

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, July 3, 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.

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

Beauchamp moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Special Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2014, and Regular Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2014, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – Resolution – Great Lakes Bottomlands Use Agreement.

Basic Marine, Inc. requested City Council pass a resolution approving the State's issuance of a Great Lakes Bottomlands Use Agreement for Lake Michigan bottomlands adjacent to upland property Basic Marine, Inc. owns and controls located on the end of North 4th Street.

City Assessor Daina Norden briefly reviewed the Basic Marine, Inc. property purchase and scope of their proposed project.

NB-1 By Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Sattem:

**RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE STATE'S ISSUANCE OF A
USE AGREEMENT FOR GREAT LAKES BOTTOMLANDS**

WHEREAS, Basic Marine is making application to the State of Michigan for a Use Agreement for a Great Lakes bottomlands; and

WHEREAS, The subject bottom lands are adjacent to Section 29 T.39N., R.22W., (See Attached Map) and occupy an existing pier and future expansion of Basic Marine's dry dock and ship repair facility;

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan requests the concurrence of the local political jurisdiction;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Escanaba approves of the Great Lakes bottom lands conveyance application from Basic Marine to the State of Michigan for certain Lake Michigan public trust bottom lands for the expansion of its dry dock and ship repair facility.

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

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

RESOLUTION DECALRED ADOPTED.

Approval - Traffic Control Orders (TCO's) – No. 984-987 - Department of Public Safety.

Administration sought Council approval of Traffic Control Orders No. 984-987. The TCO's called for removal of limited timed parking signs at the following locations:

- 984 – A 15 minute parking space in front of 1217 Ludington Street;
- 985 - A 15 minute parking space in front of 1837 Third Avenue North;
- 986 – A 15 minute parking space in front of 400 South 10th Street;
- 987 – Two 30 minute parking spaces in front of Medicine Shoppe on the 100 Block of South 11th Street.

NB-2 Baribeau moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Traffic Control Orders No. 984-987.

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

Manager O'Toole Administration updated the Council and public on the latest developments related to the sale of the Escanaba generating facility.

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

Mayor Tall, with Council consensus, appointed Joseph B. Crispigna to the Traffic Safety Advisory, 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

Thomas Benard and Steve Marciniak commented on their application for a Second Hand Goods License, and legal charges made against them. They advised if the issue wasn't resolved soon, they would be considering legal action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Family Day in the Park tomorrow evening July 4th, and Rock the Dock Saturday evening on July 5th on the Municipal Dock;
- Encouraged members of the public to have a Safe and Happy 4th of July, and encouraged members of the public to protect and leash their pets.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor