

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, June 7, 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.

Reverend Scott Harmon of the Central United Methodist Church gave the invocation and Clerk Richards led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nelson moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2012, Special Meeting Minutes from May 24, 2012, and June 4, 2012, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

Public Hearing - Notice of Street Improvement – South 21st Street between 10th Avenue South and 12th Avenue South.

The City of Escanaba received a property owner petition for the construction of a 24 foot wide chip-seal paved street without curbing and gutter for South 21st Street between 10th Avenue South and 12th Avenue South. As part of the special assessment process, the City of Escanaba was required to conduct a Public Hearing so that citizen comments and objections to proposed improvements can be heard. After the Public Hearing, Administration recommended the Council schedule a Public Hearing date for June 21, 2012, on the proposed special assessments.

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 Beauchamp moved, Nelson seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to set a Public Hearing date for June 21, 2012, to hear objections on the proposed special assessments.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – Accepting an Offer of Donation– Funding for Seasonal Employee.

Administration sought Council approval of an anonymous financial donation of \$3,823.73 which will be used to hire one (1) seasonal laborer for the Department of Public Works.

NB-1 After discussion, Nelson moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to graciously approve an anonymous financial donation of \$3,823.73 which would be used to hire one (1) seasonal laborer for the Department of Public Works.

Approval – Professional Service – Anderson, Tackman and Company - Audits.

Administration sought Council approval to enter into a three (3) year professional service agreement with Anderson, Tackman and Company, of Escanaba, MI, in an amount not to exceed \$94,500 to perform the state mandated audits of all City accounts through 2013/14.

NB-2 Baribeau moved, Nelson seconded, to approve to enter into a three (3) year professional service agreement with Anderson, Tackman and Company, of Escanaba, MI, in an amount not to exceed \$94,500 to perform the state mandated audits of all City accounts through 2013/14.

Upon a Call of the Roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Baribeau, Nelson, Baker, Beauchamp, Evans

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

First Reading and Setting of Public Hearing Date - Ordinance No. 1129 – Amendment to the Ordinance to Regulate Licensing of Peddlers, Solicitors and Canvassers.

Administration requested Council set June 21, 2012, for the second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1129 which would amend Chapter 20,

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Article IV, Sections 20-110 and Section 20-112(9) of the City's Peddler's License, by allowing Ice Cream Trucks to operate between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

NB-3 Beauchamp moved, Nelson seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to set June 21, 2012, for the second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1129 which would amend Chapter 20, Article IV, Sections 20-110 and Section 20-112(9) of the City's Peddler's License, by allowing Ice Cream Trucks to operate between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

Manager O'Toole updated the City Council and public on the sale of the Power Plant and MISO Attachment Y-1 filing. Manager O'Toole briefly reviewed MISO Attachment Y-1 filing, the Council's approval to extend the Exclusivity agreement with Escanaba Green Energy LLC to June 30, 2012, provided the City of Escanaba receives an extension of the letter of credit for \$200,000 also to June 30, 2012.

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.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annual Library Ice Cream Social was scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, 2012;
- City Annual Garage Sale was scheduled for this Friday and Saturday, June 8th and 9th;
- City Annual Trash to Treasure was scheduled for Sunday, June 10, 2012.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Leo J. Evans, Mayor