

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, July 2, 2015**

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, and Michael R. Sattem.

Absent: Council Member Ralph B. Blasier

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.

Sattem moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Special Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2015, and Regular Meeting Minutes from June 18, 2015, 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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Policy Statement.

Administration sought Council approval of a revised Freedom of Information Act policy as mandated by Public Act 563 of 2014, which amends the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, Act 442 of 1976.

NB-1 Upon motion made by Council Member Beauchamp, seconded by Council Member Baribeau, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)
PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES, PUBLIC SUMMARY OF PROCEDURES
AND GUIDELINES FOR THE CITY OF ESCANABA**

WHEREAS, the Michigan legislature adopted in 2014 Public Act 563 enacting numerous amendments to the Michigan Freedom of information Act (FOIA), being MCL 15.231 et seq, that requires revision of the current City of Escanaba FOIA Policy; and

WHEREAS, from time to time City of Escanaba Departments will receive Freedom of Information Act (requests); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt, and to post online, City of Escanaba “Freedom of Information Act Procedures & Guidelines”, and a “Written Public Summary of FOIA Procedures and Guidelines” to ensure that the FOIA requests are addressed in an efficient and consistent manner, and to comply with the FOIA statutory amendments; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt these operational procedures and to implement the City of Escanaba Procedures and Guidelines.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Escanaba hereby adopts, effective from and after July 1, 2015:

1. City of Escanaba Freedom of Information Act Procedures & Guidelines; and
2. City of Escanaba Written Public Summary of FOIA Procedures and Guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of City of Escanaba “Freedom of Information Act Procedures & Guidelines”, and a “Written Public Summary of FOIA Procedures and Guidelines”, shall be posted on the City of Escanaba Web Site.

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

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Approval – Next Michigan Superior Trade Zone Corporation Board – Delegate Appointment.

Administration sought Council approval to appoint Mrs. Daina Norden City Assessor as the primary City of Escanaba representative to the Next Michigan Superior Trade Zone Corporation board. Additionally, Administration sought Council approval to appoint Mr. James V. O’Toole City Manager as an alternate City of Escanaba representative to the Next Michigan Superior Trade Zone Corporation board to serve in the primary member’s place and stead if the primary member is absent from a Corporation Board meeting.

NB-2 Baribeau moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve to appoint Mrs. Daina Norden City Assessor as the primary City of Escanaba representative to the Next Michigan Superior Trade Zone Corporation board,

Additionally, to approve to appoint Mr. James V. O'Toole City Manager as an alternate City of Escanaba representative to the Next Michigan Superior Trade Zone Corporation board to serve in the primary member's place and instead if the primary member is absent from a Corporation Board meeting.

Approval - Tennis Court Resurface Project – Recreation Department.

Administration sought Council approval to hire American Systems of Wisconsin, Inc. of Suamico, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$9,700 to provide all labor and materials, filing, resurfacing and related work for the Veteran's Court Resurfacing Project. This purchase was included in the upcoming fiscal year budget.

NB-3 Sattem moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to hire American Systems of Wisconsin, Inc. of Suamico, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$9,700 to provide all labor and materials, filing, resurfacing and related work for the Veteran's Court Resurfacing Project.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

City Manager O'Toole updated the Council and public on the latest developments related the sale of the Escanaba generating facility. Administration, due to a lack of agenda items, recommended canceling the June 8th Joint Council/Electric Advisory Committee Meeting.

It was the consensus of Council to cancel the June 8th Joint Council/Electric Advisory Committee Meeting.

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

- Council Members wished residents a Safe and Happy Fourth of July Holiday;

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- Residents were encouraged to attend the Rock the Dock scheduled on the Municipal Dock on July 3rd.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor