

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held at the Negaunee Ice Arena with the Council present at 7:00 p.m. the public had access via teleconference.

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

Members Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

\$8.4 MECA Agreement was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed as #7.5.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to comment.

AMI METER READING SYSTEM-ELECTRIC AND WATER UPDATE

Brett Niemi, WPPI was present to give a brief update on the project. In March of 2020 the Council approved both the Electric and Water AMI Projects. Brett informed the Council that the old AMR System was beyond support and this AMI system would be more reliable.

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE #606 AMENDMENT – 1ST READING

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Stagliano and unanimously carried to approve the 1st reading of the Animal Control Ordinance #606 Amendment and set a public hearing and 2nd reading for the March Regular meeting.

BOARD OF REVIEW /ASSESSING RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Council Member Maino, supported by Council Member Ilmonen and unanimously carried to approve the Allow Extension of Poverty Exemption Resolution, Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test, Protest to Board of Review in Writing Resolution.

TEAL LAKE DOCK PROJECT RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Council Member Flohe and supported by Council Member LaLonde to approve the Teal Lake Dock Resolution.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Maino, Karki, Flohe, LaLonde, Stagliano, Ilmonen and Mayor Wallner

Nays: none

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

CITY MANAGER EVALUATION

A motion was made by Council Member Ilmonen and supported by Council Member Stagliano to hire the Harding Group to perform a City Manager Evaluation with a cost of \$1,000.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Karki, Flohe, LaLonde, Stagliano, Ilmonen and Mayor Wallner

Nays: Council Member Maino

The motion passed on a 6-1- vote.

MECA AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Council Member LaLonde, supported by Council Member Maino and unanimously carried to approve the MECA Agreement.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member LaLonde, supported by Council Member Flohe and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: January 14, 2021 Regular Minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$663,277.31 (checks #81586-81726), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, Appointments to Zoning Board of Appeals.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Kangas addressed the Council regarding the animal control ordinance and the City Manager evaluation.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Maino commented on freeze ups.

Council Member Flohe commended the DPW for their snow removal.

Council Member LaLonde stated it was nice to see businesses open.

Council Member Ilmonen commented on the Negaunee Public Schools keeping the kids safe during COVID.

Mayor Wallner commented on the fishing derby, DPW and City Staff.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Heffron stated that there had been a few freeze ups and let runs. He commented on a grant for the beach expansion and FEMA Grant for firehall gear.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney O'Dea commented on the MECA Agreement and a letter that should accompany it.

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 8:16 p.m.



Ann Ducoli
Deputy Clerk