

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 13, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday April 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

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

Members Absent: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Visser asked that #8.4 Repeal of Ordinance #1064.09 and #1064.10 be added to the agenda. City Attorney Houghton stated that it would have to follow the same process as an Ordinance Amendment and have a 1st and 2nd Reading and a Public Hearing.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Richards commented on the Teal Lake Park and the DPW Manager.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #206 VOTING PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES – 2ND READING

Mayor Gladwell opened the Public Hearing. No one from the public wished to comment. The public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to adopt the Ordinance Amendment #206 – Voting precincts and polling places and move Precinct 1 to the Negaunee Senior Center.

CITY MANAGER SEARCH

Council Member Smith as the chair of the Ad Hoc Committee gave a brief update regarding the City Manager Search process. He stated that after two Interviews their recommendation would be to hire the Harding Group LLC.

A motion was made by Council Member Visser, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to approve the contract with The Harding Group, LLC for the City Manager Search.

BROWNFIELD PLAN RESOLUTION – FORMER NEGAUNEE CONVENT

The City received a request for approval of the former Negaunee Convent Brownfield Plan. The City supports Brownfield Plans that have been approved by the Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority in an effort to support local repurposing and increasing taxable value of property. The City will continue to collect tax revenue on the 2016 taxable value. Post completion of the Brownfield tax revenues will be collected on the new taxable value. Paul Arsenault, Authority Chair was present and explained this needs to be done to recapture the money the Brownfield Authority has spent this far in the project.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Anderson to approve the former Negaunee Convent Brownfield Plan and authorize the signing of the resolution of support. Council Member Visser abstained as he is the owner of this building.

FAÇADE GRANT IN TAKE FORM

The City of Negaunee is being asked to partner with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and downtown business owners to participate in a façade improvement project. There are a number of downtown buildings that are in need of an exterior facelift and other improvements to eliminate blight from the downtown. Two businesses have expressed interest.

A motion was made by Council Member Visser, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to provide City funds in the amount of \$4,737 toward the cost of a CDBG grant administrator.

MARQUETTE COUNTY DUAL STREAM RECYCLING PROGRAM

The landfill is proposing a flat rate annual rebate to participating municipalities. The rebate amount will be determined by each participating municipalities delivered tons of recycling to the Authority at the end of the fiscal year. By entering into this agreement it would help to extend the life of the Marquette County Landfill.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to approve the Marquette County Dual Stream Recycling Agreement.

REPEAL OF ORDINANCE #1064.09 AND #1064.10

Council Member Visser stated that he would like to see this part #1064.09 and #1064.10 ordinance repealed as it goes along with the economic development vision. Council Member Anderson stated that this is not a boat issue but a gas motor issue. Council Member Kantola stated we are not in compliance.

Council Member Smith stated that for everyone out there this would be a repeal of the Teal Lake Ordinance and the Council shouldn't make this decision. Council Member Wallner stated that we need to hear from the people. Mayor Gladwell stated there are two sides to this issue with Judges Opinions on this issue. He encouraged people to contact their Council Members and to be here on May 11th for the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Visser, supported by Council Member Anderson and unanimously carried to set a Public Hearing and 2nd Reading to Repeal Ordinance #1064.09 and #1064.10.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Visser and supported by Council Member Wallner to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: March 9, 2017 Regular Minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$614,632.43 (checks #75245-75336), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, MDOT Contract and Signature Designation – 2017 US 41 Project, SEMC Franchise Agreement 1st Reading.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Kangas, Smith, Visser, Wallner, Kantola, Anderson

Nays: Mayor Gladwell

The motion passed on a 6-1 vote.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Anderson commented on tree cutting and the road to the North Shore of Teal Lake.

Council Member Kantola commented on Teal Lake.

Council Member Wallner commented on a job well done during the recent storm.

Council Member Visser commented on economic development ideas and the facts regarding Teal Lake.

Council Member Smith commented on street sweeping.

Mayor Gladwell commented on the good job staff did during the recent storm, softball at the Dome and baseball in Dexter Michigan.

CITY MANAGER

Interim City Manager Koski commented on the City Manager Search, staff's job during the storm and that City Hall Staff and City Attorney have a lot on their plate at his time and are doing their best to get things done in a timely fashion.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Houghton submitted his resignation at this time effective June 1, 2017 however will remain as Acting City Attorney until July 1, 2017.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to go into Closed Session per Sec 8H of the Open Meetings Act – to review with the City Attorney material that is exempt from disclosure under Section 13 (1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Smith, Visser, Wallner, Kantola, Anderson, Kangas, and Mayor Gladwell

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

Went into Closed session at 7:50 p.m.

Open session was called at 9:49 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Kangas and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Ann Ducoli, Deputy Clerk