

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 2022**

A Regular meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday May 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

Members Present: Mayor LaLonde, Council Members Flohe, Stagliano, Ilmonen, Kangas, Smith and Karki

Members Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Karki and unanimously carried to combine agenda items #7.1 and #7.2.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to comment.

PUBLIC HEARING – CRD 432 IRON STREET

Mayor LaLonde opened the public hearing. Rachel Grossman addressed the Council via teleconference that she was the owner of the property and hoped that the CRD would be approved.

No other comments

Mayor LaLonde closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Members Stagliano and supported by Council Member Smith to approve the resolution to grant a commercial rehabilitation exemption certificate to 432 Iron Street for 7 years.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Flohe, Stagliano, Ilmonen, Kangas, Smith, Karki and Mayor LaLonde

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Stagliano and unanimously carried to suspend the rules and have discussion on the agenda items.

A discussion was held regarding the Council terms and the procedures for picking a Mayor.

A motion was made by Council Member Ilmonen, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to unsuspend the rules.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Flohe and failed to approve Proposal NO 2 which permits the Negaunee City Council to select the City Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem from qualified sitting council members rather than filling those offices by reference to City election vote totals.

A motion was made by Council Member Kangas and supported by Council Member Flohe to approve Proposal No 1 which would lengthen by one year the term of office of future elected City Council Members to facilitate less frequent turnover of City Council members to maintain their experience and knowledge longer to the benefit of the City in overall appropriate governance.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Stagliano, Kangas, Flohe and Mayor LaLonde

Nays: Council Members Ilmonen, Smith and Karki

The vote was 4-3 but failed as a 5/7 vote is needed.

CITY MANAGER EVALUATION

Mr. Marc Harding addressed the Council via teleconference and briefly went over questions and the process for the City Manager's evaluation. He stated that after a survey monkey the results would be available possibly in July and would be in comparison to past evaluations.

USDA RD WATER PROJECT BIDS

A motion was made by Council Member Stagliano and supported by Council Member Karki to award the bid to Oberstar Inc. in the amount of \$4,177,870 subject to approval and funding by the USDA RD and approve the resolution.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Ilmonen, Kangas, Smith, Karki, Flohe, Stagliano and Mayor LaLonde

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – NEGAUNEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS RESOURCE OFFICER

A motion was made by Council Member Ilmonen, supported by Council Member Kangas and unanimously carried to approve the agreement with the Negaunee Public Schools for a resource officer.

PATROL VEHICLE LEASE POLICE DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Ilmonen and supported by Council Member Kangas to authorize the purchase of a Tahoe from Berger Chevrolet in the amount of \$39,936 with monies coming from the Equipment Millage over a three-year lease with payments being approximately \$14,245.90/yr.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Kangas, Smith, Karki, Flohe, Stagliano, Ilmonen and Mayor LaLonde

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member Ilmonen to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: April 14, 2022 Regular Minutes, April 28, 2022 Special Minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$519,222.60 (checks #83595-83734), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, Jackson Mine Park Pavilion Rental Agreement, TCO #67 No Parking on South Side of Rail St between Gold and Division, Recreational Land Use Agr with Negaunee and Ishpeming Ski Club, ATC Agreement.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Smith, Flohe, Stagliano, Ilmonen, Kangas, Karki and Mayor LaLonde

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Connor Hetrick commented on wanting to buy city land behind his house.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Council Member Smith commented on a tree the Electric Dept took down.

Mayor LaLonde commented on the good discussion tonight and the street sweeper.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Heffron commented on the alley project, union negotiations, the RAP grant for downtown, Arbor Day and the Social District.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion a motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Kangas and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.



Ann Duoli
Deputy Clerk