

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held on January 14, 2021 at the Negaunee Ice Arena. The Council was present with the public via teleconference.

Members Present: Mayor Wallner, Council Members Maino, Karki, Flohe, LaLonde, Stagliano, Ilmonen

Members Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#11 Closed Session was moved to open session as #7.7.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Howard addressed the Council regarding why City Hall is closed and return phone calls from the City Manager. He also commented on bringing more businesses to town.

Dave Kangas addressed the Council and welcomed the new Council Members and encouraged them to reach out to staff with any questions they may have.

COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION TAX ABATEMENT DISTRICT PROGRAM

The Council heard a brief update and explanation of the CRD Program. In October 2020 the Council approved a resolution establishing the district. Mona Lang, DDA Director was present via teleconference and explained that the applications would be reviewed by the DDA and a recommendation to City Council and then to the State for final approval. No action was taken.

CITY WEBSITE

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Stagliano and unanimously carried to enter into a contract with CIVICPlus to create the new City website for the cost of \$13,742 with monies coming from the following funds: \$8000 to be used from the City Improvement Contract Services Fund (493-729.800.000) \$3150 to be used from the WPPI Branding and Marketing grant, \$550 from the Water Department Dues and Subscriptions Fund

(591-630.956.000), \$550 from the Sewer Department Communications Fund (571-595.850.000), \$550 from the DPW Communications Fund (101-441.956.000), \$550 from the Electrical Department Communications Fund (582-610.850.000), and \$392.00 from the Police Department Communications Fund (101.305.850.000).

MARKETING/BRANDING STRATEGY

The City is in the process of obtaining their Redevelopment Ready Certification with the MEDC. A Marketing/Branding strategy is a required step. The City has budgeted \$15,000 for the project and the MEDC technical assistance funds will provide a portion of the contract fee.

A motion was made by Council Member Stagliano, supported by Council Member Karki and unanimously carried to accept the proposal from CIB Consultants at a not to exceed cost of \$20,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.

ELECTRIC TRUCK PURCHASE

A motion was made by Council Member Karki, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to accept the MiDeal bid of \$34,094 which includes \$3437.40 in accessories from Berger Chevrolet with monies coming from the Electric Department Capital Outlay.

WATER/SEWER TRUCK PURCHASE

A motion was made by Council Member Ilmonen, supported by Council Member Flohe and unanimously carried to accept the MiDeal bid of \$34,491.66 which includes \$3869.66 in accessories from Berger Chevrolet with monies coming from the Water and Sewer Department Capital Outlay.

PICKUP TRUCK PLOWS

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member LaLonde and unanimously carried to purchase two snow plows and award the low bid of \$5,905.55/each to U.P. Offroad with monies coming from the Electric Capital Outlay and Water and Sewer Capital Outlay.

WATER CORRELATOR EMERGENCY PURCHASE

A motion was made by Council Member Karki, supported by Council Member LaLonde and unanimously carried to waive the bidding process due to a dire emergency and purchase the correlator from Core & Main in the amount of \$23,135 from the Water Department Capital Outlay.

LITIGATION – KIRKWOOD BUILDING

A motion was made by Council Member Stagliano, supported by Council Member Ilmonen to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with litigation against the owner of the Kirkwood Building to recoup costs to the City.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Flohe and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: December 10th Regular Minutes, Claims and Account in the amount of \$627,847.35 (#81455-81585), Revenue/ Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, Senior Center Allocation Services Agreement, Appointments to DDA, UPEA Eng Svc for Carp River Bridge, Camera Purchase.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Howard addressed the Council regarding bringing new businesses to town.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Stagliano congratulated the Miner Football Team.

Council Member Ilmonen commented on the Fire Department training and preparedness.

Council Member LaLonde commented on the great winter, no dog poop on the trails and the Library offering story time on line.

Council Member Karki commented on the Senior Center project and that it looks good.

Council Member Maino thanked Don Larson former DPW Director and congratulated him on his retirement and years of service and hopes the new Director has a good relationship with his employees.

Mayor Wallner wished everyone a Happy New Year, commended City Staff during this time, commented on the planning and projects, DDA, mild winter, DPW workers and the VFW buying a flag for the Firehall.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Heffron commented on the Senior Center project and that the old equipment was disposed of per the bid specs. He stated that he would be working with Council Member Stagliano on videos for Irontown Talk. He commented on State funding for Businesses and the joint dock project with the City of Ishpeming. He also commented on the AMI water project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Karki and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Ann Ducoli
Deputy Clerk