

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 5, 2017**

A Special Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday January 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

Members Present: Mayor Gladwell, Council Members Smith, Wallner, Kantola and Anderson

Members Absent: Council Member Kangas

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public wished to comment.

**VACANT COUNCIL SEAT**

Mayor Gladwell opened up the floor to any Council Member who wanted to ask the candidates questions.

Each candidate was asked a series of questions by Council Member Wallner and Mayor Gladwell.

At this time Mayor Gladwell asked the City Attorney to explain the Attorney General Opinion and Home Rule Act regarding people in default to the City and being able to run for Council. Attorney Houghton explained the statute.

A motion was made by Council Member Kantola and supported by Council Member Anderson to nominate Nick Visser to the vacant Council seat until the next Regular Election in November.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Smith, Wallner, Kantola and Anderson

Nays: Mayor Gladwell

The motion passed on a 4-1 vote.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Mike VanStraten congratulated Mr. Visser on his appointment and thanked the Council for their consideration.

Mr. Nick Visser commented that all of his debt was paid with the Council, that the City Manager had contacted the police regarding a zoning violation on his property, and cable franchise fees.

## **COUNCIL COMMENT**

Council Member Anderson congratulated Mr. Visser on his appointment.

Council Member Kantola thanked the candidates and congratulated Mr. Visser on his appointment.

Council Member Wallner thanked the candidate and reminded them that there are other vacancies on other boards.

Mayor Gladwell thanked the candidates and stated that if there is ever anything on the agenda that is a conflict of interest for him he will abstain.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

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Ann Ducoli, Deputy Clerk