

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, August 21, 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 Michael R. Sattem

Absent: None

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

Deputy City Clerk Tammy Weissert gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from August 7, 2014, and Special Meeting Minutes from August 13, 2014, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Administration asked to move Agenda Item 2 after Announcements.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

AWARD PRESENTATION(S)

Mayor Tall provided Good News Awards to Kim Peterson, Judy Schroeder and Lourie Schuenke for the help and dedication with planning and organizing the Rock the Dock Series and promoting the community with outstanding public service efforts.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – New Year's Eve Firework Display – Municipal Dock.

Administration sought Council approval to enter into a contract with Wolverine

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Fireworks Display, Inc. to furnish and install all labor, equipment, materials and insurance for the New Year's Eve fireworks display at the Municipal Dock in the amount of \$5,000. It was further requested Council authorize the contract amount to increase equal to community donations received for the fireworks display. Funding for this event was included in the current operating budget.

NB-1 Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, to approve to enter into a contract with Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. to furnish and install all labor, equipment, materials and insurance for the New Year's Eve fireworks display at the Municipal Dock in the amount of \$5,000, and to authorize the contract amount to increase equal to community donations received for the fireworks display.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Update – Sale of the Power Plant – City Manager's Office.

Manager O'Toole updated the Council and public on the latest developments related to the sale of the Escanaba generating facility. He advised he received a letter from Escanaba Green Energy (EGE) that stated they had received notification from Corban that all documents were signed in London and notarized. Loan funds will be transferred into an account and proof of funds will be issued to EGE along with a closing schedule.

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

Todd Caron briefly spoke about property he owns at 630 1st Avenue South where the roof had collapsed due to ice buildup during the winter. He stated he has been receiveing notices from the City of Escanaba to do something with the structure. He just wanted to let City Council and the Manager know that he was not ignoring the problem and that he has been working with his Insurance Company.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

Discussion/Action- Collective Bargaining Agreement – Teamsters Local 406 – Public Safety Command Unit.

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Administration requested Council go into closed session to discuss a 3 year collective bargaining agreement between the City of Escanaba and Teamsters Local 406, Public Safety Command Unit, and Teamsters Local 406, Public Safety PSO/Dispatch Unit.

Baribeau moved, Blasier seconded, to go into closed session to discuss a 3 year collective bargaining agreement between the City of Escanaba and Teamsters Local 406, Public Safety Command Unit, and Teamsters Local 406, Public Safety PSO/Dispatch Unit.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

The time was 7:15 p.m.

Council came back into open session at 7:44 p.m.

NB-3 Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, to approve a 3 year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Local 406 – Public Safety Command Unit.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

No action was taken on the 3 year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Local 406 – Public Safety PSO/Dispatch Unit due to the Union not ratifying the agreement.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Weissert
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor