



CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month

Marc D. Tall, Mayor
Ronald J. Beauchamp, Mayor Pro-Tem
Patricia A. Baribeau, Council Member
Ralph B. Blasier, Council Member
Michael R. Sattem, Council Member

James V. O'Toole, City Manager
Robert S. Richards, CMC, City Clerk
Ralph B.K. Peterson, City Attorney

City Council Chambers located at: City Hall - 410 Ludington Street - Room C101 - Escanaba, MI 49829

The Council has adopted a policy to use a Consent Agenda, when appropriate. All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

Regular Meeting

Thursday, August 21, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -
APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO MINUTES -

Tammy Weissert, Clerk's Office
Regular Meeting - August 7, 2014
Special Meeting - August 13, 2014

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION
AWARD PRESENTATION(S)

Good News Award - Kim Peterson, Judy Schroeder and
Lourie Schuenke

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT
PUBLIC HEARINGS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval - New Year's Eve Firework Display - Municipal Dock.

Explanation: Administration is seeking Council approval to enter into a contract with Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. to furnish and install all labor, equipment, materials and insurance for the New Year's Eve fireworks display at the Municipal Dock in the amount of \$5,000. It is further requested Council authorize the contract amount to increase equal to community donations received for the fireworks display. Funding for this event is included in the current operating budget.

2. Discussion/Action- Collective Bargaining Agreement - Teamsters Local 406 - Public Safety Command Unit.

Explanation: Administration will request Council go into closed session to discuss a 3 year collective bargaining agreement between the City of Escanaba and Teamsters Local 406, Public Safety Command Unit.

3. Discussion/Action- Collective Bargaining Agreement - Teamsters Local 406 - Public Safety PSO/Dispatch Unit.

Explanation: Administration will request Council go into closed session to discuss a 3 year collective bargaining agreement between the City of Escanaba and Teamsters Local 406, Public Safety PSO/Dispatch Unit.

4. Update - Sale of the Power Plant - City Manager's Office.

Explanation: Administration will update the Council and public on the latest developments related to the sale of the Escanaba generating facility.

APPOINTMENTS
BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS
ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted



James V. O'Toole
City Manager

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, August 7, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Marc D. Tall at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 410 Ludington Street.

Present: Mayor Marc D. Tall, Council Members, Patricia A. Baribeau, Ronald J. Beauchamp, Ralph B. Blasier, and Michael R. Sattem

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager James V. O'Toole, City Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

Reverend Chris Johnson, of Christ the King Lutheran Church gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Beauchamp moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2014, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Baribeau moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as submitted.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing - Second Reading and Adoption – Ordinance No. 1154 – An Ordinance to Vacate a Portion of an Alley in Block 2 of the City Center Addition.

Council conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 1154, an ordinance to vacate a portion of an alley beginning at the west 140 feet of the east-west alley of Block 2 of the City Center Addition.

Stonehouse owner John Romps briefly reviewed the scope of the site plan for the new parking lot and expected timeline for construction.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Tall asked if there was any public comment.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Tall closed the public hearing.

PH-1 “By Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Sattem;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1154, an Ordinance to Vacate a Part of an Alley in Block 2 of the City Center Addition, given its public hearing at this meeting, be and is hereby adopted and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter.”

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

Ayes: Blasier, Sattem, Beauchamp, Baribeau, Tall
Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Herewith Ordinance No. 1154 adopted by title:

“AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PART OF AN ALLEY IN BLOCK 2 OF THE CITY CENTER ADDITION”

Full text in Ordinance Record “K”.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Action- Collective Bargaining Agreement – Teamsters Local 406 – Clerical and Maintenance Group.

Discussion/Action- Collective Bargaining Agreement – Teamsters Local 406 – Water/Wastewater Group.

Administration requested Council go into closed session to discuss 3 year collective bargaining agreements between the City of Escanaba and Teamsters Local 406, Clerical and Maintenance Group, and Teamsters Local 406, Water/WasteWater Group.

Baribeau moved, Beauchamp seconded, to go into closed session to discuss a 3 year collective bargaining agreements between the City of Escanaba Teamsters Local 406, Clerical and Maintenance Group, and Teamsters Local 406, Water/WasteWater Group.

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

Ayes: Baribeau, Beauchamp, Sattem, Blasier, Tall
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The time was 7:08 p.m.

Council came back into open session at 7:25 p.m.

NB-1 Blasier moved, Baribeau seconded, to approve a 3 year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Local 406 – Clerical and Maintenance Group.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Baribeau, Sattem, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion/Action- Collective Bargaining Agreement – Teamsters Local 406 – Water/Wastewater Group.

Sattem moved, Blasier seconded, to approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Local 406 – Water/Wastewater Group.

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

Ayes: Sattem, Blasier, Baribeau, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Update – Sale of the Power Plant – City Manager’s Office.

