

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Special Council Meeting
Thursday, October 24, 2013**

Pursuit to a special meeting notice posted October 21, 2013, the meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Leo J. Evans at 12:15 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, Marc D. Tall

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager James V. O'Toole, City Clerk Robert S. Richards, Michigan Municipal League (MML) Executive Director and CEO Daniel P. Gilmartin, MML Upper Peninsula Representative Carolyn Kennedy, City Council Candidate James Hellerman, and media.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT - None

NEW BUSINESS

Michigan Municipal League

Council Members, and those in attendance, were introduced to MML Executive Director and CEO Daniel P. Gilmartin. Mr. Gilmartin was in town and asked to meet with Council. He reviewed who the MML was, where they were located, and how they functioned and supported its members, such as the City of Escanaba.

Mr. Gilmartin reviewed various Legislative items which included, Partnership for Place, Personal Property Tax, Public Safety Special Assessments, Transportation, and Infrastructure funding. The legislative items, if approved, would ultimately effect municipalities.

City Manager O'Toole and Council discussed with Mr. Gilmartin State Shared Revenues, Big Box Retail Assessments, legislation that would allow five-year tax abates for individuals that purchased abandoned schools, and Senate Bill 404 as it pertained to Landfills and extra costs assessed for the treatment of leachate.

Council Members thanked Mr. Gilmartin for spending time with them. They advised Mr. Gilmartin could come back anytime and speak with Council. No Council Action was taken at this meeting

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - None

Hearing no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Leo J. Evans, Mayor