

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
ELECTRICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Special Joint Meeting
Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Pursuit to a meeting notice posted October 8, 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 Tim Wilson, Larry Arkens, Ann Bissell, Glendon Brown, and John Anthony.

Absent: 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.

Blasier moved, Beauchamp 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.

- Normal end of year requests;
- Pole change outs and residential service installations;

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

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

- No accidents or injuries were reported in September;
- No Air Monitoring deviations, NPDES violations, or Groundwater deviations in the month of September;
- Power Plant Units did not run in September;
- Reported no repairs or maintenance with the Combustion Turbine;
- Reviewed maintenance during the month of September.

Update – Presque Isle, Escanaba, & White Pine SSR Agreements

Electric Superintendent Mike Furmanski updated the EAC, City Council and the citizens of Escanaba on the Presque Isle, Escanaba, and White Pine SSR Agreements. He advised:

- Filings were made;
- Load Balancing Area discussions were ongoing;
- Reviewed SSR payments;
- Discussion took place on the future of electrical power in the Upper Peninsula;
- Discussed possible electric rate changes.

Approval – Legal Services

Administration sought Council approval to enter into a professional services agreement with Troutman Sanders to file necessary legal documents related to SSR agreements being filed with FERC. This agreement was for the sale of the power plant. Now it is including SSR agreements.

NB-6 Baribeau moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve to enter into a professional services agreement with Troutman Sanders to file necessary legal documents related to SSR agreements being filed with FERC.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval – Pole Testing

Administration sought Council approval to retain Karc Utility Services, LLC of Seymour, WI to continue routine integrity testing and treatment of electrical distribution poles within the City electrical distribution system.

NB-7 Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to retain Karc Utility Services, LLC of Seymour, WI to continue routine integrity testing and treatment of electrical distribution poles within the City electrical distribution system limit in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval – Pole Replacement

Administration sought Council approval to accept the pole replacement bid from MJ Electric, LLC of Iron Mountain, MI. in an amount of \$83,000.00.

NB-8 After discussion, Sattem moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve the pole replacement bid from MJ Electric, LLC of Iron Mountain, MI. in the amount of \$83,000.00.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Update – Power Plant Purchase Agreement/Sale.

EGE Representative Charles DeTiege provided an update on the sale of the Escanaba power plant. Mr. DeTiege advised the following:

- Funds were in the accounts;
- Closing and date information would be provided next week, with EGE closing possibly by the end of the month;
- Funds would be put in Escrow.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Bissell advised the candidate forum was scheduled for October 13th.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE, STAFF REPORTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further public comment, or further reports from the Electrical Advisory Committee or Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards
City Clerk

Approved: _____

Marc D. Tall, Mayor