy</u></p> <p> A. Revenues - \$85,474
 B. Expenditures - \$85,474</p> <p>17. <u>Equipment Spc Levy</u></p> <p> A. Revenues - \$168,996
 B. Expenditures - \$168,996</p> |
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A motion was made by Council Member Visser, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to amend the 2017 budget and transfer money from the general fund balance to the equipment fund for a police vehicle.

2016 FINANCIAL POLICIES

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to approve the 2017 Fee Schedule as presented.

SUNDBERG UPDATE

City Attorney Houghton updated the Council on the Sundberg Building timeline of events and where the process is at this point.

DELINQUENT UTILITIS TO THE TAX ROLLS

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to certify the list of delinquencies in the amount of \$5,557.66 and cause them to be spread upon the December tax roll for collection.

THERMAL IMAGER PURCHASE

The Fire Department received four bids for the thermal imager camera.

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to accept the low bid of \$13,379.35 from Oshkosh Fire and Police for a thermal imager camera.

RESOLUTIONS FOR OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following resolutions were read:

RESOLUTION HONORING DAWN SCHUHKNECHT

WHEREAS, DAWN SCHUHKNECHT has served with distinction as a member of the Negaunee City Council for two terms during the period December 2010 through November 2016 and also as the Negaunee City Mayor in 2016,

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

WHEREAS, the City Council regrets the loss of a conscientious, dedicated and able public servant as exemplified by the performance of Dawn Schuhknecht during her time as a member of the Negaunee City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Negaunee City Council, on behalf of the City of Negaunee, does hereby proclaim to Dawn Schuhknecht our sincere gratitude for her honest and distinguished service to the City of Negaunee citizens during her tenure as a Negaunee City Council Member

WHEREUPON, said Resolution was declared passed and adopted at the November 10, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION HONORING NICK VISSER

WHEREAS, NICK VISSER has served with distinction as a member of the Negaunee City Council for during the period 2013 to 2016,

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

WHEREAS, the City Council regrets the loss of a conscientious, dedicated and able public servant as exemplified by the performance of Nick Visser during his time as a member of the Negaunee City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Negaunee City Council, on behalf of the City of Negaunee, does hereby proclaim to Nick Visser our sincere gratitude for his honest and distinguished service to the City of Negaunee citizens during his tenure as a Negaunee City Council Member

WHEREUPON, said Resolution was declared passed and adopted at the November 10, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.

COMP TIME

Council Member Saari stated that he had asked for this information in September. City Attorney Houghton stated that he had given him a letter explaining the comp time policy for the City Manager and that he is capped at 80 hours and it is a use it or lose it policy. Council Member Visser questioned the City Manager's PTO time. City Attorney Houghton stated that he is limited to the best of the other union contracts.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUEST

Council Member Visser stated that the Police Department had requested that two Council Members sit in on Union Negotiations for transparency purposes. He stated that the police had received a denial letter from the Mayor and that the whole Council should have received that letter as well as it is the Council's responsibility to deny or accept. Council Member Visser stated that the City Manager works for the Council and that the whole Council should receive the same information.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Visser, supported by Council Member Kangas and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: October 13th regular minutes, October 20th Special Minutes, October 27th Special Minutes, November 3rd Special Minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$420,372.58 (checks #74577-74687), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Alice Johnson addressed the Council regarding the Sundberg Building and that it was time it came down. She commented on Council Member Saari being in a partnership with Mr. Kantola.

Mr. Bill Richards addressed the Council regarding 82 Croix St. and City employees that should be fired.

Ms. Tonja Acker-Richards addressed the Council and discussed the new council members and that knowledge is power.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Saari addressed Ms. Alice Johnson's comments about having a partnership with Mr. Kantola. He stated that her comments were false and there is no partnership.

Council Member Wallner congratulated the new Council Members and reminded everyone of Veteran's Day.

Council Member Gladwell thanked the Veteran's. He thanked the election workers and reminded people to contact the Clerk if they are interested in working the elections. He also commented on the Irontown Christmas Tree lighting on December 3rd, wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and presented the Mayor with a plaque.

Council Member Visser thanked everyone for voting, congratulated the new Council Members, the City working on transparency, that the Council works for the citizens and public comment should be expanded.

Council Member Kangas congratulated the new Mayor and thanked the outgoing Council Members.

Mayor Schuhknecht congratulated the new Mayor and welcomed the new Council Members. She spoke of Union Negotiations and that the Council at the time had given the City Manager instructions on how to proceed with negotiations. She thanked the City and stated that it was a privilege to serve on the Council. She also commented that if anyone ever has any questions to please come to City Hall and the three people sitting next to her are more than happy to answer their questions.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Thornton commented on the parking ban. He thanked the outgoing Council Members.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Houghton stated that he had spoke with Mr. Wills a former Council Member and that he was doing well.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:55p.m.

Ann Duoli
Deputy Clerk