

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday March 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Negaunee Senior Center.

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

Members Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#6.4 MEDC Project Empire was added to the Agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tonja Acker-Richards commented on transparency in government.

Jim Thomas asked to speak on Agenda Item #7.4.

Bill Richards commented on his property issue on Croix St.

Rich Uren was present to represent the Ore to Shore.

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CITY MANAGER

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Kangas and unanimously carried to appoint Gerry Koski as the Interim City Manager contingent upon Union ratification of the letter of understanding.

CITY MANAGER SEARCH AD HOC COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Mayor Gladwell and supported by Council Member Visser to appoint Council Members Smith, Wallner and Kangas to the Ad Hoc Committee to discuss options for a City Manager Search and to report back to the Council. This Committee would meet between March 10th and April 13th. At this time Council Member Kantola expressed his desire to serve on this committee.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: Council Member Kantola

The motion passed on a 6-1 vote.

AIR COMPRESSOR BIDS

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Kangas and unanimously carried to purchase a 2017 Sullair 185 air compressor in the amount of \$21,210 with the warranty language included on the invoice.

MEDC PROJECT EMPIRE

Amy Berglund was present to give a brief update on the community study being conducted regarding the effects to the communities because of the Empire Mine closure.

VOTING SYSTEM GRANT RESOLUTION

The cost to purchase the Dominion Voting System through the State Grant Application is \$0 for year 1-5 and an annual fee of \$1,230 per year for years 6-10.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to submit the Grant Application to the Secretary of State.

VOTING PRECINCT 1 RELOCATION

A motion as made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance Amendment 206 to move Precinct 1 from the Negaunee Ice Arena to the Negaunee Senior Center and set a Public Hearing for April 13th at 7 p.m.

2016 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Anderson and unanimously carried to make the 2016 Budget Amendments and any additional adjustments as deemed necessary to bring the 2016 budget into compliance with State Law.

MDNR GRANT RESOLUTION – JACKSON MINE PARK PAVILION

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to approve a request in the amount of \$291,100 to the MDNR for a Trust Fund Grant for the development of a pavilion in Jackson Mine Park and also to approve a resolution committing the match funds in the amount of \$194,100 which would consist of \$90,600 in City force labor and in-kind materials, \$8,500 from the Negaunee Community Fund, \$70,000 from the Cliffs/Lundin Foundation and \$25,000 pledged from the Iron Ore Heritage Recreational Authority.

Mr. Jim Thomas commented that this has been an ongoing project for the last 6 years and it would take 2 to 3 years to construct.

Scott Richards GEI consultant stated that this is a competitive grant process and the more grant match maximizes our points of being more successful in the grant process.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: February 9, 2017 Regular Minutes, February 20, 2017 Special Minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$477,768.04 (checks #75084-#75213), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, Ore to Shore City Assistance request.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Smith thanked Mr. Koski for taking the Interim City Manager position.

Council Member Wallner thanked Mr. Koski and also thanked the speakers on the pavilion.

Council Member Anderson welcomed Mr. Koski.

Mayor Gladwell thanked Mr. Koski and all of the speakers. He congratulated the Girls basketball team on winning the District and wished the Boys basketball team luck in their Districts. He also thanked Council Member Anderson for calling him out on something.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Anderson, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Ann Ducoli
Deputy Clerk

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