

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 8, 2014**

Pursuit to a special meeting notice posted October 1, 2014, the meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Marc D. Tall at 8:00 a.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.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Beauchamp moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda as submitted.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

MEDC CDBG Urgent Needs Grant – Deep Freeze Application and Resolution.

The City Council conducted a public hearing on the City of Escanaba's MEDC CDBG Urgent Needs Grant application for disaster relief funds related to the freezing situation in 2014. Additionally, administration sought Council approval of a resolution to submit the application in the amount of \$23,063.46 and have the Council authorize Mayor Marc Tall to sign the agreement and all amendments and payment requests.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Tall asked if there was any public comment.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Tall closed the public hearing.

Manager O'Toole briefly reviewed the Urgent Needs Grant application. Mr. O'Toole advised because the City of Escanaba used in house labor, the City labor costs, fringe and equipment rental costs were ineligible activity for reimbursement under the Urgent Needs Grant. He advised that if the City of Escanaba had contracted out for those activities and costs, they would have been reimbursed. Mr. O'Toole advised he was working with MEDC, Senator Casperson's Office and Representative McBroom's Office to help resolve the issue.

PH-1 "By Council Member Beauchamp, seconded by Council Member Blasier, to

approve MEDC CDBG Urgent Needs Grant application for disaster relief funds related to the freezing situation in 2014, and additionally to approve the resolution to submit the application in the amount of \$23,063.46 and have the Council authorize Mayor Marc Tall to sign the agreement and all amendments and payment requests.

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
FOR SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
APPLICATION
FOR URGENT NEED DEEP FREEZE GRANT**

WHEREAS, significant damage occurred to the water main infrastructure in the City of Escanaba due to the deep frost and ice buildup on the pipes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Escanaba has committed \$260,000.00+/- in infrastructure construction to repair the damage caused by the "Deep Freeze" and is seeking \$23,063.46 of the \$240,229.00 in CDBG funds that were applied for, as CDBG reimbursed funds; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance and improvement of the infrastructure in the City of Escanaba is consistent with the City's community development plan as described in this application; and

WHEREAS, the lack of water during the deep freeze was a serious threat to the health and safety of the citizens as described in the application and it was considered to be an emergency. Immediate action was necessary; and delay would have intensified the situation. The situation was not the result of poor maintenance or neglect and to the City of Escanaba's knowledge there are no other federal, state or local resources available to alleviate the damage; and

WHEREAS, no project costs (CDBG and non-CDBG) will be incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and formal, written authorization to incur costs has been provided by the CDBG Project Manager; and

WHEREAS, any of the CDBG funding for the City of Escanaba repairs will be returned to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, acting on behalf of the Michigan Strategic Fund, if project funds are reimbursed by insurance or state or federal grant award or assistance; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Escanaba submits a CDBG grant application in the amount of \$23,063.46, with a local match of \$42,393.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that Marc D. Tall, Mayor of the City of Escanaba authorized to sign the Part 2 Application and all attachments, be authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and all amendments and be authorized to sign grant payment requests on behalf of the City of Escanaba, and is designated as the certifying officer for the environmental review.

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

Ayes: Beauchamp, Blasier, Baribeau, Sattem, Tall

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant Resolution.

As part of the City of Escanaba application for disaster relief funds related to the freezing situation in 2014, administration sought Council approval of a resolution which is required to be filed with the State of Michigan in accordance with Section 19 of the Emergency Management Act, Act 390, Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

Manager O'Toole advised the maximum eligible amount was \$100,000 and the City of Escanaba would be submitting its application for the full \$100,000.

NB-1 "By Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Baribeau;

**STATE DISASTER CONTINGENCY FUND GRANT
RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY City Council of the City of Escanaba,

WHEREAS, City of Escanaba, Michigan, is a political subdivision within the State of Michigan with an official Emergency Operations plan in compliance with Section 19 of the Emergency Management Act, Act 390, Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

WHEREAS, City of Escanaba, sustained severe losses of major proportions brought on by the severe winter of 2013/14: As a direct result of the winter of 2013/14, the City of Escanaba expended over 4,800 man hours and over \$260,000 in unbudgeted funds as a response to unprecedented damages resulting from the unusual cold that was experienced. The response effort required the coordination of numerous City departments, with the majority of the effort coming from our three utility departments (Water, Wastewater and Electrical) and Public Works.

WHEREAS, City of Escanaba to the best of our knowledge certifies that the Delta County Emergency Operations Plan was implemented at the onset of the disaster within the City of Escanaba and Delta County and all applicable disaster relief forces identified therein were exhausted.

WHEREAS, as a direct result of the disaster, public damage and expenditures were extraordinary and place an unreasonably great financial burden on the City of Escanaba totaling \$260,000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Escanaba City Council requests the Governor authorize a grant to the City of Escanaba from the State Disaster Contingency Fund pursuant to Section 19, Act 390, Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

FURTHERMORE, Escanaba City Manager is authorized to execute for and in behalf of the City of Escanaba the application for financial assistance and to provide to the State

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any information required for that purpose.

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

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Approval – Office Space Lease.

Administration sought Council approval of a lease to rent office space to a local law enforcement agency. The space will be used for day-to-day operational needs of the organization.

NB-2 Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve of a lease to rent office space to a local law enforcement agency for day-to-day operational needs of the organization.

APPOINTMENTS – None

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Members discussed ways to be eligible for Urgent Needs Funds this upcoming winter if the need arises.

Hearing no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor