

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Special Council Meeting  
Monday, June 4, 2012**

Pursuit to a special meeting notice posted May 30, 2012, the meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Leo J. Evans at 8:00 a.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, and Department Heads.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Nelson moved, Baker seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda as submitted.

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

Escanaba City Charter required the Council to pass electric, wastewater, water and solid waste utility rate ordinances on the first Monday of June. For the upcoming fiscal year 2012-13, electric rates as provided by the recently completed PSE Rate Study were being recommended, a 6 percent rate increase in the water was being recommended and no rate increases was recommended for wastewater and solid waste.

**Second reading, Public Hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1125, the Electric Rate Ordinance.**

Annually, the City Council set electric utility rates for the next fiscal year. Administration recommended approval of the electric rates as provided by the recently completed PSE Rate Study. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1125.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Evans asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Electric Rate Ordinance No. 1125.

No comments were heard.

PH-1 "By Council Member Baker, seconded by Council Member Nelson;

**Resolved,** That Ordinance No. 1125, the Electric Rate Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter."

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

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

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Herewith Ordinance No. 1125, adopted by title:

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR ELECTRIC ENERGY DEMAND AND AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE, TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED AFTER JUNE 30, 2012, AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE COUNCIL.**

Full text in Ordinance Record "K."

**Second reading, Public Hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1126, the Wastewater Rate Ordinance.**

Annually, the City Council set wastewater utility rates for the next fiscal year. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1126.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Evans asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Wastewater Rate Ordinance No. 1126.

No comments were heard.

**PH-2** "By Council Member Baribeau, seconded by Council Member Baker;

**Resolved,** That Ordinance No. 1126, the Wastewater Rate Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter."

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

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

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Herewith Ordinance No. 1126, adopted by title:

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE CHARGES TO BE ASSESSED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT AND THE AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED AFTER JUNE 30, 2012, AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

Full text in Ordinance Record “K.”

**Second reading, Public Hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1127, the Water Rate Ordinance.**

Annually, the City Council set water utility rates for the next fiscal year. Administration recommended a 6 percent increase in water rates. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1127.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Evans asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Water Rate Ordinance No. 1127.

No comments were heard.

**PH-3** “By Council Member Beauchamp, seconded by Council Member Nelson;

**Resolved,** That Ordinance No. 1127, the Water Rate Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter.”

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

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

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Herewith Ordinance No. 1127, adopted by title:

**THE ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION, TREATMENT, AND AVAILABILITY TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED AFTER JUNE 30, 2012, AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE COUNCIL.**

Full text in Ordinance Record “K.”

**Second reading, Public Hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1128, the Solid Waste, Recycling, Yard Waste and Littering Ordinance.**

Annually, the City Council set solid waste rates for the next fiscal year. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1128.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Evans asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Solid Waste, Recycling, Yard Waste and Littering Ordinance No. 1128.

No comments were heard.

**PH-4** “By Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Beauchamp;

**Resolved,** That Ordinance No. 1128, the Solid Waste, Recycling, Yard Waste and Littering Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter.”

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

Ayes: Nelson, Beauchamp, Baker, Baribeau, Evans

Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Herewith Ordinance No. 1128, adopted by title:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, FIXING THE CHARGES TO BE ASSESSED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING, YARD WASTE AND LITTERING, TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED AFTER JUNE 30, 2012 AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ESCANABA**

Full text in Ordinance Record “K.”

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

Hearing no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

City Council Minutes  
June 4, 2012 – continued

Robert S. Richards, CMC  
City Clerk

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