

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 8, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday August 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

Members Present: Mayor Kangas, Council Members Anderson, Gladwell, Maino, Wallner, and Karki

Members Absent: Council Member Kantola

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Kangas asked that Item # 13 Closed Session – Pending Litigation be removed from the agenda.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark Daavettilla, UPEA was present to answer questions regarding projects in the City.

**PUBLIC HEARING – #290 DDA AUTHORITY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AND DDA/TIF PLAN ORDINANCE**

Mayor Kangas opened the public hearing.

Tonja Acker-Richards addressed the Council regarding where the information that the public hearing pertained to was located. She was informed the information was on our website, library and City Manager's office.

Mayor Kangas closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member Anderson and unanimously carried to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adopt Ordinance #290 DDA Authority Amendment and DDA/TIF Plan Ordinance to amend and restate Chapter 290, to bring the Downtown Development Authority into compliance with Act No. 57 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2018 and adopt the DDA/TIF Plan.

**PUBLIC HEAIRNG - #1220.03 PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDMENT**

Mayor Kangas opened the public hearing.

Tonja Acker-Richards addressed the Council asking if you needed to be a resident of the City to be on the Planning Commission. She was informed that yes you do need to be a resident.

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adopt Ordinance #1220.03 Planning Commission Amendment to change the boards seats from 7 members to 5.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – #282 COMMISSION ON AGING**

Mayor Kangas opened the public hearing.

No one from the public wished to comment.

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member Anderson and unanimously carried to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adopt Ordinance #282 Commission on Aging Amendment to change the boards seats from 9 members to 7.

### **PUBLIC HEARING - #420 TRUCK ROUTE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Mayor Kangas opened the public hearing.

No one from the public wished to comment.

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Karki and unanimously carried to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adopt Ordinance #420 Truck Route to allow the City Manager and City Council to authorize temporary permits in cases of emergencies or cooperative agreements.

### **TREE CITY USA**

Jessica Applin, Huron Pines AmeriCorps Member was present to give a brief presentation on Tree USA and the steps the City needs to follow to qualify. She stated the City needs to establish a board of volunteers, pass a tree ordinance, establish a budget and observe Arbor Day. She also spoke about a forestation plan.

### **SET PUBLIC HEARING – DDA BOUNDARY EXPANSION**

A motion was made by Mayor Kangas, supported by Council Member Gladwell and unanimously carried to set a public hearing for the DDA Boundary Expansion for the October 10, 2019 Regular Meeting.

### **KIRKWOOD DEMOLITON BIDS**

The City received three bids: Pitsch Companies, \$192,550, Dore and Associates \$247,600 and Moyle Construction \$475,000. Dave Nelson, City Planner explained the reason for the differences in the amounts was due to the fact the Pitsch Companies specializes in demolitions of buildings.

A motion was made by Council Member Maino and supported by Council Member Anderson to accept the low bid of \$192,550 from Pitsch Companies with monies coming from the draw down of \$75,000 of the Electric Fund, \$67,550 from the General Fund and \$50,000 from the City Improvement Fund.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Anderson, Gladwell, Maino, Wallner, Karki and Mayor Kangas

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

### **DIVERSIONARY TEAM APPOINTMENTS – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE**

A motion was made by Mayor Kangas, supported by Council Member Gladwell and unanimously carried to appoint Dana LaLonde and Lori Lancaster to the Diversionary Team.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Karki and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: July 18, 2019 Regular Minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$348,031.11 (checks #79143-79286), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dana LaLonde addressed the Council and thanked them for her appointment. She also stated that she would be running as a write in candidate for Council.

Dan Michelson addressed the Council regarding the building he owns next to the Kirkwood building and damages over the years and that he is glad to see the City addressing this issue.

Tonja Acker-Richards addressed the Council and agrees with being aggressive on blight and wished she saw aggressive support for current business owners and that she has never felt that.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Karki commented that he was glad they were moving forward with the Kirkwood.

Council Member Maino asked for a sewer update on the Brown Ave. project and Mr. Daavettilla gave a brief update. He also stated that he would like to see Senior Housing in town similar to what was planned in the past at Jackson Grove.

Council Member Anderson stated he was glad to see something done with the Kirkwood. He also stated he would like to see how many gallons are pumped to the Ishpeming Wastewater plant.

Council Member Gladwell commented on Brown Ave funding and thanked the public for their patience during all of the projects.

Mayor Kangas commented on the projects in town and reminded everyone of the country concert coming up.

## **CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Heffron commented on the reimbursement of the Holder that was burned.

## **CLOSED SESSION – CITY MANAGER CONTRACT**

A motion was made by Council Member Anderson and supported by Council Member Gladwell to go into closed session per SEC 8A City Manager Contract Negotiations.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Gladwell, Maino, Wallner, Karki, Anderson and Mayor Kangas

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

The meeting was called back into open session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Gladwell and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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Ann Ducoli  
Deputy Clerk