

**MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Negaunee City Council was held in person and via teleconference (for the public) on Thursday April 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Negaunee Senior Center.

Members Present: Mayor LaLonde, Council Members Flohe, Stagliano, Ilmonen, Kangas, and Smith

Members Absent: Council Member Karki

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Ilmonen, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Howard addressed the Council regarding his alley and when the work would be completed.

BOND AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION – ALLEY PROJECT

A motion was made by Council Member Stagliano and supported by Council Member Smith to approve the issuance of the 2022 Capital Improvement Bonds for the alley project.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Flohe, Stagliano, Ilmonen, Kangas, Smith and Mayor LaLonde

Nays: None

The motion passed 6-0

USDA RD RESOLUTION – SUBSTATION PROJECT

A motion was made by Council Member Flohe and supported by Council Member Kangas to authorize submittal of an application to the USDA RD for the funding of the substation.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Stagliano, Ilmonen, Kangas, Smith, Flohe and Mayor LaLonde

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

COUNCIL TERM DISCUSSION

Council held a discussion regarding have 4-year terms instead of 3 and also to have the Council vote on the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem versus have the public vote on those positions.

City Attorney O'Dea stated that they would come back to the Council with wording for the Council to decide on and if it would be placed on the ballot as a Charter Amendment.

LAND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH NEGAUNEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

A motion was made by Council Member Stagliano and supported by Council Member Ilmonen and unanimously carried to approve the land exchange agreement between the city and the Negaunee School District, allowing the City Manager and City Attorney to execute such agreement and the make any necessary procedural changes, substantive, to facilitate the execution of the agreement and allow the City Manager to negotiate as it pertains to the paving of the road.

ALLEY BIDS

A motion was made by Council Member Flohe and supported by Council Member Kangas to accept the low bid from Bacco Construction in the amount of \$462,045.90 and an additional contingency for unforeseen issues in the amount of \$82,954.10 for a total project of \$545,000 contingent on bond funding with monies coming from the alley bond \$233,000, Electric Fund \$208,000, and the WW Fund \$104,000.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Ilmonen, Kangas, Smith, Flohe, Stagliano and Mayor LaLonde

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

ELM/PRINCE ALLEY EMERGENCY SEWER PROJECT

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member Stagliano to approve the emergency fixt the Elm St/Prince alley main break by Ultra Construction in the amount of \$77,268.99 with monies coming from a drawdown of the fund balance in the Sewer Fund.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Kangas, Smith, Flohe, Stagliano, Ilmonen, and Mayor LaLonde

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

ROCK STREET RETAINING WALL

A motion was made by Council Member Stagliano and supported by Council Member Ilmonen to accept the low bid from Arrow Construction in the amount of \$68,826.95 and draw down the fund balance of the Municipal Street Millage fund by \$8,826.95.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Members Smith, Flohe, Stagliano, Ilmonen, Kangas and Mayor LaLonde

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and supported by Council Member Flohe to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: March 10th Regular Minutes, Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$550,219.48 (checks #83463-83594), Revenue/Expenditure Trial Balance Reports, Water Meter Fittings Bids, IOHTA Phase II Lighting Project Bids.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Council Member Flohe, Stagliano, Ilmonen, Kangas, Smith and Mayor LaLonde

Nays: None

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Howard addressed the Council regarding the proposed campground.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Lalonde commented on the 911 Board.

Council Member Flohe wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Council Member Stagliano commented on the new Jackson Park Playground.

Council Member Kangas commented on the new Jackson Park Playground.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Heffron commented on the Council training session, RAP Grant through the MEDC for the streetscape, Jackson Park Playground and the project list.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Kangas, supported by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8 p.m.

Ann Ducoli
Deputy Clerk