

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, February 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.

City Clerk Robert S. Richards gave the invocation and Boys Scouts 411 led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Beauchamp moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Special Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2014, and Regular Meeting Minutes from February 6, 2014, as submitted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Manager O'Toole asked to hear New Business #2 first this evening.

Evans moved, Blasier 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**

**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 second of five (5) scheduled public hearings. The next Council public hearing will be held on March 20, 2014.

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Update – Sale of Power Generation Facility – Escanaba Green Energy – City Administration.**

Charles Detiege, Escanaba Green Energy (EGE) representative, updated the City Council and public on the status of the Power Plant sale. Mr. Detiege advised their financial institution was verifying their overseas intitial deposit. Mr. Detiege invited City Administration and its Attorneys to have a conference call with the EGE Attorneys to verify and put everyone at ease that the sale would indeed be commenced shortly. Manager O'Toole asked Mr. Detiege to setup the call early morning on Wednesday February 26, 2014.

**Discussion - Policy Amendment - Alcohol in Public Places – Special Events.**

Administration sought Council approval of an amendment to the Alcohol in Public Places Policy for special events. Manager O'Toole reviewed the current policy and proposed changes which included the following:

- Current policy consisted of a range of requirements designed to reduce alcohol related problems and to increase the enjoyment of those who attend a community event;
- By reducing problems, it concurrently reduces the risk of liability;
- Periodic review of the policy ensures that all reasonable measures were taken to safeguard the well-being of all users of City-owned property and private property owners located near the event;
- Reviewed proposed changes which would bring City policy more in line with state rules and regulations in areas of event operations, control measures, and serving age;
- Reviewed Security deposit, Liability Insurance policy, and hours of operation.

**NB-2** Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve amendments to the City Alcohol in Pubic Places-Special Events-Policy No. 060101-01

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Mayor Tall, with Council consensus, made the following appointment:

- Neil Hivala to the Board of Library Trustees, term ending 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**

Brad Mantela commented on the Power Plant Sale and encouraged the City to proceed to keep all of its options open.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Tall Proclaimed March 2014 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

Council Members encouraged residents to be aware of the the snow on their roofs and driveways, and to ensure there wasn't any snow buildup around furnace vents.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC  
City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marc D. Tall, Mayor