

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday February 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

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

Members Absent: Council Members Kangas and Saari

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Schuhknecht added a Closed Session under #11E.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public wished to comment.

**WESTERN MARQUETTE COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION – TALKING TOUR**

Ms. Kori Tossava was present to give a brief update on the Western Marquette County Health Foundation and its functions regarding available grants.

**GARBAGE BIDS**

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Garbage Committee to award a 5 year contract to Great American Disposal for a one day “daytime” pickup at the following rates: 2016 \$1.65, 2017 \$1.71, 2018 \$1.78, 2019 \$1.85, 2020 \$1.92.

**CAMBRIA LIFT STATION CONTROL CABINET REPLACEMENT**

The steel electrical enclosure at the Cambria Lift Station has deteriorated. Operational reliability is in jeopardy due to exposure to environmental conditions. City Manager Thornton clarified that the City did not go out on bids for this project as Talsma Controls is familiar with our system.

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to enter into an agreement with Talsma Controls Company for the replacement of the control cabinet at Cambria lift station at a total cost of \$21,163 out of the sewer fund.

## **WATER QUALITY DISCUSSION**

City Manager Thornton gave an update on the City's Water Reliability Report and the Consumer's Confidence Water Report. A discussion was held regarding testing and notifications.

## **CITY MANAGER UPDATES**

City Manager Thornton gave an update on PA 269, the City's Master Plan survey, Blight Ordinances, and the City's street plan.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Vickie Kulju addressed the Council regarding the Sundberg Building project.

Mr. Mike Lempinen addressed the Council regarding the Sundberg Building project.

Mr. Bill Richards addressed the Council asking who shut off his water and why they are still working for the City.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Gladwell and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: January 14, 2016 Regular minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$437,765.17 (checks #73316-73445), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, 2015 Budget Adjustments, Major Street Resolution.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Gladwell stated he had nothing to report regarding the Pavilion Project in Old Towne but that it was moving forward.

Mayor Schuhknecht addressed Mr. Bill Richards stating that Mr. Richards has addressed the Council for several months but that she is not sure what Mr. Richards is asking of the Council. The Council has received the information regarding the issue at his property and it is clear it is the property owner's responsibility. She also thanked Kori for her presentation regarding the Marquette County Foundation.

## **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Thornton commented on a question that was asked regarding welding on a frame and that it was a plow frame. He also commented on his training last week at the MLGMA meeting. He commented that the audit would be performed soon and that he would be attending the MML Capital Conference.

## **CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Houghton commented on the Sundberg Building progress and remembered Ms. Mary Trolla who had recently passed away.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member Wallner to go into Closed Session per Section 8C – for the strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Council Members Visser, Smith, Wallner, Gladwell and Mayor Schuhknecht

Nay: None

The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Council went into Closed Session at 8:10 p.m.

The meeting was called into open session at 9:08 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Schuhknecht, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to ratify the Supervisory and Non-Supervisory, City Hall Employees Chapter of Local 1415, Affiliated with Michigan Council #25, AFSCME, AFL-CIO contract.

A motion was made by Mayor Schuhknecht, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to ratify the City of Negaunee DPW Local #1415, Affiliated with Michigan Council #25 AFSCME, AFLCIO contract.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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Ann Ducoli  
Deputy Clerk