

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday August 13, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Negaunee Senior Center.

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

Members Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member VanStraten asked to move #8.1 Minutes to #7.0.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to comment.

RENEWABLE ENERGY PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

Per State mandate the opportunity for public input is a requirement. The Public Hearing is regarding the City's proposed Renewable Energy Plan. Notice of the meeting was provided in the newspaper. The plan has been available for public inspection at City Hall and City Library. No comments on the plan have been received.

Mayor Haines opened the Public Hearing. No from the public wished to comment. Mayor Haines closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Menhennick, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to adopt the City's 2015 Renewable Energy Plan as presented.

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Council Member VanStraten stated that on page three under "Council Members Comments" paragraph three his comments should read "the entire construction project on the North side of the City is now completed and he wanted to thank the staff and contractor for their quick work and for staying within the budget. Well done."

A motion was made by Council Member VanStraten, supported by Council Member Schuhknecht and unanimously carried to approve the July 16, 2015 minutes as amended.

MARQUETTE VETERAN'S AFFAIRS SERVICE – PRESENTATION

Mr. Craig Salo was present and informed the Council of the new Veteran's Affairs office located in Ishpeming. He stated that the office can help veterans with pension, education, vocational training and help for veteran's spouses.

VERIZON WIRELESS LEASE AGREEMENT

The city was approached by representatives of Verizon Communications identifying locations to install equipment to improve their communications network on the City's water tower.

A motion was made by Council Member Schuhknecht, supported by Council Member Visser to enter into a lease agreement with Verizon Wireless pending legal, permitting, and a final acceptable agreement to be negotiated by the City Manager.

RAMBA Trail Permit

This permit is identical with one recently adopted by the City of Ishpeming in that it was our wish to come up with a common permit so that RAMBA would be held to the same rules in each city rather than dealing with two different sets rules.

A motion was made by Council Member Schuhknecht, supported by Council Member VanStraten and unanimously carried to enter into a trail permit for the operations of a non-motorized trail with RAMBA.

WISCONSIN PUBLIC POWER EXTENSION

President and CEO of WPPI, Mike Peters and other WPPI representatives have recently appeared before council and presented the need for an amendment to our Member Contract. That enables WPPI Energy to invest in the power plants and other resources needed to serve our community for the long term.

A motion was made by Council Member Menhennick, supported by Council Member VanStraten and unanimously carried to approve the WPPI resolution that will allow for amendment No 1 to long term power supply contract, pending legal review.

APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSION ON AGING

Due to a vacancy on the Commission on Aging City Staff received an application.

A motion was made by Council Member Schuhknecht, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to appoint Mr. Allen Rautio to the Commission on Aging.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Kangas and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Claims and Accounts for July in the amount of \$1,257,713.06 (checks #72381-73534), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, United Way Resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to comment

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Menhennick congratulated Tom Stanaway for the UP Veteran of the Year award.

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Council Member Schuhknecht thanked the Veteran's Affairs for being here tonight.

Mayor Haines congratulated Mr. Stanaway for his award. He stated that the City looks good thanks to the DPW, the cemetery looks good, the Police Department is holding on even though they are short, the Fire Department will have their refurbished truck back tomorrow.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Thornton commented on the refurbished fire truck, the Peck Street repaving, catch basins on Teal Lake Ave., MDOT project on Jackson Street that they are paying the City to do. He commented on the DPW getting the equipment in shape for winter.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Houghton commented on the Master Plan meeting being held. He also commented that the engineer for the City is going to be doing another inspection on the Sundberg Building and moving ahead with the demolition.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Ann Ducoli
Deputy Clerk