

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, January 17, 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, 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.

Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from January 3, 2013, as submitted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Nelson moved, Baker seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as submitted.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** – None

**RETIREMENT PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Evans issued a Certificate of Appreciation and Proclamation to retiring City Employee Katherine Rydquist, Confidential Secretary - City Hall.

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Public Hearing – Citizen Participation – 2013-14 Fiscal Year Budget Preparation.**

Each year, Council held public hearings to facilitate input from its citizens for the City's next fiscal year budget. This was the first of five (5) scheduled public hearings. The next two (2) Council public hearings were scheduled for February 21, 2013, and March 21, 2013.

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

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval – Contract to Advertise Legal Notices - Escanaba Daily Press.**

Administration sought Council approval of a three (3) year contract for advertising legal notices and other advertisement needs of the City in the Escanaba Daily Press. Approval of the contract was required by City Charter for advertising in a local newspaper of general circulation. This was a budgeted item.

**NB-1** After discussion of the law being antiquated, and a suggestion to Administration to contact State Legislators, Nelson moved, Baribeau seconded, to approve of a three (3) year contract for advertising legal notices and other advertisement needs of the City in the Escanaba Daily Press.

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

Ayes: Nelson, Baribeau, Beauchamp, Baker, Evans

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Approval - Fiber Network Service Agreement – Delta County.**

Administration sought Council approval of a service agreement with Delta County which would allow County access to the City of Escanaba fiber network and equipment to provide data communication between the County and its Delta County Airport Facility.

Manager O'Toole and Clerk Richards briefly reviewed the County's request which would save County taxpayers over \$60,000 by the City and County working cooperatively with one another with the City Fiber Network.

**NB-2** Nelson moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve of a service agreement with Delta County which would allow County access to the City of Escanaba fiber network and equipment to provide data communication between the County and its Delta County Airport Facility that would save County taxpayers over \$60,000.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Update – Power Generation/Plant Operation Options/Power Purchase – Electric Department.**

Manager O'Toole updated the City Council and public on the status of the Power Plant sale. He briefly reviewed Escanaba Green Energy continued problem in obtaining required financial funding.

**Approval – Use of Public Space – Escanaba Sesquicentennial Celebration – Esky 150 Planning Committee.**

The Esky 150 Planning Committee sought Council approval to use various public areas throughout the City for the upcoming Sesquicentennial Celebration scheduled for July 5, 2013, to July 13, 2013. Administration recommended approval.

Kay Johnson of the Esky150 Committee provided a brief update of the events and asked for Council approval before any contracts with presenters were made.

**NB-4** Beauchamp moved, Baker seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from the Esky 150 Planning Committee to use various public areas throughout the City for the upcoming Sesquicentennial Celebration scheduled for July 5, 2013, to July 13, 2013.

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

Mayor Evans, with Council consensus, made the following appointments:

- John P. Connelly to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, term ending June 1, 2015.
- Karen E. Lindquist to the Historic District Commission, term ending October 1, 2014.

**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**

- Great Lakes Sports and Recreation Club annual wild game banquet at the end of the month;
- Esky150 was looking for volunteers for celebration events;
- Council Members wished Katie all the best on her retirement;
- City ice rinks were open.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC  
City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Leo J. Evans, Mayor