

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, August 16, 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.

City Clerk Robert S. Richards gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Baker moved, Nelson seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from August 2, 2012, and Special Meeting Minutes from August 8, 2012, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Council Member Baribeau asked to hear a brief presentation of the Esky 150, and Council Member Beauchamp asked to speak to the proposed 2013 Council Meeting Schedule.

Nelson moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as amended.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION - None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction – K9 Unit Member – Introduction/Swearing In.

"Dag" the Department of Public Safety's newest law enforcement member was sworn into service by Mayor Evans. Public Safety Officer David Johnson, a 10 year veteran of the department, was Dag's dog handler. Dag was a 2 year old Belgian Malinois and had been trained in drug detection, police patrol and search and rescue.

Sargent Tim Moore reviewed and explained the purpose of the City Drug and Bomb dogs. Public Safety Director Vanderlinden thanked all the members of the community and individuals who helped with the purchase of Dag.

Approval – Street/Alley Closure – Bay de Noc Brewer’s Homebrew Club/United Way of Delta County – Uptoberfest.

The Bay de Noc Brewer’s Homebrew Club, in conjunction with the United Way of Delta County, sought Council approval to close 1st Avenue North between North 6th Street and North 7th Street and the alley between North 6th Street and North 7th Street on October 13, 2012, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the United Way of Delta County Uptoberfest. Administration recommended approval provided the necessary insurance was filed with the City and organizational volunteers provide event clean-up.

NB-2 Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from The Bay de Noc Brewer’s Homebrew Club, in conjunction with the United Way of Delta County, to close 1st Avenue North between North 6th Street and North 7th Street and the alley between North 6th Street and North 7th Street on October 13, 2012, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the United Way of Delta County Uptoberfest, provided the necessary insurance is filed with the City and organizational volunteers provide event clean-up.

Approval – Request by Marquette Care Clinic to Reserve Ludington Park Pavilion.

Ms. Audra Brown of the Marquette Care Clinic (Pregnancy Crisis Center) sought Council approval to use Ludington Park Pavilion on Saturday, September 29, 2012 from 9:00am-2:00pm for a leisure run/walk fundraiser. Administration recommended approval provided the necessary insurance was filed with the City and organizational volunteers provide event clean-up.

NB-3 Nelson moved, Baker seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from Ms. Audra Brown of the Marquette Care Clinic (Pregnancy Crisis Center) to use Ludington Park Pavilion on Saturday, September 29, 2012 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm for a leisure run/walk fundraiser, provided the necessary insurance was filed with the City and organizational volunteers provide event clean-up.

Update – Power Plant Asset Purchase Agreement – City Administration.

Manager O’Toole provided an update on the Power Plant Asset Purchase Agreement with Escanaba Green Energy, LLC of Escanaba, Michigan. Escrow agreement was expected by the end of the month and the City had taken \$200,000 from the letter of credit.

Update – Escanaba Sesquicentennial

Kay Johnson of the Esky 150 Committee provided an update on the progression of the planning of the festive event. As of this date the following would be taking place:

- July 5, 2013 – 7PM Parade/Concert in Park;
- July 6, 2013 – Patriotic and Family Day;
- July 7, 2013 – Lumberjack Shows/ Concerts;
- July 8, 2013 – Water Ski Shows/Sidewalk Days;
- July 9, 2013 – Business Industry Days;
- July 10, 2013 – Health and Fitness Days;
- July 11, 2013 - Native American Days;
- July 12, 2013 – Maritime Festival and Concerts;
- July 13, 2013 – Maritime Festival and Fireworks.

Update – Council 2013 Meeting Schedule

Council Member Beauchamp briefly discussed the Council 2013 Meeting Schedule. Further information would be presented and discussed at the August 23, 2012, Work Session.

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

Mayor Evans, with Council consensus, appointed Kelvin Smyth to the City Planning Commission, term ending June 1, 2015.

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

- Girls Softball 13-14 year old baseball team were congratulated for extending their season to the World Series;
- Encouraged everyone to attend and enjoy the fair.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Leo J. Evans, Mayor