

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday January 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

Members Present: Mayor Schuhknecht, Council Members Visser, Kangas, Smith, Saari, Wallner and Gladwell

Members Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Visser, supported by Council Member Gladwell and unanimously carried to approve the Agenda as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public wished to comment.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

A motion was made by Mayor Schuhknecht, supported by Council Member Saari and unanimously carried to appoint Janice Chittle to the Planning Commission, Gary Sjolund to the Board of Review until the next regular election, Gerry Corkin to the NIWA Board and Mark Rogers to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**SENATE BILL 571**

City Manager Thornton explained that wording was tacked on at the end of legislation that was passed at the end of the year. This wording prohibits a public body from using public funds or resources for communications regarding local ballot language.

A motion was made by Council Member Saari, supported by Council Member Kangas and unanimously carried to support a resolution opposing Senate Bill 571.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: December 10, 2015 Regular Minutes, Claims and account in the amount of \$811,551.30 (check #73163-73315), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Bill Richards addressed the Council regarding his water being shut off for 45 days and why the people are still working who shut it off.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Gladwell brought the Council up to speed regarding the Pavilion project in Jacksons Park. He stated that a capital campaign would begin to combine with the money that the committee received from Cliffs last month. He also mentioned the Negaunee Nets Tournament at Lakeview this weekend.

Council Member Saari thanked the Secretary for providing an equipment list. Mr. Saari asked for an update from the DPW regarding welding on a frame. Mr. Saari questioned line item #172-864 in the City Manager's budget regarding Training/Travel. He stated that it would be valuable to list the training and see how it benefits the City. He questioned line item #203 City Attorney. City Attorney Houghton stated that there are contingencies in the budget for court etc.

Mayor Schuhknecht asked the City Manager to comment on snow removal.

## **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Thornton stated that it is difficult to schedule and plow to a forecast and that the City does not have a night crew. In big snow events the Major Streets are done first.

Mr. Thornton stated that the City had recently gone out for Garbage Bids. He asked that the Council form an Ad Hoc Committee to review the bids.

A motion as made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Saari to form an Ad Hoc Garbage Committee to review the bids received and to appoint Council Members Gladwell, Visser and Kangas with a meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> and to schedule another meeting if necessary.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell and supported by Council Member Kangas to go into Closed Session to discuss union negotiations.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Visser, Kangas, Smith, Saari, Wallner, Gladwell and Mayor Schuhknecht

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

Council went into Closed Session at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called into open session at 8:21 pm

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Kangas, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

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Ann Ducoli  
Deputy Clerk