

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, December 5, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Marc D. Tall at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 410 Ludington Street.

Present: Mayor Marc D. Tall, Council Members, Patricia A. Baribeau, Ronald J. Beauchamp, Ralph B. Blasier, and Leo J. Evans

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager James V. O'Toole, City Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

Pastor Jason Janich, of New Life Assembly of God Church, gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from November 21, 2013, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Manager O'Toole ask to amend the Council Agenda to include a request for use of public space for the New Year's Eve Pasty Drop.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

AWARD PRESENTATION

Mayor Tall presented Joe Kaplan and Glen VandeWater a Meritorious Service Award for their work on the Migratory Bird Program and tree plantings at Ludington Park.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing – Second Reading and Adoption - Ordinance No. 1143 – An Ordinance to Amend the Uniform Traffic Code – Section 27-490, Winter Parking Restrictions.

The Council conducted a public hearing on a proposed ordinance amendment to the Uniform Traffic Code, Section 27-490, Winter Parking Restrictions of the Code of Ordinances.

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

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

Manager O'Toole briefly reviewed the history of past practices, public hearings held, and reviewed the proposed changes.

PH-1 "By Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Evans;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1143, an Ordinance to Amend the Uniform Traffic Code to Provide for Winter Parking Restrictions and Exceptions to the Same, given its public hearing at this meeting, be and is hereby adopted and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter with revisions."

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

Ayes: Blasier, Evans, Beauchamp, Baribeau, Tall

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED."

Herewith Ordinance No. 1143 adopted by title:

**"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE
TO PROVIDE FOR WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS
AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE SAME"**

Full text in Ordinance Record "K".

Public Hearing – Second Reading and Adoption - Ordinance No. 1144 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 18, Offenses, Section 18-4 Begging of the City Code of Ordinances.

The Council conducted a public hearing on a proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 18, Offenses, Section 18-4 Begging of the Code of Ordinances.

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

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

PH-2 "By Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Baribeau;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1144, an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 18, Offenses, of the City Code of Ordinances, given its public hearing at this meeting, be and is hereby adopted and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter with revisions."

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

Ayes: Blasier, Baribeau, Beauchamp, Evans, Tall
Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED."

Herewith Ordinance No. 1144 adopted by title:

**"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, OFFENSES,
OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES"**

Full text in Ordinance Record "K".

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – Use of Public Space – Escanaba Municipal Harbor - Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area submitted a request to use the Escanaba Municipal Harbor for their annual Jig It Ice Fishing Fundraising Event on Saturday, January 25, 2014. Additionally, the group requested that the City provide refuse containers, road barricades, and road cones. Administration recommended approval of the request(s) provided: 1) proper liability insurance was filed with the City and 2) event staff clean up after the event.

NB-1 Beauchamp moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area to use the Escanaba Municipal Harbor for their annual Jig It Ice Fishing Fundraising Event on Saturday, January 25, 2014, in addition that the City provide refuse containers, road barricades, and road cones, provided; 1) proper liability insurance was filed with the City, and 2) event staff clean up after the event.

Power Plant Update – Sale of the Power Plant.

City Manager O'Toole updated the Council and public on the latest developments related to the sale and transfer of the Escanaba generating facility. (See Attachment –

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Approval – Use of Public Space – New Year’s Eve Pasty Drop.

The Escanaba DDA requested to block off the street in front of Center Court, intersection of 1100 and Ludington to First Avenue South, for the purpose of a pasty drop to take place at midnight December 31st to welcome in the new year. The event was scheduled from 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. and supported by the Downtown Development Authority, the City of Escanaba, and the Bay De Noc Unitarian Universalists' Fellowship.

NB-3 Baribeau moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request to block off the street in front of Center Court, intersection of 1100 and Ludington to First Avenue South, for the purpose of a pasty drop to take place at midnight December 31st to welcome in the new year. The event was scheduled from 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

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

Mayor Tall, with consensus of Council, made the following appointments:

- Steve Hawn and Rhiannon Haller to the Citizens’ Environmental Advisory Committee, 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.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Part of the Esky150 project was to plant trees throughout the community and parks. The Esky150 Committee reported a total of 265 trees were planted;
- Annual Christmas Parade was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Friday December 6, 2013;
- It was announced that the City of Escanaba Recreation Passport Grant Application for improvements to facilities at Ludington Park in the amount of \$42k had been approved. Escanaba’s application was one of 87 applications submitted for the funding.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor



December 5, 2013

Dear Jim:

Here is EGE's latest update.

Escanaba Green Energy has arranged for an alternative provider of the \$1,000,000 deposit that the financing requires. This investor requires EGE to make two deposits, which covers the cost of documentation and closing of the loan. The first deposit has been made and as a result, has kicked off the loan process. The second deposit has been secured and is being held pending the securing of the final loan commitment at which time it will be used to finalize the closing of the loan. EGE expects to receive the closing date from the lender within the next week to 10 days.

Regards.

(original signed)

Charles Detiege