

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, April 19, 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, City Assistant Attorney Russell Hall, City Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

Pastor Scott White of the First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On behalf of Council, Mayor Evans read the following resolution into the minutes:

**Resolution of Remembrance  
Arthur and Lois Mae Anderson  
April 19, 2012**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Escanaba was saddened by the passing of Arthur Anderson on March 30<sup>th</sup>, and Lois Mae Anderson on Easter Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, Arthur and Lois were born and raised in Escanaba, and were married on July 20, 1957; and

**WHEREAS**, Arthur followed in his father's footsteps and received a degree as a Licensed Funeral Director. Lois assisted Arthur in the funeral business at Anderson Funeral Home for decades, and later founded Holiday Travel; and

**WHEREAS**, Together, Lois and Arthur were community leaders, role models, and touched many souls.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Escanaba City Council, and community, wishes to extend their heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the Anderson family.

Baker moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from April 5, 2012, and Special Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2012, and April 10, 2012, as submitted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

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Nelson moved, Beauchamp 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** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution - 2012-13 Fiscal Year Budget**

Administration requested Council pass a resolution which will set May 3, 2012, as the fourth public hearing on the 2012-2013 City Budget.

**NB-1** By Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Baker, to set May 3, 2012, as the fourth public hearing on the 2012-2013 City Budget.

The vote was as follows:

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval – Resolution of Support - Escanaba Migratory Bird Enhancement Initiative (EMBEI).**

Administration sought Council approval of a resolution to submit a grant proposal for the Escanaba Migratory Bird Enhancement Initiative through the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation. The purpose of the grant was to increase the available habitat for migratory birds in City parks and the State wildlife management area by planting native trees, shrubs, and forbes, and by removing non-native invasive species from the existing vegetation.

Mr. Joe Kaplan reviewed the conservation initiative, its components, and the following with Council;

- Grant would not prohibit or exclude members of the public to areas of the park;
- Grant would be targeting removing non-native evasive species, and provide habitat for migratory birds;
- Goal was also to encourage tourism;
- As the grant match, most would be in-kind service.

After further discussion, Council approved the following resolution:

**NB-2** “By Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Baribeau;

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT  
OF THE ESCANABA MIGRATORY BIRD ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVE  
AND  
APPLICATION FOR A SUSTAIN OUR GREAT LAKES COMMUNITY GRANTS  
PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Escanaba City Council has reviewed the *Escanaba Migratory Bird Enhancement Initiative (EMBEI)* which recognizes the importance of City parks and lakeshore as important stopover and nesting habitat for migratory birds on Little Bay de Noc; and

**WHEREAS**, the Escanaba City Council is committed to the conservation and enhancement of city-owned properties to the benefit of migratory birds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Escanaba City Council supports the goals of the EMBEI to enhance habitat for migratory birds through the propagation and planting of native species and the control of invasive species that threatened the integrity of our waterfront resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Escanaba City Council allocated \$3000 from its General Operating Budget to promote the work of the EMBEI; and

**WHEREAS**, the Escanaba City Council recognizes the benefit of the EMBEI to increase public awareness and enjoyment of birds and provide expanded opportunities for community involvement in their protection and conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the EMBEI has broad community support from community members and organizations such as Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Bay de Noc Community College, Wildlife Unlimited of Delta County, Esky150.org, Wild Ones, Bay de Noc Naturalists, Wild Turkey Federation, Vande Water Natural Resource Services, and Common Coast Research & Conservation.

**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** that the Escanaba City Council hereby supports the EMBEI's community patterns to apply for a Community Grant through the Sustain Our Great Lakes Initiative to be administered by Common Coast Research & Conservation, a non-profit organization dedicated to the study and protection of Great Lakes migratory birds and the waters and lands upon which they depend.

The vote was as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

**Approval – Use of Public Space – Krusin Klassics Car Club.**

The Krusin Klassics Car Club sought Council approval to use Ludington Park and Ludington Street on June 1, 2012, for their annual Krusin Klassics Fun Run. Administration recommended Council approval of this annual event.

**NB-3** Nelson moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve to use Ludington Park and Ludington Street on June 1, 2012, for their annual Krusin Klassics Fun Run, contingent upon approval of required insurance and cleanup after the event.

**Update – Power Generation/Plant Operation Options/Power Purchase – Electric Department.**

Administration updated the City Council and public on the status of the sale of the Power Plant. Review and editing of the legal documents was progressing positively.

**APPOINTMENT(S) TO CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES - None**

**BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council Members reviewed City Board and Commission meetings each attended since the last City Council Meeting. City staff was congratulated for all their work during the Budget process.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

City resident Scott Carlson thanked members of the public for supporting Lake State Industry projects.

Ken Buchholtz, Director of the Local National Wild Turkey Association, commended Council for their support of the Escanaba Migratory Bird Enhancement Initiative through the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Encouraged members of the public to contact their State Representatives to stop and review the elimination of the Personal Property Tax;
- Skerbick Carnival at the Holy Name School April 18 – 21, 2012.

Mayor Evans proclaimed April 27, 2012, as Arbor Day, and May 1 – May 7, 2012, as Youth Week.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC  
City Clerk

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