

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on Thursday September 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Ice Arena. The City Council met in person with public comments being held by zoom teleconference.

Members Present: Mayor Kangas, Council Members Gladwell, Maino, Wallner, Karki (via zoom), Flohe and LaLonde

Members Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Gorski, Lucid addressed the Council regarding computer technology and support.

At this time emailed public comments were read from: Leslie Parkkonen, Craig Grabarczyk, John Thomas, Dale Weingartner, Elizabeth Dalstrom and Jess Wilson. \*attached.

**2020 SEWER REFINANCING BONDS ORDINANCE**

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Wallner and unanimously carried to adopt the Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of sewer revenue refunding bonds to Huron Community Bank at 1.190%.

**2021 CITY BUDGET**

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member Flohe and unanimously carried to set a public hearing for October 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the 2021 City Budget.

**2020 TRUTH IN TAXATION**

A motion was made by Council Member LaLonde, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to approve the 2020 Tax Rate Request of 17.1948 mills City, .9741 mills

Parks and Recreation, 1.4611 mills Equipment and 1.9193 mills Street Improvement and Rehab tax rate request and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign it.

## **COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION DISTRICT**

City Manager Heffron explained the Commercial Rehabilitation District to the Council. This would help in the form of tax abatements for properties in the downtown area. The Council would be responsible for forming a policy and approving applications. The area would occupy the TIF District #1.

A motion was made by Council Member Wallner, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to set a public hearing for October 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the establishment of a Commercial Rehabilitation District.

## **VISTA THEATER**

City Manager Heffron stated that because he is on the board of the VISTA it would be a conflict of interest and would not be giving an opinion unless solicited by the Council. He stated that it was his intention to resign from the VISTA Board and that the City Attorney could answer any questions.

City Attorney Pickens stated that there wasn't anything legally the City could do at this point. It was discussed that a third party might be interested in the VISTA.

Mr. Rick Uren addressed the Council regarding his structural report on the VISTA. Mr. Thomas Gerdorn addressed the Council regarding his work and knowledge of the VISTA.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Gladwell, supported by Council Member LaLonde and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: August 13, 2020 Regular Minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$525,337.07 (#80872 - #80992), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Rusty Bowers addressed the Council regarding the VISTA Theater and thanked the Council and everyone who wrote in for public comment. He stated that he hopes the VISTA and City can work together.

### **COUNCIL COMMENT**

Council Member LaLonde commented on the VISTA and the Beautification Committee.

Council Member Gladwell commented on the drop off at Lakeview School.

Council Member Wallner commented on the Budget meetings coming up.

Council Member Maino commented on a recycling complaint.

Council Member Karki commented on Teal Lake Ave and how good it looks.

Mayor Kangas commented on the good discussion tonight and Teal Lake Ave.

### **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

City Manager Heffron commented on the Historical District, the County not collecting recycling at this time, the Senior Center project, animal control ordinance, and Old Town fencing concerns.

### **CITY ATTORNEY**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Flohe and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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Ann Ducoli  
Deputy Clerk