

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, June 20, 2013**

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, and Ronald J. Beauchamp.

Absent: One vacancy

Also Present: City Manager James V. O'Toole, City Attorney Ralph B.K. Peterson, City Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

Pastor Jacob Comer of the New Life Assembly of God Church gave the invocation and led Council in the pledge of allegiance.

Beauchamp moved, Baker seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Special Meeting Minutes from June 3, 2013, Regular Meeting Minutes from June 6, 2013, and Special Meeting Minutes from June 12, 2013, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Council Member Beauchamp asked to briefly discuss the Council vacancy.

Mayor Evans asked to add a waiver on the time when alcohol could be sold during the Esky 150 Celebration in Ludington Park.

Baker 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

Approval – Ordinance No. 1140 - Appropriations Ordinance Amendment.

Administration requested Council amend the current Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, in order to balance out over and under expenditures within various departmental budgets for the 2012-13 fiscal year. This action was mandated by State law and adjusts budget accounts to help ensure that no individual line items were overrun.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Evans asked if there was any public comment.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Evans closed the public hearing.

City Controller Mike Dewar briefly reviewed State law requirements regarding City Appropriations. Mr. Dewar also reviewed accounts which needed amending.

PH-1 "By Council Member Beauchamp, seconded by Council Member Baribeau;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1140, the Appropriations Ordinance Amendment, given its public hearing at this meeting, be and is hereby adopted and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter."

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

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Herewith Ordinance No. 1140 adopted by title:

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1123 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND CORRESPONDING REVENUES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013."

Full text in Ordinance Record "K".

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – Request to reserve the Ludington Park Band Shell for the Annual Escanaba Lighthouse 5K Run/Walk.

Mary Feuerbach requested use of the Ludington Park Band Shell on Saturday, July 13, 2013 from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Annual Escanaba Lighthouse 5K Run/Walk. Organizers have agreed to provide a certificate of Liability insurance and to clean up following the conclusion of the event. Council approval was recommended.

NB-1 Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from Mary Feuerbach to use the Ludington Park Band Shell on Saturday, July 13, 2013 from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Annual Escanaba Lighthouse 5K Run/Walk provided a certificate of liability insurance was provided and organizers agreed to clean up following the conclusion of the event.

1.5% Approval of Tentative Agreement for Wage Increases.

Administration negotiated tentative agreements which provided 1.5% wage increases, effective 7/1/2013, to members of the IBEW Local 979 bargaining unit, and Teamsters Local 406 Command and PSO/Dispatch bargaining units. Administration recommended that Council ratify these tentative agreements.

NB-2 After discussion, Baribeau moved, Baker seconded, to approve negotiated tentative agreements which provide 1.5% wage increases, effective 7/1/2013, to members of the IBEW Local 979 bargaining unit, and Teamsters Local 406 Command and PSO/Dispatch bargaining units.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Manager O'Toole updated the City Council and public on the sale of the power plant. Manager O'Toole advised with Council consensus, the regular Joint meeting of Council and the Electrical Advisory Committee would be changing their regular meeting to July 17, 2013, so as not to conflict with the Esky 150 Celebration.

City Council Vacancy

Council Members briefly discussed Council Member Nelson's vacant position and suggested not to follow the same interview route as used for prior Council vacancies due to the short length of the appointment. A special Council Meeting was scheduled for June 24th, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. Interested individuals were asked to contact the City Clerk's Office for further information on the vacancy and election requirement.

Waiver of Alcohol Policy in Ludington Park

Mayor Evans asked for a one time waiver of the City Sale of Alcohol Policy from Noon to 8:30p.m. to Noon to 11:00 p.m. for the Escanaba Sesquicentennial.

After discussion, Baribeau moved, Baker seconded, to approve a one time waiver of the City Policy regarding the sale of alcohol in Ludington Park for the Esky 150 Celebration on July 5th & 6th, and allowed the sale of alcohol from 12:00 – 11:00 p.m.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES – None

Mayor Evans, with Council consensus, appointed Dennis Renken to the Board of Appeals, term ending June 2016.

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:** Historical Dedication of the New Museum;
- The next regular Council meeting was rescheduled from July 4th to July 3rd;
- Council Members expressed their sincere condolences to the Brady Nelson Family.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Leo J. Evans, Mayor