

**City of Escanaba  
Town Hall Meeting  
Wednesday, April 15, 2009**

Pursuant to a special notice posted, City Administration and the Electric Advisory Committee convened at the Delta Plaza Mall Food Court at 6:00 p.m. to conduct a Town Hall Meeting to provide citizens the opportunity to ask questions and discuss issues relative to the Escanaba Power Supply issue and the May 5, 2009 referendum vote.

**Electric Advisory Members Present:**

Ron Beauchamp-Chairman

Larry Arkens

Glendon Brown

Pete Baker

Tim Wilson

**City Administration:**

Jim O'Toole-Manager

Mike Dewar-Controller

Mike Furmanski-Electrical Superintendent

Gil Cheves-Council Liaison

**Welcome by EAC Chair**

EAC Chairman, Ron Beauchamp, welcomed all in attendance to the Town Hall meeting and thanked them for coming. He introduced City Manager, Jim O'Toole.

**Overview**

O'Toole welcomed all in attendance and said he would provide an historical account of how we arrived at the point of where we are today. Points touched upon included.

- High electric costs associated with high fuel costs
- Inefficiency of our plant as compared to our competitors
- Substantial costs to the city of maintaining an old facility
- Changes in the utility industry since 1992-creation of American Transmission Company, Midwest Independent System Operator

- Current plant operator serving City a notice of termination with 1 year to work out a new agreement
- Use of Electrical Fund over the years
- Work of Electric Advisory Committee in exploring all options available for the plant
- Plant Sale or Wholesale Power Purchase Agreements


### **Public Comment & Questions**


For the next 2 hours of the Town Hall meeting, members of the public were encouraged to step forward to the mic so all in attendance could hear and speak their comment or ask questions they may have. Questions were then answered by members of the City Administration and/or Electric Advisory Committee.

The public was thanked for their concern on the matter and urged to vote on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting ended at 9:00pm

Approved:

  
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Ron Beauchamp, Chairman  
Electric Advisory Committee

  
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Mike Furmanski, Supt.  
Escanaba Electric Dept.