

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Special Council Meeting
Monday, June 3, 2013**

Pursuit to a special meeting notice posted May 17, 2013, the meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Leo J. Evans at 8:02 a.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: Council Member Brady L. Nelson

Baker moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMIOUSLY**, to excuse Council Member Nelson.

Also Present: City Manager James V. O'Toole, and Department Heads.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda as submitted.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Escanaba City Charter required the Council to pass electric, wastewater, water and solid waste utility rate ordinances on the first Monday of June. For the upcoming fiscal year 2013-14, no rate increases were projected.

Second reading, Public Hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1136, the Electric Rate Ordinance.

Annually, the City Council set electric utility rates for the next fiscal year. Administration recommended approval of the electric rates as provided. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1136.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Evans asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Electric Rate Ordinance No. 1136.

No comments were heard.

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

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1136, the Electric Rate Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter."

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

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Herewith Ordinance No. 1136, adopted by title:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR ELECTRIC ENERGY DEMAND AND AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE, TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED AFTER JUNE 30, 2013, AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE COUNCIL.

Full text in Ordinance Record "K."

Second reading, Public Hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1137, the Wastewater Rate Ordinance.

Annually, the City Council set wastewater utility rates for the next fiscal year. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1137.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Evans asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Wastewater Rate Ordinance No. 1137.

No comments were heard.

PH-2 "By Council Member Beauchamp, seconded by Council Member Baker;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1137, the Wastewater Rate Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter."

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

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Herewith Ordinance No. 1137, adopted by title:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE CHARGES TO BE ASSESSED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT AND THE AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED AFTER JUNE 30, 2013, AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

Full text in Ordinance Record "K."

Second reading, Public Hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1138, the Water Rate Ordinance.

Annually, the City Council set water utility rates for the next fiscal year. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1138.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Evans asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Water Rate Ordinance No. 1138.

No comments were heard.

PH-3 "By Council Member Baribeau, seconded by Council Member Baker;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1138, the Water Rate Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter."

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

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Herewith Ordinance No. 1138, adopted by title:

THE ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION, TREATMENT, AND AVAILABILITY TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED AFTER JUNE 30, 2013, AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE COUNCIL.

Full text in Ordinance Record "K."

Second reading, Public Hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1139, the Solid Waste, Recycling, Yard Waste and Litter Ordinance.

Annually, the City Council set solid waste rates for the next fiscal year. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1139.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Evans asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Solid Waste, Recycling, Yard Waste and Littering Ordinance No. 1139.

No comments were heard.

PH-4 "By Council Member Beauchamp, seconded by Council Member Baker;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1139, the Solid Waste, Recycling, Yard Waste and Littering Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter."

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

Ayes: Beauchamp, Baker, Baribeau, Evans

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Herewith Ordinance No. 1139, adopted by title:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, FIXING THE CHARGES TO BE ASSESSED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING, YARD WASTE AND LITTERING, TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED AFTER JUNE 30, 2013 AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ESCANABA

Full text in Ordinance Record "K."

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion – Loan Administration Board Membership.

Administration sought Council approval to permanently reduce the number of members on the Loan Administration Board from seven (7) to five (5) due to lack of volunteers and difficulty in recruiting citizens to serve on the board. Additionally, Administration sought a Council waiver of term limit requirements for Mr. Tim Kobasic as outlined in the Guidelines for City of Escanaba Boards, Commissions & Committees

so that he can be reappointed to the board.

- Over the years, it has been very difficult securing members on City Board and Commissions;
- Council Members questioned if other Boards and Commissions should also be considered;
- Need Consistency and Experience on City Boards and Commissions;
- Manager O'Toole asked for a one year waiver for Mr. Kobasic. This would allow the Loan Administration Board to have a quorum and be allowed to conduct their business at hand;
- Council Members asked for a report from Administration on the status of all City Boards and Commissions.

NB-1 Baker moved, Baribeau seconded, to reduce the Loan Administration Board Members from 7 to 5.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Baker moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve a one year term extension for Mr. Kobasic on the Loan Administration Board.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - None

Hearing no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Leo J. Evans, Mayor