

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 11, 2023**

A Special Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday May 11, 2023 @ 5 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

Members Present: Mayor Kangas, Council Members Stagliano, Ilmonen, Smith, LaLonde (arrived at 5:05 p.m.), and Howard

Members Absent: Council Member Karki

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Nelson, DDA Chairman addressed the Council in support of the Downtown project and thanked Mona and Nate.

Ryan Nummela, Campfire Coffee owner addressed the Council in support of the Downtown project.

Brice Sturmer Veladrom Coffee and soon to be sandwich shop business owner addressed the Council in support of the downtown project.

Jon Becker a co-owner of Love and Bicycles addressed the Council in support of the downtown project.

Blake Becker co-owner of Love and Bicycles addressed the Council in support of the downtown project.

Mike Ridenour Jackson's Pit and downtown homeowner addressed the Council in support of the downtown project.

MaryBeth Kurtz Midtown Bakery owner addressed the Council in support of the downtown project.

Anna Mattson addressed the Council in support of the downtown project.

Bill Anderson Depot business owner addressed the Council in support of the downtown project and asked that parking concerns be addressed.

Don Schinella addressed the Council in support of the downtown project.

PUBLIC HEARING – RECONFIGURATION OF MARQUETTE ST., TOBIN ST., LINCOLN ST., AND PIONEER AVE AS NON-MOTORIZED OR CONFIGURED TO SUPPORT SAID PROJECT

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

DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT SUPPORTING AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

City Manager Heffron gave a brief overview of the entire project.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member Stagliano to support the resolutions and supporting documents.

Representatives from SAIL, Lake Superior Community Partnership and 906 Technologies addressing the Council in support of the project.

Council Member LaLonde commented on Chiri Park and the parking spaces there.

Council Member Smith commented on parking and this was a great thing for the downtown.

Council Member Stagliano commented on the project and that he is favor of it.

Mayor Kangas commented that Negaunee is improving and that it is a great project.

Council Member Howard commented on the project and that there are other streets that need to get done as well.

The following roll call vote was taken on the resolution below:

Aye: Council Members Stagliano, Ilmonen, Smith, LaLonde, and Mayor Kangas

Nays: Council Member Howard

The motion passed on a 5-1 vote.

**CITY OF NEGAUNEE
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND APPROVE THE NEGAUNEE DOWNTOWN
ENHANCEMENT PROJECT AND RELATED ACTIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Negaunee, Michigan (the “City”) is committed to the economic development of its downtown, including attracting new business, supporting mixed use buildings and properties, and expanding the taxbase and increasing state equalized values.

WHEREAS, the City is committed to job growth, creation, and stabilization.

WHEREAS, the City is committed to developing new means to deal with the negative economic impacts associated with COVID or similar public health emergencies that may arise in the future.

WHEREAS, the City is committed to the preservation of our historic Downtown and its buildings, as well as preserving the elements of the City’s mining history.

WHEREAS, the City is committed to the success of its newly established Social District.

WHEREAS, the City is in full support of the Downtown Enhancement Project, A project made possible through a Redevelopment and Placemaking Grant, issued by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$885,261.00.

WHEREAS, the City is committed to its Downtown Plan, developed by the Negaunee Citizens Downtown Advisory Council, reviewed, and recommend for approval by the Negaunee DDA, Negaunee Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Negaunee Planning Commission, and accepted by the Negaunee City Council.

WHEREAS, the City believes it is in the interest of health, safety and well-being of its residents, business and visitors to encourage uses of its Downtown buildings for both commerce and habitation.

WHEREAS, the City supports the creation and rehabilitation of its properties to provide welcoming spaces that the public can enjoy.

WHEREAS, the City supports the installation of a fiber network to the Downtown to provide business and residents with competitive and reliable internet options.

WHEREAS, the City supports inclusion of those with mobility disabilities to have uninhibited access to the Downtown through the improvement of public infrastructure.

WHEREAS, the City continues to support its Complete Streets Ordinance, which supports the concept of a walkable community.

WHEREAS, the City finds and concludes public recreation to be an asset to the community and that this Enhancement Project supports public recreation.

WHEREAS, the City finds this Enhancement Project will further support, enhance and encourage public festivals, celebrations, and commemorations.

THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED that the Negaunee City Council approves the Negaunee Downtown Enhancement Project, and hereby also approves the following Resolutions, actions and details related thereto, which are incorporated herein by reference:

1. Exhibit A: Resolution to Enter into and Sign Revitalization and Placemaking Program Grant Agreement, and attached Grant Agreement;
2. Exhibit B: Resolution to Adopt Project Design;
3. Exhibit C: Resolution to Adopt Project Budget and Expenditures for the Negaunee Downtown Enhancement Project;
4. Exhibit D: Resolution to Award Bids with Criteria;
 - a. [Outdoor Lighting and Custom Banners;](#)
 - b. [Outdoor Natural Gas Fire Pits;](#)
 - c. [Outdoor Interpretive Signage;](#)
 - d. [Custom Iron and Artwork;](#)
 - e. [Custom Movable Platform System;](#)
 - f. [Custom Tree Grates and Guards with Custom Bench;](#)
 - g. [Custom Benches and Planters;](#)
 - h. [Level 2 Outdoor Vehicle Charging Stations;](#)
 - i. [Commercial Contract Services: Electrician;](#)
 - j. [Outdoor Furniture and Park Amenities;](#)
 - k. [Bike Shelter;](#)
 - l. [Light poles;](#)
5. Exhibit E: Resolution to Declare Public Locations, and attached map;
6. Exhibit F: Resolution to Approve Water Lateral Installation Grant, and attached Grant Guidelines, related application and map;

7. Exhibit G: Change Order approval;
8. Exhibit H: Resolution to Make Portions of Selected Streets of the Downtown Enhancement Project Non-Motorized or Configured to Support the Project, and attached map;
9. Exhibit I: Resolution to Allow City Manager to Approve Limited Change Orders of \$5,000.00 or Less; and
10. Exhibit J: Resolution to Enter into Agreement with TV6 for Development of Promotional Materials Documenting the Negaunee Downtown Enhancement Project, and attached Agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to comment.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Council Member Ilmonen commented on the intersection at the top of Iron Street.

Council Member LaLonde thanked everyone.

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 6:18 p.m.



Ann Ducoli
Deputy Clerk