

MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 11, 2020

A Regular meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday June 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via zoom teleconference.

Members Present: Mayor Kangas, Council Members Gladwell, Maino, Wallner, Karki, Flohe, Lalonde (joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m.).

Members Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Karki, supported by Council Member Gladwell to approve the agenda as presented.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Gladwell, Maino, Wallner, Karki, Flohe, Mayor Kangas

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to comment.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #1269 HOME OCCUPATIONS

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner supported by Council Member Maino to approve the 1st reading and set a public hearing for the July Regular Meeting.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #1286.07 FENCES, WALLS HEDGES

A motion was made by Council Member Maino and supported by Council Member LaLonde to approve the 1st reading and set a public hearing for the July regular meeting.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS #1269.05, #1281.10# 1280.01, #1283.06, #1248, #1260.02

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner and supported by Council Member Maino to approve the 1st reading and set a public hearing for the July Regular meeting.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

TERM LIMITS

A discussion was had by the Council Members regarding the term limits and that Council Member Gladwell should be able to run again but that the Charter language regarding Term Limits needs to be changed and placed on the ballot for a future election. No action was taken.

PD VEHICLE LEASE PURCHASE AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

A motion was made by Council Member Maino and supported by Council Member LaLonde to allow the purchase of a 2020 Chevy Tahoe police vehicle pending lease approval in the amount of \$37,746 for three years with monies coming from the Equipment Millage and allow the purchase of equipment for the vehicle in the amount of \$15,652.57 with \$7,652.57 from the

police department capital outlay and the \$8,000 grant. Council Member Maino amended his motion to include interest on the lease and was supported by council Member LaLonde.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Flohe, LaLonde, Gladwell, Maino, Wallner, Karki, and Mayor Kangas

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

SET JULY MEETING

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner and supported by Council Member Flohe to set the July Regular Meeting for July 9th.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

WATER AND SEWER BOND REFINANCE BIDS

Mr. Andy Campbell, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisor joined the meeting at this time. He informed the Council there would be no fee paid if bids were not approved.

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell and supported by Council Member Maino to go out on bids for the refinancing of the water and sewer bonds.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Gladwell, Maino, Wallner, Karki, Flohe, LaLonde, and Mayor Kangas

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

TIF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell and supported by Council Member LaLonde to set a public hearing for the July regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. regarding the TIF Interlocal Agreement.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell and supported by Council Member Wallner to approve the consent agenda as follows: May 14th Regular Minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$668,682.25 (check #80503- 80604), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, Appointment to IOHTA.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Paquette addressed the Council regarding mine pits not being fenced in the old town area and that if any of them wanted to take a tour he would be willing to take them. He stated that the City and Council bares some responsibility for the open pits and the statute that governs enforcement issues.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Council Member Wallner commented on the MarqTran board.

Council Member LaLonde commented on the library, social distancing and frequenting businesses downtown.

Council Member Maino stated that Negaunee is looking good and thanked Nate for the issue on 492.

Council Member Karki stated that Negaunee looked nice.

Council Member Wallner thanked City Staff.

Council Member Gladwell stated that City looks good and appreciates the City employees. He would like to see the next Council meeting be in person and do away with zoom. He commented on the garbage bids and that he would reach out to the City Manager.

Mayor Kangas stated he would like to take the tour in Old Towne and spoke about an email complaint he received.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Heffron commented on the next meeting being in person, that he and Dave had met with Mr. Paquette and that he was taking an emergency action for fencing in the amount of \$8300. He commented on the parks being open but not the bathrooms and that projects should be completed by the end of July.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Wallner to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Karki, Flohe, LaLonde, Gladwell, Maino, Wallner, Mayor Kangas

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

Deputy Clerk