

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday September 14, 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 AGENDA**

#7.6 Claims and Accounts was pulled from the Consent Agenda. #7.7 Truck Route was added to the Agenda.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Karen Hakala commented on issues she has with her neighbors.

Dave Crum was present to give an update on the disc golf and that it was 90% done.

Fred Anderson was present to give an update on Heikki Lunta on January 19 & 20.

Rhonda Gravedoni commented on the Truck Route. She would like to see it looked into.

Mike VanStraten commented on the truck route and a 2<sup>nd</sup> public comment.

Jon Becker addressed the Council regarding the City Manager search, charter violations and ethics regarding the hiring of Robert Juidici as the City Attorney. He stated that this was a formal filing of a violation of the ethics policy.

**CHARTER AMENDMENT #6.2**

A motion was made by Council Member Kangas, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to delete “as a City Manager” from #6.2 of the Charter and replace with “and shall be appointed solely on the basis of their executive and/or administrative and/or professional qualifications.”

## **2018 CITY BUDGET**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Kantola and unanimously carried to set a public hearing on the 2018 Budget for October 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

## **2017 TAX RATE REQUEST**

A motion as made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to approve the 2017 tax rate request of 17.65 mills City and 1.9704 mills street improvement and rehabilitation and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign it.

## **BERNIE RIVERS FIELD PARK SHELTER INSTALLATION**

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Visser and unanimously carried to award the bid to Stonehouse Window & Door Inc. in the amount of \$19,420 for the installation of the park shelter at Bernie Rivers Field

## **CITY AUDIT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Kantola and unanimously carried to authorize the Interim City Manager to negotiate an agreement on behalf of the City for auditing services for the next five years.

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

A motion was made by Council Member Kantola, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to appoint Rhonda Gravedoni to the Zoning Board of Appeals vacancy.

## **CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

Council Member Anderson had questions regarding checks for training of water and DPW personnel for water licensing.

A motion was made by Council Member Visser, supported by Council Member Kangas and unanimously carried to approve the Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$698,210.94 (checks #75905- #76074).

## **TRUCK ROUTE**

A discussion was held regarding the truck route through the City. Interim City Manager Frusti stated that staff was looking into the matter and would present the information at the next meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Visser, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: August 10<sup>th</sup> regular minutes, August 23<sup>rd</sup> special minutes, Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, Street Administrator resolution, WPPI Board designation, Charitable Gaming Non Profit designation PAAC/VISTA, Senior Center Master Agreements.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Kantola commented on Charter revision.

Council Member Kangas commented on the truck route.

Mayor Gladwell commented on the October 5<sup>th</sup> budget session.

## **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 8:16 p.m.

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Ann Ducoli  
Deputy Clerk