

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, September 4, 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 Regular Meeting Minutes from August 21, 2014, as submitted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

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

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** – None

**AWARD PRESENTATION(S)**

Mayor Tall made a Proclamation and provided Certificates of Commendation to the 2014 Escanaba Junior Girls Softball Team. The Escanaba Junior Girls Softball Team were the 2014 State of Michigan, and District Champions, and came in second place in the Regional Finals. Taylor Gauthier and Maddy Griffin were present, and accepted the proclamation on behalf of the 2014 Escanaba Junior Girls Softball Team.

**2014 Escanaba Junior Girls Softball Team**

Savannah Baron  
Heather Bergstrom  
Chloe Caswell  
Lexi Chaillier  
Hannah Edington  
Taylor Gauthier

Maddy Griffin  
Malary Hiney  
Abby Jackson  
Maddie Kolich  
Claire McInerney  
Cassie Wisler

Manager Vance Hiney  
Coach Kim Golfis, Coach Tammy Chaillier, Coach Nick Kolich

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval – Use of Public Space – Ludington Street - Great Pumpkin Parade.**

Abate of Michigan, Inc. requested authorization to use Ludington Street on Saturday, October 4, 2014, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., for their annual Great Pumpkin Parade. Administration recommended approval with the following conditions: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as additional insured, 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) The event sponsors pay for any overtime labor costs that may be incurred.

**NB-1** Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from Abate of Michigan, Inc. to use Ludington Street on Saturday, October 4, 2014, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., for their annual Great Pumpkin Parade, provided: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as additional insured, 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) The event sponsors pay for any overtime labor costs that may be incurred.

**Approval – Use of Public Space – 1st Avenue North Between North 6th Street and North 7th Street and Alley Between North 6th Street and North 7th Street – Uptoberfest.**

The United Way of Delta County, in conjunction with the Bay de Noc Brewer's Homebrew Club, sought Council approval to close 1st Avenue North between North 6th Street and North 7th Street and the alley between North 6th Street and North 7th Street on October 11, 2014, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the annual United Way of Delta County Uptoberfest. Administration recommended approval with the following conditions: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured, 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) The event sponsor pay for any overtime labor costs that may be incurred.

**NB-2** Beauchamp moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from United Way of Delta County, in conjunction with the Bay de Noc Brewer's Homebrew Club to close 1st Avenue North between North 6th Street and North 7th Street and the alley between North 6th Street and North 7th Street on October 11, 2014, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the annual United Way of Delta County Uptoberfest, provided: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured, 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) The event sponsor pay for any overtime labor costs that may be incurred.

**Approval – Use of Public Space – Ludington Street – Escanaba High School Homecoming Parade.**

The Escanaba School District requested authorization to use Ludington Street on Friday, October 3, 2014, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., for their annual Homecoming Parade. Administration recommended approval with the following conditions: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as additional insured, 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) The event sponsors pay for any overtime labor costs that may be incurred.

**NB-3** Sattem moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from the Escanaba School District to use Ludington Street on Friday, October 3, 2014, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., for their annual Homecoming Parade, provided: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as additional insured, 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) The event sponsors pay for any overtime labor costs that may be incurred.

**Approval – Professional Services Contract – Wastewater Department.**

Administration sought Council approval to retain C2AE Engineering of Escanaba, Michigan, in an amount not to exceed \$9,600 for an evaluation of the primary clarifying tanks and related equipment at the Wastewater Facility.

**NB-4** Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to retain C2AE Engineering of Escanaba, Michigan, in an amount not to exceed \$9,600 for an evaluation of the primary clarifying tanks and related equipment at the Wastewater Facility.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Manager O’Toole provided an update on Escanaba Green Energy financial update, and latest developments related to the sale of the Escanaba generating facility.

**Approval – Superior Trade Zone Next Michigan Development Corporation Bylaws.**

Administration requested Council approve a resolution to adopt an intergovernmental agreement to create the Superior Trade Zone under the Urban Planning Act and to authorize the administration to spend up to \$1250 for the required

Manager O'Toole stated the City Council was being asked to approve a resolution which would make the City of Escanaba a founding and voting member of the Superior Trade Zone Next Michigan Development Corporation under the Urban Cooperation Act.

The Superior Trade Zone was being created between the units of government in Delta County and Marquette County so that a positive business environment and strong regional economic foundation existed which would expand, retain and recruit new business to the central region of the Upper Peninsula.

Representatives from the City of Escanaba, City of Gladstone, Delta County, the Delta County units of government in Delta County along with our counterparts in Marquette County and the City of Marquette have been working on this strategy to work together with the State of Michigan to market opportunities in our region which will promote economic growth, and expand business growth, transportation infrastructure, marketing and added investment incentives. Collectively it was the groups opinion that overtime as a city and as a region we will see the acceleration of business growth which was consistent with community goals and objectives to provide jobs to residents, make efficient use of existing resources, improve infrastructure and promote the use of regional assets.

**NB-6** By Council Member Sattem, seconded by Council Member Beauchamp, to authorize Administration to spend up to \$1250 for the required MEDC application filing fee, and formerly adopt the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO  
CREATE THE SUPERIOR TRADE ZONE UNDER THE URBAN COOPERATION ACT**

**CITY OF ESCANABA  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2014**

**WHEREAS**, subject to the approval of the Michigan Strategic Fund (the "MSF"), the Next Michigan Development Act, 2010 P.A. 275, MCL as amended by PA 238 and PA 239 of 2013, allows for the creation of a Next Michigan Development Corporation ("NMDC") among local government parties for economic development purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, Act 275 provides, in part, that there first be in place an Interlocal Agreement under the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, 1967 P.A. 7, MCL 124.501-512 ("ACT 7"); and

**WHEREAS**, it is further provided in Act 275 that the Act 7 Interlocal Agreement be approved by the Governor of the State of Michigan before submitted to the MSF; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Escanaba Council has been presented an Interlocal Agreement creating the Superior Trade Zone Next Michigan Development Corporation (the

“Interlocal Agreement”) for economic development purposes and deems it to be in the best interest of the City of Escanaba to approve the Interlocal Agreement and become a voting participant in the Superior Trade Zone.

**WHEREAS**, the acceleration of business growth in Delta and Marquette Counties is consistent with community goals and objectives to provide jobs for residents, make efficient use of existing resources, improve infrastructure and promote the use of regional assets as provided for in comprehensive regional plans; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Escanaba City Council, Michigan, hereby approves the Interlocal Agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager and/or City Clerk is authorized to execute the Interlocal Agreement on behalf of the City of Escanaba Michigan, and to consent to non-material adjustments and corrections to the Interlocal Agreement as may be required by the State of Michigan officers and agencies.

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

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

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

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

Mayor Tall, with Council Consensus made the following appointments:

Extended the terms of Pat Connor and Randy Godlewski for one year on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Appointed Elizebeth Keller to the Historic District Commission, term ending October 1, 2016.

Recommended Janet Craig be appointed by the Delta County Board of Commissioners to serve as the City of Escanaba Representative on the Delta Area Transit Authority.

#### **BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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The public was invited to the Delta County Airport at 8:30 p.m. this evening, to welcome back the 7<sup>th</sup> honor Flight returning from Washington D.C.

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