

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, December 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.

Retired Reverend Dean Peterson of Christ the King Lutheran Church, gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2014, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Beauchamp 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – Resolution – Central U.P. Regional Prosperity Collaborative Initiative.

The CUPPAD Regional Commission requested approval of a Council resolution in support of CUPPAD's application for continued Regional Prosperity Initiative grant funding. With continued funding, CUPPAD would be able to provide continued services in spurring community and economic development in Michigan's Central Upper Peninsula.

CUPPAD Representative Peter VanSteen updated the make up of the CUPPAD Commission, and advised letters would be sent regarding appointments. Information such as Dashboards were also available on their Web Site. Mr. VanSteen stated

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quarterly meetings were also scheduled. He concluded by stating the Central U.P. Regional Planning & Development Commission served a 6 county area which included numerous local governments as well as higher education, adult education, economic development, workforce development, and transportation organizations.

NB-1 “By Council Member Beauchamp, seconded by Council Member Blasier;

**Resolution In Support of Central Upper Peninsula Planning & Development
Regional Commission (CUPPAD)**

Application on behalf of the Central Upper Peninsula Regional Prosperity Council

WHEREAS, Governor Snyder and the Michigan Legislature have created the Regional Prosperity Initiative; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the State of Michigan formed a Regional Reinvention Initiative Committee to plan for improving collaboration between Michigan’s Regional Planning Agencies, Work Force Development Agencies, Adult Education Providers, Economic Development Agencies, and other agencies; and

WHEREAS, in August 2013 the Regional Reinvention Initiative Committee introduced the Regional Prosperity Initiative that includes ten new Prosperity Regions, and various levels of funding to enhance collaboration and to develop a Five Year Regional Prosperity Plan for each of Michigan’s ten Prosperity Regions; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Prosperity Initiative is intended to foster greater communication and collaboration among organizations involved in economic development, education, work-force development, regional planning and transportation agencies, local and state government, and private business; and

WHEREAS, the Central U.P. Regional Planning & Development Commission will serve a 6 county area which includes numerous local governments as well as higher education, adult education, economic development, workforce development, and transportation organizations; and

WHEREAS, only the (1) regional planning agency in the 6 county region is qualified to receive funding under the Regional Prosperity Initiative.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Escanaba City Council hereby supports the Central Upper Peninsula Planning & Development Regional Commission as the FY 2015 Regional Prosperity Initiative grant applicant on behalf of the Central Upper Peninsula Regional Prosperity Council.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Beauchamp, Blasier, Baribeau, Sattem, Tall

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

Approval – Resolution – Delta County Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment.

The CUPPAD Regional Commission requested approval of a Council resolution in support of an amendment to the Delta County Solid Waste Management Plan.

CUPPAD Representative Peter VanSteen briefly reviewed changes in the Delta County Solid Waste Management Plan. Council Member Blasier also reviewed the changes requested by Escanaba Paper Company. After discussion, the following resolution was made:

NB-2 “By Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Baribeau;

**Resolution on Amendment to the
Delta County Solid Waste Management Plan**

WHEREAS, the Escanaba Paper Company has requested an amendment to the Delta County Solid Waste Management Plan to allow non-hazardous solid waste materials and other Type III wastes generated within the Escanaba Paper Company mill site property to be disposed of at the existing Escanaba Paper Company landfill; and

WHEREAS, the Escanaba Paper Company has requested to change references of “Mead Paper Company” and “NewPage Corporation” found in the solid waste plan to “Escanaba Paper Company”; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has requested that reference of the “Bog Bay de Noc Transfer Station” be changed to “Garden Township Transfer Station”; and

WHEREAS, the Delta County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee wishes to have grammatical errors or other errors in the pages being amended to be corrected; and

WHEREAS, the Delta County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee held a public hearing on September 18, 2014, and received no comments; and

WHEREAS, the Delta County Board of Commissioners has adopted a resolution to amend the County Solid Waste Management Plan with the changes presented above.

BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Escanaba approves the amendment to allow non-hazardous solid waste materials and other Type III wastes generated within the Escanaba Paper Company mill site property to be disposed of at the existing Escanaba Paper Company Landfill, references of “Mead Paper Company” and “NewPage Corporation” found in the solid waste management plan to be changed to “Escanaba Paper Company”, reference of the “Big Bay de Noc Transfer Station” be changed to “Garden Township Station and grammatical errors or other errors in the pages being

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amended to be corrected.

The vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

Approval – Service Agreement – Delta County EDA.

The Delta County Economic Development Alliance sought Council approval of their annual appropriation in the amount of \$16,950. With the funding, the EDA promoted economic development in the City of Escanaba and Delta County. Administration also recommended approval of the request.

EDA Executive Director Vicky Schwab thanked Council for their past support. Director Schwab reviewed accomplishments over the past year, and professional services provided to the City and County.

Council Members briefly discussed the appropriation amount, the EDA budget, and other contributions provided by the County and its municipalities.

Council Members discussed having a county-wide joint increase, and agreed to further discuss a possible increase in its contribution during the upcoming budget year meetings.

NB-3 Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve an annual appropriation with the Delta County EDA in amount of \$16,950, to promote economic development in the City of Escanaba and Delta County.

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 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.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New Animal Shelter hoped to be open by the end of the year;
- Annual Christmas Parade was scheduled for Friday, December 5th, at 7:00 p.m.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor