



JOINT MEETING

City Council, Planning Commission, Downtown Development Authority and Historic District Commission

August 8, 2013 – 6:15 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL

Leo Evans, Mayor
Patricia Baribeau, Mayor Pro-Tem
Ronald Beauchamp, Council Member
Walter Baker, Council Member
Marc Tall, Council Member

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Karen Lindquist, Commissioner
Monte Morrison, Commissioner
Ellie O'Donnell, Commissioner

Escanaba City Hall Council Chambers, Room C101, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 8, 2013, at 6:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation – Downtown National Register of Historic Places Report – Escanaba Central Historic District – 200 Block to 1800 Block.

Explanation: Mr. William Rutter of Barzyk, Barber and Etnyre Consulting, Engineering and Professionals will present the final report on downtown buildings for a possible nomination of eligibility for meeting the standards for registering properties into the National Register for Historic Places.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Escanaba will provide all necessary, reasonable aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon five days notice to the City of Escanaba. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Escanaba by writing or calling City Hall at (906) 786-9402.

Respectfully Submitted,

James V. O'Toole
City Manager

Excerpt of the minutes of a regular meeting of the Escanaba City Council held on August 8, 2013, at the City Hall, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, Michigan, at 6:15 p.m.

Present: Mayor Leo J. Evans, Council Members, Walter A. Baker, Patricia A. Baribeau, Ronald J. Beauchamp, and Marc D. Tall.

Absent: None

“By Council Member, seconded by Council Member:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ESCANABA SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF
PLACING THE CITY OF ESCANABA’S CENTRAL HISTORIC DISTRICT ON THE NATIONAL
REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.**

Whereas, Escanaba has acted and is committed to preserve its historic character by establishing historic districts within its boundaries; and

Whereas, in celebrating Escanaba’s 150th Anniversary, the City of Escanaba recognizes its historical heritage and architectural diversity; and

Whereas, Escanaba has also recognized the value of historic preservation as an effective tool for economic revitalization; and

Whereas, historic designation will promote the restoration and rehabilitation of the buildings of downtown Escanaba; and

Whereas, through financial incentives and funding opportunities, **historic designation** will help protect the historic integrity and qualities of these structures.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the City Council of the City of Escanaba hereby supports the application and is honored by this nomination and consideration, to place **the Escanaba Central Historic District** on the National Register of Historic Places.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes:

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Escanaba, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Escanaba City Council of the City of Escanaba, County of Delta, Michigan, at a special City Council Meeting held on Thursday, August 8, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Robert S. Richards, CMC, City Clerk

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Downtown Ludington Street Corridor may be listed on National Register

A presentation on the City of Escanaba's nomination to place portions of our Ludington Street corridor into the National Register of Historic Places, will be held August 8, 2013 at 6:15p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

The proposed nomination includes most of the Ludington Street Corridor from 3rd Street on the East end of Ludington to 19th Street on the West end of Ludington and portions of adjacent Streets and Avenues.

The National Register is the federal government's official list of properties that are deemed to be worthy of preservation because of their importance in American history and culture. National Register designation provides recognition and, most importantly, allows property owners to take advantage of Federal Historic Tax Credits to maintain and improve their buildings.

In the fall of 2011, the City of Escanaba received notice that the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) had funds available to prepare National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nominations for a small number of downtown districts over the coming year. After applying, our City was awarded a grant from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to hire a contractor to prepare the application and conduct a study. A historic architect, William Rutter, from Trout Lake was selected and he began working and documenting historic information on these buildings. Mr. Rutter has completed a final draft of the nomination and will be submitting it to SHPO for final review.

The purpose of this presentation at the August 8, 2013 public meeting is to explain the work involved with preparing the nomination and how being placed on the National Register of Historic Places can benefit our community. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will consider the nomination in September.

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**For a complete review of the
National Register of Historic
Places Report go to the City of
Escanaba website at
www.escanaba.org and hit
City News on the top right.
Then hit “National Register of
Historic Places Report”.**