

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, September 18, 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 Work Session Meeting Minutes from September 3, 2014, and Regular Meeting Minutes from September 4, 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Selection - City of Escanaba Representative and Alternate for the Michigan Municipal League (MML).

The annual meeting of members of the MML was scheduled in Marquette on October 15-17, 2014. Council was requested to select a Council member and alternate member attending the convention as the Official Representatives of the City of Escanaba for voting at the annual MML business meeting.

NB-1a Baribeau moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to select Mayor Tall as the City of Escanaba Representative, and Council Member Sattem as alternate, to attend the annual MML convention in Marquette Michigan as the Official Representatives of the City of Escanaba for voting at the annual MML

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business meeting.

NB-1b Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to reschedule the regular Council meeting of October 16, 2014, to October 23, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., City Hall, Room C101, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, Michigan, due to Council Members attending the Michigan Municipal League Conference in Marquette, MI.

Purchase Approval – 2015 1 Ton 4 Wheel Drive Pick-Up Truck with Snow Plow Package.

Administration sought Council approval to purchase a 2015 1 ton 4 wheel drive pick-up with snow plow package (no box) in the amount of \$34,777.39 from Riverside Chevrolet of Escanaba, MI. The purchase of this vehicle was included in the current fiscal year budget.

NB-2 After discussion, Beauchamp moved, Sattem seconded, to approve to purchase a 2015 1 ton 4 wheel drive pick-up with snow plow package (no box) in the amount of \$34,777.39 from Riverside Chevrolet of Escanaba, MI.

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

Ayes: Beauchamp, Sattem, Blasier, Baribeau, Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Purchase Approval – 2015 ¾ Ton Cab/Chassis Two Wheel Drive Pick-up Truck.

Administration sought Council approval to purchase a 2015 ¾ Ton cab/chassis two wheel drive pick-up truck in the amount of \$26,814.00 from Riverside Chevrolet of Escanaba, MI. The purchase of this vehicle was included in the current fiscal year budget.

NB-3 After a discussion on rebidding, Blasier moved, Baribeau seconded, to table the item until Council received further information from the Department of Public Works regarding the bid and its specifications.

Ayes: Blasier, Baribeau, Sattem, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

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

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 – None

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Council Member Blasier stated the Delta County Solid Waste Planning Commission held public hearings on an amendment to the Delta County Solid Waste Plan to open a new Landfill on the Escanaba Paper Company site.

The Delta County Solid Waste Planning Commission voted to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners for approval of the amendment.

Council Member Blasier stated if the Delta County Board of Commissioners approved the amendment, the Cities of Escanaba and Gladstone, and County Villages and Townships would be asked to approve the amendment. Once approved, the County would submit the amendment and information to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

City resident Shirley Eliakis commented on Escanaba Downtown and the installation of the new turning traffic posts. She believed it was a detraction downtown. Mrs. Eliakis encouraged more individuals get involved to bring attractions and businesses to Escanaba and its downtown.

Mayor Tall and Council Members suggested Mrs. Eliakis contact the Downtown Development Authority with her ideas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Reviewed the dedication on the new Tapini Field at Veterans Park;
- Retro skating station mural was purchased by Council Member Blasier. He provided a history of the mural and suggested it was part of the City of Escanaba heritage, and should be saved. Council Member Blasier wished the mural be put on public display. Manager O'Toole asked that the landmark mural be given to the City Library, and thanked Council Member Blasier for his donation to the City of Escanaba;
- Council Members encouraged the public to attend the Bass Fishing Event at Ludington Park;
- Mayor Tall advised the Barber Shop Concert was scheduled for Saturday evening at the Middle School on September 20th.

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- MEDC Urgent Grant Needs awards were announced based on the infrastructure damages from the winter of 2013/14. Manager O’Toole stated the City of Escanaba did not receive a very equitable reimbursement compared to other municipalities. He advised he submitted a rebuttal to the awards and reviewed reasons how the awards were given. Manager O’Toole stated there were ongoing discussions with the MEDC.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor