

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

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

Members Present: Mayor Gladwell, Council Members Kangas, Smith, Wallner, Kantola and Anderson

Members Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

From the Consent Agenda #8.5 Set Regular Meeting Dates was moved to #7.5, #8.2 Claims and Accounts was moved to #7.6, and #8.6 PA 152 Resolution was moved to #7.7.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No one from the public wished to comment.

VACANT COUNCIL SEAT

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to accept Council Member Saari's resignation and place on file.

A motion was made by Council Member Kantola and supported by Council Member Anderson to appoint the first runner up in the election to fill the vacant Council seat until the next regular election.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Kantola

Nays: Council Member Kangas, Smith, Wallner, Anderson and Mayor Gladwell

The motion failed on a 1-5 vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to accept applications and a letter of intent for the vacant Council seat until January 3, 2017 and have a Special Meeting on January 5, 2017 to appoint someone until the next regular election.

MARQUETTE COUNTY LANDFILL

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member Anderson to vote in the affirmative that Marquette County shall remain as a constituent municipality member of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Smith, Wallner, Kantola, Anderson, Kangas and Mayor Gladwell

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to approve the Mayoral appointments of Dave Oglesby and Jon Becker to the Planning Commission, Anna Mattson and Gerald Corkin to the Parks and Recreation Board, Jeanne Sandstrom to the Library Board and Paul Gravedoni to the Negaunee-Ishpeming Water Authority.

A motion was made by Mayor Gladwell, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to appoint Lee Johnson, Ernie LaJoie and Charlene Nerone to the Negaunee Commission on Aging.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to appoint Glenn Binoniemi to the Board of Review until the next regular election.

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARDS

A motion was made by Council member Wallner, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to appoint Mike VanStraten to the Central Dispatch Board and Troy Connors to the MarqTran Board.

SET REGULAR MEETING DATES

Mayor Gladwell asked that the September meeting be changed to September 7, 2017 so that he and the City Manager could attend the MML Convention.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Kangas and unanimously carried to approve the meeting dates as amended.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Council Member Wallner stated that he would like to see a detailed invoice for UP Abatement in the amount of \$239,870.90 for the Sundberg Demolition. City Manager Thornton stated that it had been requested. Council Member Wallner stated on future jobs of this size he would like to see more detail on the invoices.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member Kangas to approve the Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$910,515.26 (checks #74688-74840).

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Wallner, Anderson, Kangas, Smith and Mayor Gladwell

Nays: Council Member Kantola

The motion passed on a 5-1 vote.

PA 152 RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to adopt the annual exemption option as set forth in 2011 public act 152, the publicly funded health insurance contribution, contingent on successful agreements with all collective bargaining units.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Anderson and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: November 10, 2016 Regular Minutes, Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, City Depositories.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Anderson from the Luge Association commented on Heikki Lunta Festivities on January 13, 14, 15.

Bill Richards commented on the Croix St. renovations.

Tonja Acker- Richards read from a letter received from the Health Department.

Gary Sjolund stated that Council Members should recuse themselves if material they are discussing affects them.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Kangas welcomed the new Council Members, thanked Mr. Richards and Mr. Anderson for their public comments and to be aware of the parking now that the snow is here.

Council Member Smith commented on the winter parking ban and to use caution when driving.

Council Member Wallner commented on the placing of snow and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Council Member Kantola thanked everyone who voted.

Council Member Anderson commented on a hockey tournament at the Negaunee Ice Arena.

Mayor Gladwell welcomed the new Council Members, thanked Mr. Anderson for bringing back Heikki Lunta, reminded everyone to have their headlights on when driving in the snow and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and to be safe.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Thornton commented on the snow plows, his TV6 Interview regarding volunteering for City Boards and Commissions, recycling and the turkey's in town.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner and supported by Council Member Smith to go into Closed Session per Sec 8C Union Negotiations and Sec 8E Pending Litigation.

The following roll call vote was taken

Ayes: Council Members Kantola, Anderson, Kangas, Smith, Wallner and Mayor Gladwell

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

The Council went into Closed Session at 8:05 p.m.

The meeting was called into Open Session at 9:10 p.m.

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 9:14 p.m.

Ann Ducoli
Deputy Clerk