

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, July 5, 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 Attorney Ralph B.K. Peterson, 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.

Nelson moved, Baker seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from June 21, 2012, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Baribeau 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

Approval – Accepting an Offer of Donation – Funding for Catherine Bonifas Civic Center Upgrades – John and Patt Besse.

Administration sought Council acceptance of a financial gift in the amount of \$150,000 from John and Patt Besse, which would be used to upgrade the bathroom/locker room facilities at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center.

Recreation Director Tom Penegor briefly reviewed the proposed changes specifically to restrooms and locker rooms.

NB-1 Nelson moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to graciously

accept a financial gift in the amount of \$150,000 from John and Patt Besse, which will be used to upgrade the bathroom/locker room facilities at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center.

Approval- Street Closure/Street Usage Request – Sidewalk Daze- Ludington Street – 900-1300 Blocks - Escanaba Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

The Escanaba DDA, in partnership with the Escanaba Downtown Business Partners in Business, submitted a request to block off the 900-1300 blocks of Ludington Street on Friday, July 27, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the annual Sidewalk Daze event. They further requested a performance from the City Band during the afternoon of the event. Administration recommended approval with the following conditions: 1) the event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event and 2) the event sponsors pay for any overtime labor that may be incurred.

DDA Director Judy Schroeder and Escanaba Downtown Business Partners in Business Secretary Susan Parker provided a brief synopsis of the days events.

NB-2 Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from The Escanaba Downtown Development Authority, in partnership with the Escanaba Downtown Business Partners in Business, to block off the 900-1300 blocks of Ludington Street on Friday, July 27, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the annual Sidewalk Daze event with a performance from the City Band during the afternoon of the event with the following conditions: 1) the event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event and 2) the event sponsors pay for any overtime labor that may be incurred.

Approval – Centrex Contract Renewal – Telephone System.

Administration sought Council approval to renew the AT&T Centrex Contract.

NB-3 Baker moved, Nelson seconded, to approve to renew the AT&T Centrex Contract.

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

Ayes: Baker, Nelson, Beauchamp, Baribeau, Evans

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval – Use of Public Space – Street Closure – North 18th Street between 12th and 13th Avenue North.

Christ the King Lutheran Church sought approval of a partial street closure on

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September 9, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a Sunday School Rally.

NB-4 Nelson moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from Christ the King Lutheran Church of a partial street closure on September 9, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a Sunday School Rally.

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. The draft Asset Purchase Agreement would be available for review on July 11th by Council and Electrical Advisory Committee.

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

- Proclamation: NewPage Corporation – Celebrating 100 Years of Pulp Production in Escanaba Day – July 9, 2012;
- Council Members encouraged members of the public to go down and enjoy the fireworks this evening.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Leo J. Evans, Mayor