

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 9, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday February 9, 2023 at the Negaunee Senior Center.

Members Present: Mayor Kangas, Council Members Stagliano, Ilmonen, Smith, Howard

Members Absent: Council Members Karki and LaLonde

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public wished to comment.

**DPW UNION CONTRACT LANGUAGE AMENDMENT**

New rates for water/sewer license were discussed between staff and the union. The new stipends shall not be compounding for the life of the contract expiring on December 31, 2026.

A motion was made by Council Member Ilmonen, supported by Council Member Howard and unanimously carried to adopt the amended contract language.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT – WAGE INCREASES**

The following are wage increases for 2023 for union and non-union employees.

Police:           10% Patrolman  
                      14% Sergeant

City Hall:       9%

DPW:             8%

Electricians    18%

Non-Union:

Police Chief   6%

DPW Director position change to DPW Director/City Engineer: 36.5%

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member Stagliano to approve the wage increases and making the budget adjustments for 2023 by drawing the fund balances down in the following funds: General Fund: \$180,185, Electric Fund: \$97,925, Sewer Fund \$15,600, Water Fund \$23,425 and to also remove the budgeted pickup up truck from the Electric, Sewer, Water Funds for \$14,000 each.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Stagliano, Ilmonen, Smith, Howard and Mayor Kangas

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

### **USDA DRAW #5 – PHASE I WATER PROJECT**

A motion was made by Council Member Stagliano and supported by Council Member Smith to approve draw # 5 in the amount of \$35,670.37 to UPEA.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Ilmonen, Smith, Howard, Stagliano, Mayor Kangas

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

### **BOND AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION – 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS – SUBSTATION**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member Ilmonen to authorize the issuance of the bonds in a not to exceed amount of \$6,000,000 and authorize the City Manager to verbally accept the rate.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Smith, Howard, Stagliano, Ilmonen, Mayor Kangas

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> READING PMC ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

This amendment to Chapter #153 Property Maintenance Code would eliminate the Diversionary Team from the Ordinance.

A motion was made by Council Member Stagliano, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and schedule a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing for the March 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> READING WELL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 51**

This would establish an ordinance regulating wells.

A motion was made by Council Member Ilmonen, supported by Council Member Stagliano and unanimously carried to adopt the 1<sup>st</sup> reading the set a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing for the March regular meeting.

### **RFP – SURVEY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORK**

City Staff received two RFP's for survey and environmental work.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Ilmonen and unanimously carried to approve the RFP from TriMedia in the amount of \$7160 paid out of the Planning and Zoning Contract Services.

### **BUFFALO ROAD SEWER PROJECT RE BID FOR 2023**

Two bids were received:

Ultra Construction	\$685,483.92
FA Industrial	\$1,035,640

\$550,000 was budgeted for this project.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Howard and unanimously carried to award the bid to Ultra Construction in the amount of \$685,483.952 with monies coming from the Sewer Fund with a draw down of the fund balance of \$135,483.92.

### **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT**

This agreement was originally adopted in May of 2022. Since then, the school has applied for a grant and this amendment is more in line with what is needed for the grant with some wording changes.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Stagliano and unanimously carried to adopt the amended agreement.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Ilmonen, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to adopt the Consent Agenda as follows: January 12<sup>th</sup> regular minutes, claims and accounts in the amount of \$717,250.51 (checks #84882-85019), Revenue/Expenditure Estimated Trial Balances, Safe Routes to School grant application, poverty exemption guidelines and asset test, Iron Ore Heritage Trail Authority board appointment.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public wished to comment.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Stagliano commented on Heikki Lunta

Council Member Ilmonen commented on Heikki Lunta

Council Member Smith gave the DPW kudos for the snow removal.

Council Member Howard commented on Heikki Lunta, streets needing to be scraped now that it is getting warm.

Mayor Kangas commented on Heikki Lunta, social district and the MML magazine.

## **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Heffron commented on the streetscape, waterworks building and the roundabout, social district, Heikki Lunta, and the safe routes to school grant.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member Stagliano to go into closed session per sec 15.268 ( E ) pending litigation – Michelson litigation.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Howard, Stagliano, Ilmonen, Smith and Mayor Kangas

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Ilmonen, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to go back into open session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business a motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Stagliano and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.



Ann Ducoli  
City Clerk