

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, March 20, 2014**

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 Jacob Comer, of New Life Assembly of God Church, gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Evans moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from March 6, 2014, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Blasier moved, Evans seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as submitted.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Neumeier of Independent Roofing commented on the Public Safety Roof Bid. He believed his company submitted a better quality Bid and asked Council to approve their bid.

Nathan Neumeier of Independent Roofing commented on the Public Safety Roof Bid. He stated Markell Company bid should have been thrown out because Markell Company did not follow the instructions on what was supposed to be included on the initial bid. He asked that the bid be redone or to approve the better quality bid from Independent Roofing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing – Citizen Participation – 2014-15 Fiscal Year Budget Preparation.

Each year, Council holds public hearings to facilitate input from its citizens for the City's next fiscal year budget. This was the third of five scheduled public hearings. The next Council public hearing will be held on May 1, 2014.

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

Charles Lindquist, President of the Delta County Historical Society, thanked Council for all the prior years of Historical Society appropriations in the City Budgets. On behalf of the Historical Society, they asked for the same appropriated amount as last year, \$2,000, to be included in the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget.

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

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading - Ordinance No. 1145 - An Ordinance to amend the City Zoning Map – Planning Commission.

On March 13, 2014, the Escanaba Planning Commission recommended Council amend the City Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 4 Districts, Boundaries and Zoning Map for property located in Block 2 of the Hessel & Hentschel Addition, lots 23 and 24, by having the properties rezoned from a Two-family Residence "B" District land use to a Light Manufacturing "F" District land use. Council was requested to consider this the first reading of Ordinance #1145, and to set the second reading and public hearing for April 17, 2014.

NB-1 Evans moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to consider this the first reading of Ordinance #1145, and to set the second reading and public hearing for April 17, 2014.

Contract Approval – Digester Bio-Solids Removal and Hauling Bid – Wastewater Department.

Administration sought Council approval of a bid from U.P. Environmental Service Inc., Bark River, MI, in the amount of \$36,750 to complete the work required to clean-out, haul and pump out the bio-solids from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester.

Water/Wasterwater Superintendent Jeff Lampi briefly described the scope of the project.

NB-2 Beauchamp moved, Blasier seconded, to approve of a bid from U.P. Environmental Service Inc., Bark River, MI, in the amount of \$36,750 to complete the work required to clean-out, haul and pump out the bio-solids from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Contract Approval – Digester Cleaning, Sealing and Restoration Bid – Wastewater Department.

Administration sought Council approval of a bid from Terrazzo Creations & Renewal, LLC, Iron Mountain, MI, to complete the work required to clean, seal and restore the Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester at their stated proposal unit prices.

Water/Wasterwater Superintendent Jeff Lampi stated there were unknown variables which complicated the bid. No more then \$40,000 gets inspection and seal the Digester back up. May need a report from a structural engineer or an assessment from Terrazzo before work was started. Mr. Lampi advised the City saved funds over the years, but it was now time to do the maintenance on the unit.

NB-3 After discussion, Blasier moved, Baribeau seconded, to approve of a bid from Terrazzo Creations & Renewal, LLC, Iron Mountain, MI, to complete the work required to clean, seal and restore the Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester at their stated proposal unit prices, for an amount of \$40,000, but not to exceed \$100,000.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Contract Approval – Roof Replacement – Department of Public Safety.

Administration sought Council approval of a bid from the Markell Company, Iron Mountain, MI, in the amount of \$77,970 to complete the work required to replace the roof on the Public Safety Building as stated in their proposal as modified. Manager O'Toole and Director Vanderlinden reviewed the bids and how the bids were revised. Meetings were held with the vendors to try and obtain the best quality bid for the City. A 20 year warranty for labor and material, cost of the drains, used rock and metal.

- No policy for local bidders;
- Discussed whether to use current rock or new rock;
- Nathan Neumier advised with new rock and faca, his firm would include a 20 year warranty with labor included.

NB-4 Blasier moved, Evans seconded, to approve the bid from Independent Roofing, of Escanaba, Michigan, for an amount up to \$80,373, which included a 20 year warranty that included labor, new roof rock and metal fascia, and \$2 per sqft beyond 200 sqft.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Evans, Beauchamp, Tall
Nays: Baribeau

MOTION CARRIED.

Update – Sale of the Power Plant/Referendum – City Manager’s Office.

Manager O’Toole read a letter from Escanaba Green Energy into the minutes, (See Attachment – A), and Clerk Richards provided an update on the referendum for the May 6, 2014, special election, which if approved, would grant authority to the City Council to not only sell the Power Plant for continued plant operations, but allow the City Council to dispose of the Power Plant equipment and assets including up to the 40 acres of real property where said assets are located.

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

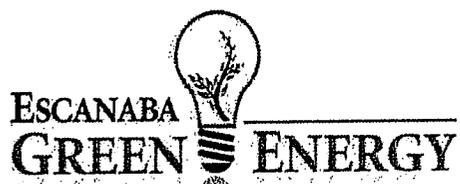
ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor



March 20, 2014

Dear Jim:

Here is EGE's latest update.

On a conference call today with the lender representative, EGE was told all of the funds for the EGE loan have been sourced and accounted for. EGE will be getting written confirmation of the funds from Realty Financial Group. EGE was also told that final closing documents for signing should be given by the middle of next week. The signing of the closing documents will kick off the close. Look forward to keeping the City updated through next week as those documents come in and a closing date is set.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please call me.

Regards.

(original signed)

Charles Detiege
