

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

A Regular meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday February 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

Members Present: Mayor Kangas, Council Members Smith, Becker, Howard, Ilmonen, and Flohe

Members Absent; Council Member Karki

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeff Plummer addressed the Council and stated that a petition had been filed for the 5 acres of land that had been rezoned.

**PUBLIC HEARING - TREE ORDINANCE**

Mayor Kangas opened the public hearing. No one from the public wished to comment.

The mayor closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Becker, and unanimously carried to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adopt Ordinance Amendment #94.04 Tree Ordinance.

**ANN ST/CROIX ST LIFT STATION PUMP**

A motion was made by Council Member Howard, supported by Council Member Smith, and unanimously carried to waive the bid process and purchase a pump from Crane Engineering in the amount of \$17,256.

**USDA DRAW #13 – PHASE I WATER PROJECT**

A motion was made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Howard to approve Draw request #13 in the amount of \$11,307 to UPEA.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Smith, Becker, Howard, Ilmonen, Flohe and Mayor Kangas

Nays: None

The motion passes on a 6-0 vote.

### **USDOT RAISE GRANT – DPW EQUIPMENT PURCHASE**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member Becker approve the resolution to submit the application for the USDOT Raise Grant.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Becker, Howard, Ilmonen, Flohe, Smith and Mayor Kangas

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

### **MARQUETTE CO LANDBANK AGREEMENT – VISTA ROOF**

Attorney Pickens explained that when the agreement was sent back to the landbank after last months meeting the landbank requested more changes. The fact that the city would be responsible to pay the architect and design plans of approximately \$16,000.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Becker, and unanimously carried to approve the changes in the agreement.

### **LANDSWAP AGREEMENT**

Attorney Pickens gave a brief update on the land in questions and the legal aspects with CCI and current land owner.

A motion was made by Council Member Ilmonen, supported by Council Member Howard and unanimously carried to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to speak with CCI regarding the land in question and report back to the Council.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Becker, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda as follows: January 18<sup>th</sup> regular minutes, claims and accounts in the amount of \$1,383,711.94 (86642-86761), \$109,966.84 (1031-1032) Substation, Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, Poverty Exemption and Asset Test Resolution, DDA Appointment.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeff Plummer addressed the Council regarding the land swap and stated that the land had been passed on by the city as there were some red flags there. He also commented on the petitions and he was under the believe that any type of move would be on hold.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Flohe no comment.

Council Member Ilmonen commented on Heikki Lunta.

Council Member Howard commented on Heikki Lunta, the derby changes and the City Manager's contract.

Council Member Smith no comment.

Council Member Becker no comment.

Mayor Kangas commented on the derby and that it was changed to February 24<sup>th</sup>. Heikki LUNta and thanked the DDA and staff.

## **CITY MANAGER**

The City Manager commented on Heikki Lunta and the senior housing listening sessions.

## **CITY ATTORNEY**

Attorney Pickens commented on 3.1 of the City Charter and vacancies.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Ilmonen, supported by Council Member Howard and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.



Ann Ducoli  
Deputy Clerk