

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
MAY 14, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday May 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

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

Members Absent: Council Member Schuhknecht

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item #11E Closed Session and Item #7.3 Additional Construction on Water Project were added to the Agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Keith LaCosse addressed the Council regarding the Sundberg Building and to keep the owner involved.

Mr. Jon Becker addressed the Council regarding an update from the Ore to Shore Committee.

LSCP PRESENTATION

Ms. Amy Clickner and Staff were present to make a presentation on the Lake Superior Community Partnership's activities over the past year.

CUPPAD – MASTER PLAN

Ms. Emma DeGan, CUPPAD Representative was present to give the Council an update on the Master Plan progression. She stated that information would be going out to the public on meetings for public input.

SUNDBERG BUILDING

City Attorney Houghton addressed the Council regarding a letter received from the owner of the Sundberg Building Mr. Jim Kantola. In the letter Mr. Kantola states that he is working on a process to remove the Sundberg Building. Mr. Houghton stated that he and the City Manager are working closely with Mr. Kantola and updates will be regularly sent to the Council.

SPECIAL EVENTS

At the last Regular Council meeting the Council directed the City Manager to research costs for Pioneer Days and Ore to Shore. In staffs opinion the amount of hours spent on overtime represents a very small percent of the amount of City resources used on these community events. These are long standing community events.

A motion was made by Council Member Menhennick, supported by Council Member VanStraten and unanimously carried to continue City support for Pioneer Days and Ore to Shore in 2015 and to discuss and budget in the 2016 Budget Sessions.

ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION ON WATER PROJECTS

City Manager Thornton stated that additional work was needed on the Maas St. Hungerford water project of approximately 270 feet.

A motion was made by Council Member VanStraten, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to authorize the City Manager to spend up to \$75,000 utilizing funds from both the Water Fund and General Fund of approximately 270 feet of Hungerford Ave.

CITY HALL BOILER BIDS

A motion was made by Council Member VanStraten, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to award the City Hall Boiler project to United Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$73,500 utilizing the 2015 budgeted amount and \$28,500 from the General Fund Balanced.

PICKUP TRUCK PURCHASE

The DPW Department is in need of a new pickup truck. The City received three bids.

Mi Deal* – Berger Chevrolet (Grand Rapids)	\$28,672
Frei Chevrolet (Marquette)	\$29,243
Fox (Negaunee)	\$29,571.61

A motion was made by Council Member Visser and supported by Council Member Kangas to allow the Manager to pursue the purchase of a 2015 Chevrolet 2500 Pick Up at \$29,571.61 from Fox and equipping it with monies form the General Fund. Recognizing that although all three bids were within \$900 of each other, the City wants to also support local businesses when it is economically practical.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Menhennick, Visser, Kangas, and Mayor Haines

Nay: Council Members VanStraten and Smith

The motion passed on a 4-2 vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Menhennick and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agendas as follows: April 8th Regular Minutes, April 30th Special Minutes, Claims and Accounts paid for the month of April in the amount of \$ 408,2371.95 (checks #71970-72102), Revenue/Expenditure Trail Balance Reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bill Richards addressed the Council on who shut his water off.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Menhennick commented on National Police Week.

Council Member VanStraten commented on the DPW monthly reports and to step up routine maintenance. He reminded everyone that elections are in November and three seats will be open.

Council Member Kangas thanked everyone for their comments.

Mayor Haines commented on the election.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Thornton reminded everyone about Spring Cleanup. He also commented on the new pick up coming out of the general fund instead of the equipment millage.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Menhennick and supported by Council Member Smith to go into closed session per section 15.268 (c) union negotiations and strategy and to appoint the City Attorney to take the minutes.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

The meeting was called back into open session at 9:07 pm

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 9:08 pm

Ann Ducoli
Deputy Clerk