OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 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.

Nelson moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from November 1, 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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – Patrol Car Purchases – Department of Public Safety.

Administration sought Council approval to purchase a 2013 Chevrolet Impala for $21,350 and a 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe for $29,200 from Riverside Chevrolet of Escanaba, MI. Funds were budgeted in the current operating budget.

NB-1 Nelson moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to purchase a 2013 Chevrolet Impala for $21,350 and a 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe for $29,200 from Riverside Chevrolet of Escanaba, MI.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval – Service Agreement - Delta County EDA.

The Delta County Economic Development Alliance sought Council approval for the release of funds in the amount of $16,950. With the funding, the EDA promotes economic development in the City of Escanaba and Delta County. Funds for this request were budgeted in the current operating budget.

Vicky Schwab, EDA Director, made a brief summary presentation on economic development in Delta County over the past year, and EDA Chair Tom Butch thanked Council for all their support.

Council Member Nelson asked the EDA to also look at the following over the next year:

- Land use focus on non-Brownfield eligible properties;
- North Shore properties;
- Venture Capital to help develop properties;
- Economic feasibility;
- Job Creation;
- Participate in regional development opportunities;
- Promote historic development projects;
- Utility Infrastructure;
- Train work force.

Laura Coleman, President of Bay de Noc Community College and EDA Board Member, briefly reviewed training programs offered at Bay College.

NB-2 After discussion, Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, to approve a Service Agreement with the Delta County EDA, and further approved a release of funds for the EDA in the amount of $16,950. With the funding, the EDA would promote economic development in the City of Escanaba and Delta County.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval - Acceptance of a Gift – Escanaba Public Library.

The Escanaba Public Library requested Council accept a financial donation in the amount of $4,800 - $5,000 from the E. James Gordon Family Trust to be used to purchase books.

Carolyn Stacey briefly reviewed the donation and stated that the plan was to use the E. James Gordon Family funds for the Library Consumer Health Collection.

NB-3 **Resolved** by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Baker, to graciously accept a financial donation in the amount of $4,800 - $5,000 from the E. James Gordon Family Trust, and to direct the investment manager to distribute the assets in cash to the City of Escanaba for deposit in the Library Fund, and;

Be It Further Resolved to authorize the City Clerk to sign the Direction to Distribute/Transfer Assets as the corporate signatory.

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

RESOLUTION DECALRED ADOPTED.

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 related items. He advised the City received information stating Escanaba Green Energy was continuing to review final legal paperwork and securing funds. They would be at the Joint meeting of Council and Electrical Advisory Committee next week.

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

- Trailer Ordinance Subcommittee meeting November 27, 2012;
- Wished Hunters a Safe Deer Hunting Season;
- Wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Leo J. Evans, Mayor