

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, July 17, 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, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from July 3, 2014, and Special Meeting Minutes from July 7, 2014, and July 9, 2014, as submitted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Sattem moved, Baribeau 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 – 2014/2015 Property and Liability Insurance Coverage Approval.**

Administration sought Council approval of the annual Property and Liability Insurance Coverage with the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) in the amount of \$239,987. This expenditure was budgeted in the current operating year budget.

City Controller Mike Dewer reviewed portions of the policies and specifics regarding the Power Plant.

**NB-1** Blasier moved, Baribeau seconded, to approve of the annual Property and Liability Insurance Coverage with the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) in the amount of \$239,987.00.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval – Outdoor Food and Beverage Service Application – 1110 Ludington Street - Ludington Grill.**

Shad Holmberg, owner and operator of the Ludington Grill, 1110 Ludington Street, sought Council approval to utilize the public space in front of his establishment for outdoor food and beverage service. On July 2, 2014 the Escanaba Downtown Development Authority recommended Council approval. Additionally, the request was reviewed by the Department of Public Safety per the City Policy regarding sidewalk use and recommended approval.

**NB-2** Resolved By Council Member Sattem, seconded by Council Member Blasier, that Shad Holmberg, owner and operator of the Ludington Grill, 1110 Ludington Street, is hereby authorized to utilize the municipal public space in front of his establishment for outdoor food and beverage service.

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

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**First Reading – Ordinance No. 1154 – An Ordinance to Vacate a Portion of an Alley in Block 2 of the City Center Addition.**

Administration requested Council to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 1154, an ordinance to vacate a portion of an alley beginning at the west 140 feet of the east-west alley of Block 2 of the City Center Addition and set August 7, 2014, for the second reading, public hearing and adoption. On July 10, 2014 the Planning Commission recommended Council approval.

**NB-3** Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 1154, and set the date of August 7, 2014, for the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1154, an ordinance to vacate a portion of an alley beginning at the west 140 feet of the east-west alley of Block 2 of the City Center Addition.

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

City Manager O’Toole updated the Council and public on the latest developments related to the sale of the Escanaba Generating Facility. He advised the funds that provide the collateral for the monetizing bank – HSBC – have been received and approved. The funds were in the hands of HSBC and were waiting for one more bank officer signature which was expected on July 18, 2014. HSBC told EGE’s lender that funds would be available on Tuesday July 22, 2014. EGE advised once proof of funds were received, final documentation process would begin and a closing date issued.

**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**

City resident Sharon Fasmo commented on and spoke against selling property to Basic Marine, Inc. until the property was cleaned up. Mrs. Fasmo stated Basic Marine’s current property was not maintained, and was an embarrassment to the City.

Rob Bodjanac spoke on the recent robbery at his drug store. He thanked the City and Public Safety Department for their quick reponse and professionalism.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- DDA Public Hearing on Downtown Parking July 23, 2014, at 8:00 a.m.;
- Candidate Forum Wednesday July 23, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.;
- Rock the Dock Part III, Saturday August 2, 2014.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC  
City Clerk

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