

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 3, 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 Marc D. Tall

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.

Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from June 20, 2013, and Special Meeting Minutes from June 24, 2013, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Evans asked to add an agenda item for the appointment of a Mayor Pro-Tem position.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Council Member Beauchamp stated he was at one time a Board Member of the Great Lakes Sport and Recreation Club. Currently he was off the Board and a regular member of the organization. Council Member Beauchamp stated he believed there was no conflict of interest and would be voting on the Great Lakes Sport and Recreation Club lease agreement unless the City Attorney or Council believed otherwise. No objections were heard.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – Use of Public Space – Ludington Park – Pedals by the Bay Bicycle Show.

Mr. Brian LaFave sought authorization to hold the Pedals by the Bay Bicycle Show near the Band Shell of Ludington Park on Saturday, August 3, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Organizers have agreed to provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance and to clean up following the conclusion of the event. Administration recommended Council approval.

NB-1 Beauchamp moved, Tall seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from Mr. Brian LaFave to hold the Pedals by the Bay Bicycle Show near the Band Shell of Ludington Park on Saturday, August 3, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., provided a Certificate of Liability Insurance was provided and organizers agreed to clean up following the conclusion of the event.

Approval - Pawnbroker License – Wheels & Deals Pawn Shop - 1709 Ludington Street.

Mr. Richard Semashko, owner of Wheels & Deals Pawn Shop, 1709 Ludington Street, sought Council approval to operate as a pawnbroker in the City of Escanaba. If approved by Council, the Mayor would issue the license per City Ordinance. The Escanaba Department of Public Safety has reviewed the application and recommended approval.

NB-2 Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from Mr. Richard Semashko, owner of Wheels & Deals Pawn Shop, 1709 Ludington Street, to renew and to operate as a pawnbroker in the City of Escanaba.

Approval- Street Closure/Street Usage Request – Sidewalk Daze- Ludington Street – 800-1400 Blocks - Escanaba Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

The Escanaba DDA has submitted a request from the Downtown Partners in Business to block off the 800-1400 blocks of Ludington Street on Friday, July 19, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the annual Sidewalk Daze event. The DDA was also requesting the City Band for an afternoon performance. Administration recommended approval of the request provided the following conditions are met 1) the event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event and 2) the event sponsors pay for any City overtime labor that may be incurred.

NB-3 Tall moved, Baker seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from The Escanaba DDA, in partnership with the Downtown Partners in Business, to block off the 800-1400 blocks of Ludington Street on Friday, July 19, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the annual Sidewalk Daze event with a

performance from the City Band during the afternoon of the event with the following conditions: 1) the event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event and 2) the event sponsors pay for any City overtime labor that may be incurred.

Lease Renewal – Great Lakes Sports and Recreation Club – 19th Avenue North

The Great Lakes Sport and Recreation Club requested the City Council renew their lease for 14 +/- acres of City-owned property on 19th Avenue North which they currently have under lease to operate a 3-D Archery Range. Administration recommended approval of a 12 month renewal with the option for an additional 12 months.

NB-4 Baribeau moved, Baker seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request submitted by the Great Lakes Sport and Recreation Club to approve of a 12 month renewal with the option for an additional 12 months for 14 +/- acres of City-owned property on 19th Avenue North which they currently have under lease to operate a 3-D Archery Range.

Approval – Use of Ludington Park – B.A.S.S. Michigan State Championship Bass Fishing Tournament.

The Delta County Commerce Center and the Bays De Noc Convention and Visitors Bureau requested Council authorize the use of the Ludington Park Marina to include the Aronson Island Boat Ramp one week prior for the B.A.S.S. Michigan State Championship Bass Fishing Tournament being conducted from July 23 – 28, 2013. Additionally, they sought authorization to utilize the North Shore Boat Launch, provide complimentary launch passes during the tournament fishing days for anglers, porta-potty rental if needed, and other general support. Administration recommended Council approval.

Delta County Commerce Center and the Bays De Noc Convention and Visitors Bureau representative Steve Masters provided information of the event, and spoke of the economic impact to the community.

NB-5 Beauchamp moved, Tall seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from The Delta County Commerce Center and the Bays De Noc Convention and Visitors Bureau for the use of the Ludington Park Marina to include the Aronson Island Boat Ramp one week prior for the B.A.S.S. Michigan State Championship Bass Fishing Tournament being conducted from July 23 – 28, 2013, also to utilize the North Shore Boat Launch, provide complimentary launch passes during the tournament fishing days for anglers, porta-potty rental if needed, and other general support.

Approval – Assistance to Firefighters Grant – Department of Public Safety.

Administration sought Council acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$8,835 from the federal Assistance to Firefighters program to purchase wildland firefighting jumpsuits. The grant will provide 95% of the funding required with the City provided the matching 5%.

Public Safety Director Ken Vanderlinden briefly reviewed information on the grant and wildland firefighting jumpsuit equipment.

NB-6 Tall moved, Baribeau seconded, to approve of a grant in the amount of \$8,835 from the federal Assistance to Firefighters program to purchase wildland firefighting jumpsuits.

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

Ayes: Tall, 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 and read a letter from prospective purchaser Escanaba Green Energy regarding their alternative financial funding.

Mayor Pro-Tem appointment

Mayor Evans stated former Council Member Brady Nelson was Mayor Pro-Tem, and would act as Mayor if the Mayor was unable to fulfill his duties or was absent. Mayor Evans believed it was appropriate to make a Mayor Pro-Tem appointment this evening.

Baker moved, Tall seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to appoint Council Member Baribeau to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem.

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

Mayor Evans, with Council consensus, appointed Judith Schroeder to the Local Liquor License Review Board, 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.

After discussion, it was Council consensus to have Council Member Tall replace former Council Member Brady Nelson's Board and Commission Liaison appointments.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Buckholtz, from the Great Lakes Sport and Recreation Club, thanked Council for the renewal of their lease and spoke of the Youth programs at the Great Lakes Club. Mr. Buckholtz invited Council Members to attend and watch their youth programs on Saturday mornings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City looked great and was ready for the Escanaba Sesquicentennial;
- Encouraged members of the public to come out and enjoy the festivities during the Escanaba Sesquicentennial;
- Wished everyone to Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July!

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Leo J. Evans, Mayor