

MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2019

A Regular meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday November 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Negaunee Senior Center.

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

Members Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anna Mattson commented on the Tree USA Ordinance and that she is concerned about the Parks and Recreation over seeing this.

DDA EXPANSION

City Manager Heffron stated that this public hearing is out of order and not really needed at this time. Mayor Kangas opened the public hearing. No one from the public wished to comment. City Manager Heffron stated there doesn't need to be any action tonight.

RE ZONE – CAMBRIA LOCATION #1266.02

Mayor Kangas opened the public hearing:

Matt Sturmer addressed the Council with his concerns that this re zone was moving to fast. He asked if there was a business that was currently interested and was told that there was but the City Manager was not at liberty to give details.

The public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Karki and unanimously carried to approve the 2nd reading and adopt the ordinance.

PUBLIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE #674

Mayor Kangas opened the public hearing:

No one from the public wished to comment.

The public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to approve the 2nd reading and adopt the ordinance.

TREE USA AND FORESTRY ORDINANCE #1080

Mayor Kangas opened the public hearing:

Anna Mattson addressed the Council regarding her concerns about sec #3 and the fact that the Parks and Recreation Committee is an all-volunteer board and should not be responsible. The City Manager stated they would be advisory only.

The public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Anderson to approve the 2nd reading and adopt the ordinance with an amendment to strike the words “Sections 7 through 11” in the last line of paragraph two in Sec. 1080.04.

MARIJUANA ORDINANCE #880

Mayor Kangas opened the public hearing:

Mike Carriere addressed the Council with his concerns on marijuana facilities in the City.

Matt Sturmer addressed the Council with his concerns on marijuana facilities in the City and what the great benefit would be to the City? And what the rush was?

Council Members Gladwell and Maino stated that this ordinance needed to be in place to allow the City to control what happens in the City.

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell and supported by Council Member Karki to approve the 2nd reading and adopt the ordinance.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

2020 BUDGET AND POLICIES

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Anderson and unanimously carried to adopt the 2020 Budget and the following 2020 Policies: Fiscal Policy, Capital Improvement and Fee Schedule.

KIRKWOOD BUILDING – ADJACENT ROOF PROPOSALS

A motion was made by Council Member Maino and supported by Council Member Anderson to waive competitive bidding required by Charter Section #11.5 for this project due to the emergency measures. With monies allocated as follows: \$8400 draw down of the General Fund Balance.

There was a discussion that this project should go out on bids.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Maino

Nays: Council Members Anderson, Gladwell, Wallner, Karki, Kantola and Mayor Kangas

The motion failed on a 1-6 vote.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #290

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member Anderson and unanimously carried to approve the 1st reading and set a public hearing for the December 12, 2019 Regular Meeting.

ELECTRIC STUDY

Brett Niemi, WPPI and Tom Chambers, PSE were present to give an update on the recent Electric study of our system.

MATHER B DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RFQ

City Manager Heffron explained that the agreement in front of the Council needed a few tweaks and this was just the beginning of the process. The developer would have to execute all items on the agreement before a deed would be signed to the property.

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell and supported by Council Member Anderson to suspend the rules and have a discussion.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Gladwell, Maino, Wallner, Karki, Kantola, and Anderson

Nays: Mayor Kangas

The motion passed on a 6-1 vote.

There was a discussion regarding restrictions being put on the developers. The developer may or may not follow through and then it would be too late.

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Kantola and unanimously carried to allow the City Manager to negotiate with interested developers for the Mather B property.

REMOVAL OF JACKSON GROVE PARK FROM THE CITY MASTER PLAN

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to remove the Jackson Grove Park from the City Master Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Gladwell and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: October 10, 2019 Regular minutes, October 17, 2019 Special Minutes, October 29, 2019 Special Minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$925,544.83 (check #79578-79719), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, USDA Resolution, Delinquent Utilities to the tax rolls.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anna Mattson commented on a senior survey and thanks for not taking down the tree at the Kirkwood site.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Karki stated that Brown Ave looked good.

Council Member Wallner said good luck to all the hunters and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Maino commented on the City Manager Report and said good job to staff.

Council Member Gladwell stated he would like to see an update for an RV ordinance and pet ordinance within the next 90 days. He congratulated the new members and thanked Council Members Anderson and Kantola for their service.

Council Member Anderson stated that it had been a great ride and loved the discussion over the past three years.

Council Member Kantola stated that it had been interesting and informative and the change in the City is refreshing.

Mayor Kangas thanked the outgoing members and congratulated the new members.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Heffron commented on a meeting with MSU for teal lake and the MEDC façade grants. He also thanked the outgoing Council Members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion a motion was made by Mayor Kangas, supported by Council Member Kantola and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9 p.m.

Ann Ducoli
Deputy Clerk

