

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday September 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

Members Present: Mayor Kangas, Council Members Kantola, Anderson, Gladwell, Maino, Wallner (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)

Members Absent: Council Member Karki

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item #8.5 Tree Ordinance was removed from the agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Miljour owner of the Kirkwood Building asked the Council to stop the demolition of the Kirkwood Building and pay Pitsch, Inc. for services rendered.

WISCONSIN PUBLIC POWER PRESENTATION

Ann Rodriquez, WPPI Representative was present to give the Council an update on WPPI's services.

TRUTH IN TAXATION

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Gladwell and unanimously carried to approve the 2019 tax rate request of 17.4656 mills City, .9895 mills Parks and Recreation, 1.4842 mills Equipment and 1.9496 mills Street Improvement and Rehab and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign it.

2020 BUDGET

The proposed 2020 budget was presented to the Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Gladwell and unanimously carried to set a public hearing for Thursday October 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to secure citizen input on the 2020 Budget.

UNITED WAY RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Mayor Kangas and unanimously carried to approve the United Way Resolution and proclaim October as United Way of Marquette County Month,

REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES RESOLUTION

City Manager Heffron informed the Council that the City is 40% complete in the RRC process and that this resolution in the next step.

A motion was made by Mayor Kangas, supported by Council Member Gladwell and unanimously carried to approve the RRC Resolution.

BALDWIN AVE STREET LIGHTING PROJECT

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to award the bid to Northern Utility to bore 1600 fee of 1 ¼” conduit for the Baldwin Ave street lighting conversion for \$12,000 with the monies coming from the Electric Budget Street Lighting Fund #582-605-741.000.

WAIVER APPLICATION FOR RETIREMENT SYSTEMS – MERS

The City of Negaunee is providing proof to the State that we have contributed an excess of funds to our pension systems in the past and that we have the ability to continue paying extra contributions in the future to maintain a level of adequate funding. The City should categorize transfers from the electric fund as Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT). A transfer is not considered revenue, while a PILT is based on a percentage of the electric department operating revenue and will count as a general fund revenue.

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner and supported by Council Member Maino to authorize the City Manager to sign the waiver to the State and the City Clerk to sign the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Resolution.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Kantola, Maino, Wallner and Mayor Kangas

Nays: Council Members Anderson and Gladwell

The motion pass 4-2

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member Anderson and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: August 8, 2019 Regular Minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$1,061,690.51 (checks #79287-79443), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dana LaLonde addressed the Council stating that she would be running as a write-in for Council in the next Election.

Eric Miljour addressed the Council asking to stop the demolition of the Kirkwood Building.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Wallner commented on the budget sessions and a busy construction season.

Council Member Maino asked when something would be done with the fence at the cemetery and the Brown Ave paving.

Council Member Anderson thanked Eric Pellinen for the fire truck at the waterworks building on 9/11.

Council Member Gladwell also commented on the firetruck on 9/11 and paving on Brown and Baldwin.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager commented on the brochure he handed out from the LSCP for the businesses, the Kirkwood demo, paving in October and a work shop on October 17th for the marijuana ordinance.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell and supported by Council Member Wallner to go into Closed Session per SEC 8E Pending Litigation.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed 6-0

Mayor Kangas called the meeting back into open session.

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to authorize the City Attorney to continue with the settlement offer that was presented to the Council tonight.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell and supported by Council Member Wallner to go into Closed Session per SEC8A- City Manager Contract.

The following roll call was taken:

Ayes; Council Members Gladwell, Maino, Wallner, Kantola, Anderson and Mayor Kangas

Nays: None

The motion passed 6-0

The Mayor called the meeting back into open session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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Ann Ducoli
Deputy Clerk