

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, May 3, 2012**

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

Present: Mayor Leo J. Evans, Council Members, Walter A. "Pete" Baker, Patricia A. Baribeau, Ronald J. Beauchamp, and Brady L. Nelson.

Absent: None

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

Pastor Margery Host of the First United Methodist Church gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nelson moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Special Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2012, and April 18, 2012, and Regular Meeting Minutes from April 19, 2012, as submitted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Beauchamp moved, Baker 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 - Proposed 2012-13 Fiscal Year Budget and Setting the Final Public Hearing and Adoption for May 17, 2012.**

Each year, City Council holds public hearings to facilitate input from the citizens for the City's next fiscal year budget. The Council has held three budget public hearings and two scheduled budget work sessions to set a proposed 2012-13 Fiscal Year Budget. At the May 17, 2012, Council Meeting, Council will conduct its final public hearing and approval of the 2012-13 City Budget.

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

Hearing no further public comment, Mayor Evans closed the public hearing.

**PH-1** Nelson moved, Baker seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to set May 17, 2012, as the final public hearing and approval of the 2012-13 City Fiscal Year Budget.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval – Water/Wastewater Plant Chemicals – Water/Wastewater Department.**

Administration sought Council approval to purchase water and wastewater chemicals for routine plant operations from the listed suppliers based upon the unit costs as stated:

- a. **Wausau Chemical Corporation, Wausau, WI. Award of a bid to furnish approximately 35,000 pounds of hydrofluosilicic acid for use in drinking water treatment in the amount of \$45.80/CWT 2750 lb. tote.**
- b. **General Chemical Performance Products, LLC, Parsippany, NY. Award of a bid to furnish approximately 100 net tons of aluminum sulfate liquid in the amount of \$468 per dry ton.**
- c. **Univar, Bedford Park, IL. Award of a bid to furnish approximately 95 net tons of soda ash in 50 pound bags for use in drinking water treatment in the amount of \$20.45/CWT 50 lb. bags.**
- d. **Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., Lawrence, KS. Award of a bid to furnish approximately 50 tons of dry weight ferric chloride in the amount of \$550.00 per dry ton.**
- e. **Hydrite Chemical Co., Oshkosh, WI. Award of a bid to furnish approximately 10 tons of liquid chlorine in the amount of \$58.50 per cwt ton cylinders and \$80.00 per cwt 150 lb. cylinders.**
- f. **M.L. Ball Company, Inc., Norcross, GA. Award of a bid to furnish powdered activated carbon in the amount of \$.795 per lb. bagged.**

**NB-1(a-f)** By Council Member Baker, seconded by Council Member Nelson, that the consent agenda items be approved as proposed in the unit prices as stated.

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

Ayes: Baker, Nelson, Beauchamp, Baribeau, Evans  
Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval – Limited English Proficiency Plan – Michigan Department of Transportation.**

Administration sought Council approval of a “Limited English Proficiency Plan” in order to receive Federal-Financial Assistance for State funded road projects. The “Limited English Proficiency Plan” will provide persons with limited English proficiency services that are in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

**NB-2** Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve of a “Limited English Proficiency Plan” in order to receive Federal-Financial Assistance for State funded road projects. The “Limited English Proficiency Plan” will provide persons with limited English proficiency services that are in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

**Approval – Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan – Michigan Department of Transportation.**

Administration sought Council approval of a “Title VI Non-Discriminating Plan” in order to receive Federal-Financial Assistance for State funded road projects. The “Title VI Non-Discriminating Plan” would ensure that the fundamental principles of equal opportunity were upheld in all decisions involving employees, contractors and consultants, and ensuring that the residents of Escanaba are afforded access to programs and services.

**NB-3** Nelson moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve of a “Title VI Non-Discriminating Plan” in order to receive Federal-Financial Assistance for State funded road projects. The “Title VI Non-Discriminating Plan” would ensure that the fundamental principles of equal opportunity were upheld in all decisions involving employees, contractors and consultants, and ensuring that the residents of Escanaba are afforded access to programs and services.

**Approval – Centerline/Edge Line Painting Bid – Department of Public Works.**

Administration sought Council approval of a combined bidding effort with the Delta County Road Commission on a three (3) year centerline/edge line painting bid. On March 22, 2012, bids were accepted and opened by the Delta County Road Commission. After review of the bids, Administration recommended approval of a three (3) year contract with JCS, Inc. of Baraga, Michigan, for the unit prices as listed.

**NB-4** Nelson moved, Baker seconded, to approve of a three (3) year contract with JCS, Inc. of Baraga, Michigan, for a combined bidding effort with the Delta County Road Commission on a three (3) year centerline/edge line painting bid, based in the unit prices as submitted.

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

Ayes: Nelson, Baker, Beauchamp, Baribeau, Evans

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval – Community Foundation for Delta County Grant(s).**

Administration sought Council approval and acceptance of a grant from the Community Foundation for Delta County in the amount of \$2,000. Proceeds from the grant will be used to purchase a “MedReturn” drug collection unit and \$1,100 towards the purchase of a new narcotic detection and tracking canine.

**NB-5** Beauchamp moved, Nelson seconded, to approve and accept a grant from the Community Foundation for Delta County in the amount of \$2,000. Proceeds from the grant will be used to purchase a “MedReturn” drug collection unit and \$1,100 towards the purchase of a new narcotic detection and tracking canine.

**Update – Power Generation/Plant Operation Options – City Administration.**

Administration updated the City Council and public on initiatives taken, to date, to sell the Escanaba Generation Facility. Further information would be brought up regarding the Asset Purchase Agreement, and Electrical rates at the May 9<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting of Council and the Electrical Advisory Committee.

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

Mayor Evans, with Council consensus, appointed Ralph B. Blasier to the Board of Appeals, term ending 2013.

**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**

- Harbor Tower Open House was scheduled for Wednesday May 9, 2012;
- Council Members congratulated the Svilands on their Lofts of Ludington Historic Preservation award;
- Shot Gun tournament at the Great Lakes Rod and Gun Club;
- Encouraged Members of the public to go out and support Kingsford National Guard deployment as they pass through the community tomorrow morning;

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- June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> was scheduled for the City-wide Rummage Sale, and on June 10<sup>th</sup> was Trash to Treasure Day.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC  
City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Leo J. Evans, Mayor