

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
ELECTRICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Special Joint Meeting
Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Pursuit to a meeting notice posted July 3, 2014, the meeting was called to order by the Mayor Marc D. Tall at 6:00 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

Present: Electrical Advisory Committee (EAC) Members: Chairperson Wilson, Ann Bissell, and John Anthony

Absent: Larry Arkens, Glendon Brown, Two vacancies, and Power Plant Liaison.

Also Present: City Manager James V. O'Toole, Electric Superintendent Mike Furmanski, City Controller Michael Dewar, Jack Scott of Pro Energy Services, Inc., Charles DeTiege of Escanaba Green Energy (EGE), members of the public and media.

Baribeau moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda as submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None

PUBLIC HEARING – None

NEW BUSINESS

Update - Electric Department –General Operations.

Electrical Superintendent Mike Furmanski updated the City Council, Electrical Advisory Committee and Citizens of Escanaba on the current departmental activities.

- Reviewed new services at work at the OSF St. Francis Hospital;
- Reviewed a callout to help replace equipment for a large customer power user.

Update– Operation and Maintenance of Power Plant – Pro Energy Services, Inc.

Jack Scott Pro Energy Services, Inc. updated the City Council, Electrical Advisory Committee and Citizens of Escanaba on the status of the June operation and maintenance of the power plant.

- No accidents or injuries were reported;
- No Air Monitoring deviations in the month;
- Reviewed dates and hours Power Plant Units ran;
- Routine maintenance and equipment replacements occurred throughout the month on Units 1 & 2. Reported no repairs with the Combustion Turbine;
- Due to cleaning of the Precipitators, ash was washed into the pond which caused the pH to drop to a pH of 3.

Approval – Equipment Purchase – West Side Substation Pad Mounted Switch.

Administration sought Council approval to purchase a pad-mounted switch from Border States Electric for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Electric Superintendent Mike Furmanski reviewed the bid and scope for the use and location at the West Side Substation for the proposed pad-mount switch purchase.

After discussion, Beauchamp moved, Blasier seconded, to purchase a pad-mounted switch from Border States Electric for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Update – Power Plant Purchase Agreement/Sale.

Charles Detiege of EGE updated Council and the Electrical Advisory Committee on the sale of the Power Plant. Mr. DeTiege advised proof of funds were supposed to be in today, but no proof of funds were available as of the meeting time. Mr. DeTiege stated once proof of funds were confirmed a closing date would be given.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

- John Anthony briefly commented and praised the City on the Energy Optimization program available for commercial electric users;
- Also commented on the share of information. He suggested development on sharing more information of electric use by commercial users.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE, STAFF REPORTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further public comment, or further reports from the Electrical Advisory

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Committee or Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards
City Clerk

Approved:

Marc D. Tall, Mayor