

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, May 1, 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, and Ralph B. Blasier.

Absent: One Vacancy

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

Reverend Chris Johnson, of Christ the King Lutheran Church, gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2014, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Interview – Council Seat Vacancy – City Council.

The City Council interviewed Council Candidates James Hellermann and Michael Sattem for possible appointment to fill the vacant City Council position.

After opening statements from each candidate Council Members asked Mr. Hellermann and Sattem a series of questions on how the City operates, relationship to staff and employees, their goals, and why they wished to be appointed to City Council.

Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to make a decision this evening.

After discussion, Baribeau moved, Blasier seconded, to appoint Michael Sattem to fill the vacancy on City Council.

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

Ayes: Baribeau, Beauchamp, Tall
Nayes: Blasier

MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Richards gave the Oath of Office to Council Member Sattem, who then took his seat on the Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing - Proposed 2014-15 Fiscal Year Budget and Setting the Final Public Hearing and Adoption for May 15, 2014.

Council conducted the fourth Public Hearing and scheduled the final public hearing and approval of the 2014-15 City budget for May 15, 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.

PH-1 Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to set May 15, 2014, as the final public hearing and approval of the 2014-15 City Fiscal Year Budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – Use of Ludington Park – B.A.S.S. Bassmaster Elite Series Angler of the Year Championship Fishing Tournament.

Pure Michigan and the Bays De Noc Convention and Visitors Bureau requested Council authorization to use the Ludington Park Marina, Aronson Island Boat Ramp and North Shore Boat Launch from September 18 – 21, 2014, for their B.A.S.S. Bassmaster Elite Series Angler of the Year Championship Fishing Tournament. Additionally, the parties sought approval to obtain launch passes for competitors, porta-potty rental if needed, and other general support. Administration recommended Council approval provided proper insurance was filed with the City.

Chamber representatives provided a brief overview of the Tournament and the economic statement to the community.

NB-1 Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from Pure Michigan and the Bays De Noc Convention and Visitors Bureau to use the Ludington Park Marina, Aronson Island Boat Ramp and North Shore Boat Launch from September 18 – 21, 2014, for their B.A.S.S. Bassmaster

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Approval – Quit Claim Deed – Bay De Noc Community College.

Bay De Noc Community College sought Council approval of a Quit Claim Deed which would quit claim the City's entire reversionary interest to the college. Administration recommended approval. Attorney Peterson briefly reviewed the history of the college and property and the reverter clause which was a cloud in the title as Bay College was going through their refinancing.

NB-2 Blasier moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve of a Quit Claim Deed which would quit claim the City's entire reversionary interest to the college subject to correction of any scribner errors.

Update – Sale of the Power Plant/Referendum – 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 and the upcoming May 6, 2014, referendum.

Escanaba Green Energy Representative Charles DeTiege advised the closing date would occur May 9, 2014.

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

Mayor Tall, with Council Consensus, made the following appointments:

The following individual was appointed to fill a vacancy. The term will be expiring and this individual wishes to be reappointed to her first complete term.

Janice Hallett to the Board of Library Trustees, term ending June 1, 2017.

These individuals wish to be reappointed to their second term:

Priscilla Green to the Board of Library Trustees, term ending June 1, 2017;
David Pinozek Jr. to the Harbor Advisory Committee, term ending June 1, 2017.

With Council consensus, Mayor Tall appointed Council Member Sattem to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Public Safety Retirement Board, Loan Administration Board and the Housing Commission as a Council Liaison.

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Members reviewed City Board and Commission meetings each attended since the last City Council Meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles DeTiege commented on Mega Millions cash awards scam and encouraged members of the public not to fall for it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Delta Animal Shelter fundraiser May 9th at the Fairgrounds at 8:00 p.m.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor