

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, September 19, 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, Ronald J. Beauchamp, and Marc D. Tall

Absent: Council Members Walter A. "Pete" Baker, and Patricia A. Baribeau

Tall moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to excuse Council Members Walter A. "Pete" Baker, and Patricia A. Baribeau

Also Present: City Manager James V. O'Toole, 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, Tall seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from September 15, 2013, and Special Meeting Minutes from September 11, 2013, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Manager O'Toole asked to amend the Council Agenda to add an Agreement Addendum with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to assist the City in the emergency dredging project at the Municipal Marina.

Beauchamp moved, Tall 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 – None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – Use of Public Space – Paul Mitchell School - Escanaba.

The Paul Mitchell School – Escanaba, requested authorization to close off the alley behind 1625 Sheridan Road between 16th and 17th Avenue North and the area of

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17th Avenue North between Sheridan Road and North 16th Street on Friday, October 7, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for their Grand Opening. Administration recommended approval with the following conditions: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as additional insured, 2) the event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) the event sponsors pay for any overtime labor that may be incurred.

NB-1 Tall moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from The Paul Mitchell School – Escanaba, to close off the alley behind 1625 Sheridan Road between 16th and 17th Avenue North and the area of 17th Avenue North between Sheridan Road and North 16th Street on Friday, October 7, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for their Grand Opening, provided: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as additional insured, 2) the event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) the event sponsors pay for any overtime labor that may be incurred.

Approval – Use of Public Space – City of Escanaba 1st Annual Vehicle and Equipment Rodeo.

City Administration requested to block off North 4th Street between Ludington Street and 1st Avenue North for the 1st Annual City Vehicle and Equipment Rodeo on October 19, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

NB-2 Beauchamp moved, Tall seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve to block off North 4th Street between Ludington Street and 1st Avenue North for the 1st Annual City Vehicle and Equipment Rodeo on October 19, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Approval – Resolution of Support – Belle Isle to Ironwood Michigan Multi-Use Trail.

The Dickinson County Board of Commissioners sought approval of a resolution of support for the promotion and development of a southern U.P. Route for the Governor's proposed Belle Isle to Ironwood multi-use Michigan Trail in an effort to promote economic growth through year-round tourism.

NB-3 "By Council Member Tall, seconded by Council Member Beauchamp;

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF A SOUTHERN U.P. ROUTE FOR
THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BELLE ISLE TO IRONWOOD MICHIGAN TRAIL**

WHEREAS, Governor Snyder has introduced plans for the development of a multi-use trail throughout Michigan which traverses only the northern portion of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, establishing the multi-use trail through the Southern U.P. Counties will provide an opportunity for much-needed economic growth through year-round tourism; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Southern trail would meander adjacent to the US Highway 2 route, along the shoreline of Lake Michigan and through wooded lands offering a scenic route with multiple points of interest and opportunities for sightseeing along the way; and

WHEREAS, the inter-county connect-ability of the existing trail systems in the Southern U.P. would require fewer miles of new trail that would need to be developed; and

WHEREAS, establishing the Southern loop of the Belle Isle to Ironwood Trail involves the cooperation of all entities from Ironwood to the Mackinac Bridge; including Gogebic, Iron, Dickinson, Menominee, Delta, Schoolcraft and Mackinac Counties' units of government, trail-user groups, businesses and individuals; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Southern route is necessary to offer trail users an opportunity to tour the entire Upper Peninsula along one continuous "Yoopers Loop"; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Southern route will provide for greater accessibility to visitors from Wisconsin and Lower Michigan, thereby increasing the potential and benefits of recreational tourism.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Escanaba wholly supports the promotion and development of a Southern U.P. route for the Governor's proposed Belle Isle to Ironwood Michigan Trail.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Tall, Beauchamp, Evans
Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED."

Approval – Resolution of Support – Marina Dredging Agreement Addendum.

City Administration sought approval of a resolution of support for an Agreement Addendum with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to assist the City in the emergency dredging in the Municipal Marina.

NB-3 "By Council Member Tall, seconded by Council Member Beauchamp;

RESOLUTION

“RESOLVED, that the City of Escanaba, DELTA County, Michigan does hereby accept the terms of the Agreement Addendum as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the City does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows:

1. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records, and to make them available to the Department for auditing at reasonable times.
2. To dredge the facility and provide such funds, services, and materials as may be necessary to satisfy the terms of the said Agreement Addendum.
3. To comply with any and all terms of the said Agreement Addendum including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of the Resolution.”

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

Ayes: Tall, Beauchamp, Evans
Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

Power Plant Update – Sale of the Power Plant.

Manager O’Toole updated the Council and public on the latest developments related to the sale and transfer of the Escanaba Generating facility.

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

- Esky Home coming parade was scheduled for 5:00 pm September 20th, following by the Home Coming game;
- September 28th was National Hunting and Fishing Day;
- Danforth Road Railroad Crossing maintenance was scheduled to be concluded Saturday September 22nd.
- September 28th the Annual Harvest of Harmony Show was scheduled.

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Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Leo J. Evans, Mayor