Manager O’Toole updated the Council and public on the latest developments related to the sale of the Escanaba generating facility. He advised both the escrow agent and HSBC, working with Escanaba Green Energy, (EGE), which was the bank that held the escrowed funds, have verbally confirmed to Corban that funds were in the escrow account. HSBC has verbally given Corbin a schedule for funding. For its legal protection, Corban was waiting for written confirmation of this from HSBC and then will provide this information to EGE.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Mayor Tall, with Council consensus, appointed Holly Thomma to the Loan Administration Board, term ending June 2016.

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Members reviewed City Board and Commission meetings each attended since the last City Council Meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commented on the progress of the animal shelter and their successful adoption rate;
- Escanaba Junior Girls were congratulated on a successful season. They claimed the State Championship, and came in second place in the regionals;
- Today was National Rootbeer Float and Pale Ale Day;
- Marina Fest Saturday, August 9, 2014;
- Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. , Gov. Rick Snyder will be signing the bill that amended Act 275 the Next Michigan Development Act which now allows for a zone in the U.P.;
- Manager was thanked for another Rock the Dock successful event.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
ELECTRICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Special Joint Meeting
Wednesday, August 13, 2014

Pursuit to a meeting notice posted August 8, 2014, the meeting was called to order by the Mayor Marc D. Tall at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 410 Ludington Street.

Present: Mayor Marc D. Tall, Council Members, Patricia A. Baribeau, Ronald J. Beauchamp, Ralph B. Blasier, and Michael R. Sattem.

Absent: None

Present: Electrical Advisory Committee (EAC) Members: Ann Bissell (arrived at 6:02 p.m.), and Glendon Brown.

Absent: John Anthony, Larry Arkens, Tim Wilson, Two vacancies, and Power Plant Liaison.

Also Present: City Manager James V. O'Toole, Electric Superintendent Mike Furmanski, Jack Scott of Pro Energy Services, Inc., Charles DeTiege of Escanaba Green Energy (EGE), members of the public.

Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda as submitted.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None

NEW BUSINESS

Update - Electric Department –General Operations.

Electrical Superintendent Mike Furmanski updated the City Council and Electrical Advisory Committee on the current departmental activities.

- Crews busy changing out poles;
- Pole Bid out right now, due September 2, 2014.

Update– Operation and Maintenance of Power Plant – Pro Energy Services, Inc.

Jack Scott, Pro Energy Services, Inc. updated the City Council, Electrical Advisory Committee and Citizens of Escanaba on the status of the July operation and maintenance of the power plant.

- No accidents or injuries were reported;
- Reviewed dates and hours Power Plant Units ran;

- Routine maintenance and equipment replacements occurred throughout the month on Units 1 & 2. Reported minor repairs with the Combustion Turbine, and the CT water injection system was repaired and back in service;
- No Air Monitoring deviations during the month;
- No NPDES violations during the month.

Discussion – U.S.A. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Ruling (FERC).

Electric Superintendent Mike Furmanski updated the City Council and Electrical Advisory Committee on the recent FERC Ruling pertaining to settlement procedures that could impact the City of Escanaba's System Reliability Order (SSR) and future electrical utility rates.

Update – Power Plant Purchase Agreement/Sale.

Manager O'Toole updated Council and the Electrical Advisory Committee on the sale of the Power Plant. Mr. O'Toole advised during a conference call that took place, Corban advised they will be closing on the loan with HSBC on Friday in London. The reason for the delay of funding in past eight weeks was due to banking language.

Electric Superintendent Mike Furmanski advised if the Power Plant does not sell, they need to start making some decisions on whether to ask MISO for an extension or retirement.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE, STAFF REPORTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further public comment, or further reports from the Electrical Advisory Committee or Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Weissert
City Deputy Clerk

Approved: _____

Marc D. Tall, Mayor

Good News Award



This Certificate of Special Recognition is presented to

Kim Peterson

in grateful appreciation for your help and dedication with planning and organizing the Rock the Dock Series and promoting the community with outstanding public service efforts. The people of this City are forever grateful.

Conferred this day, August 21, 2014, on behalf of the City Council, Escanaba, Michigan.

BY: _____

Marc D. Tall, Mayor

Good News Award



This Certificate of Special Recognition is presented to

Judy Schroeder

in grateful appreciation for your help and dedication with planning and organizing the Rock the Dock Series and promoting the community with outstanding public service efforts. The people of this City are forever grateful.

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BY: _____

Marc D. Tall, Mayor

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BY: _____

Marc D. Tall, Mayor

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MEMORANDUM

August 12, 2014

TO: Jim O'Toole, City Manager
Robert Richards, City Clerk

FROM: Thomas Penegor, Recreation Director

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda of Thursday, August 21, 2014

**APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE LABOR, EQUIPMENT,
MATERIALS AND INSURANCE FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS
DISPLAY AT THE MUNICIPAL DOCK**

Administration is seeking council approval to retain Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. to furnish and supply all labor, equipment, materials and insurance for a New Year's Eve fireworks display at the Municipal Dock in the amount of \$5,000. Funding for this event was approved in the 2014-15 budget. Council approval is recommended.

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFO TO
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