

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2024**

A Regular meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday April 11, 2024 at the Negaunee Senior Center.

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

Members Absent: Council Member Karki

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jacob Meyer addressed the Council regarding support for the compressor at the Ice Arena.

Eric Beckman addressed the Council regarding support for the compressor at the Ice Arena.

**BALLOT LANGUAGE – REZONING OF OLD TOWNE 5 ACRES**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member Flohe to approve the ballot language as follows:

“The Negaunee City Council voted to amend the City of Negaunee’s Codified Zoning Ordinance (Ord. No.: 156.031) to rezone an approximate five (5) acre parcel of City owned property, which is part of Old Town, from a Public Area (PA) Zoning District to a Residential (R2) Zoning District. Should the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance be repealed, reverting the subject parcel back to a Public Area (PA) Zoning District.”

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Smith, Becker, Ilmonen, Flohe and Mayor Kangas

Nays: Council Member Howard

The motion passed on a 5-1 vote.

### **ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING – ADU’S IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES**

A motion was made by Council Member Becker and supported by Council Member Flohe to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the amendments to ordinances #156.046, #156.047, #156.201 and set a public hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for the May 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Council Member Becker commented that this topic went through the planning commission and does align with the ordinances.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

### **MAIN STREET PAVING BIDS**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member Becker to approve the low bid of \$109,877 to Bacco Construction Company for the paving of Main Street with an additional contingency of \$10,123.

Council Member Howard stated that this street has been done in the past and that there are worse streets in town that need to be done.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: Council Member Howard

The motion passed on a 5-1 vote.

### **LACOMBE FIELD FENCE BIDS**

Two bids were received:

Century Fence: \$7290

Marquette Fence: \$14,500

\$23,425 is currently budgeted for this project.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member Ilmonen to approve the low bid of \$7,290 from Century Fence for the fencing at Lacombe Field.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

### **CITY HALL BOILER BIDS**

The City Hall boiler needs repairs to continue operating. This is unbudgeted. Two bids were received:

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| United Contractors | \$29,340 |
| J Goods            | \$34,500 |

A motion was made by Council Member Ilmonen and supported by Council Member Smith to award the low bid of \$29,340 to United Contractors with monies being paid from the drawdown of the fund balance in the City Improvement Fund.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

### **LACOMBE FIELD DUGOUT BIDS**

Four bids were received for this project.

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| A&F             | \$88,195 |
| Closner         | \$88,270 |
| Northern Awning | \$70,150 |
| Premeau         | \$58,675 |

\$23,425 is budgeted for this project.

A motion was made by Council Member Ilmonen and supported by Council Member Howard to reject all four bids as they are over budget.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

### **ICE ARENA COMPRESSOR**

One of the compressors needs repairs at the ice arena. The city received a quote from Johnson Controls to perform the work in the amount of \$22,069.64 for compressor B2 and \$17,000 to purchase a spare compressor. This repair and purchase are unbudgeted.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member Flohe to approve Johnson Controls to replace compressor B2 in the amount of \$22,069.64 and \$17,000 for a spare compressor with the monies coming from a drawdown of the fund balance in the City Improvement Fund.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

### **RESOLUTION – COMBINING VOTING PRECINCT POLLING LOCATIONS**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Becker, and unanimously carried to approve the following resolution:

## **Resolution Consolidating Election Precincts and Approving Election Precinct Polling Location**

**WHEREAS**, MCL 168.661 allows for up to 4,999 registered voters to reside in a single precinct; and

**WHEREAS**, MCL 168.661 provides for the City Election Commission to establish precinct boundaries by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, one election precinct (Precinct 1) in the City of Negaunee will reduce election day staffing needs, reduce election equipment needed, reduce the number of polling locations, and reduce other associated election costs;

**WHEREAS**, staff estimates this shift will result in a need for one Election Day polling location, rather than the two previously used; and

**WHEREAS**, a review of voter registration data, local voter habits and past practice regarding polling locations, resulted in a determination that the City would be able to provide the most accessible and equitable experience to City voters by establishing the one polling location at the Negaunee Middle School gymnasium (Precinct 1); and

**WHEREAS**, MCL 168.662(1) states, *“The legislative body in each city and township shall designate and prescribe the place or places of holding an election for a city, village, or township election”*;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council for the City of Negaunee that the following consolidation and polling location be adopted for all elections in the City of Negaunee, until further modified:

- Precinct 1: Negaunee Middle School (new gymnasium), 102 W Case Street

Duly adopted by the Negaunee City Council on Thursday, April 11, 2024

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Becker, supported by Council Member Flohe, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda as follows: March 14, 2024 regular minutes, claims, and accounts in the amount of \$563,641.44 (checks #86908-87032 and WPPI ACH), Substation #1037 \$7527.50, Revenue/Expenditure Reports – Estimated Trial Balances, WPPI Energy Innovations collaborative agreement, surplus property, boards, and commission appointments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public wished to comment.

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

Council Member Ilmonen commented on the Negaunee and Ishpeming Girls Basketball Teams.

Council Member Howard commented on the purchase of the annex building and the city having to pay their bills. He commented on the recent snow storm and that he had driven around to check if streets were open for emergency service vehicles. He commented on the cemetery fence and when it would be back up.

Council Member Becker commented on the construction at the VISTA and the girl's basketball teams.

Mayor Kangas commented on the recent storm and the 30 inches we received in a two-day period. He stated the plow drivers did a good job.

#### **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Heffron commented on the senior housing listening sessions being held at the senior center, the economic development committee meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the brewery, a scheduled tour of the new substation for the Council Members on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm, the Tree USA designation for the city. He commented on the snowstorm and that we were under a no travel advisory and that he is in charge of the streets and he would not have gone out during the storm.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY**

No comment.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Ilmonen, supported by Council Member Smith, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.



Ann Ducoli  
Deputy Clerk