OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 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, 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.

Reverend Jacob Comer of the New Life Assembly of God Church, gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Beauchamp moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from April 1, 2015, and Special Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2015, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

City Manager O'Toole asked, as part of Agenda Item No. 4, to include discussions on MISO SSR Agreement, Term Sheet for the Sale of the City Power Plant, and Operating Agreement with Pro Energy Services.

Baribeau moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as amended.

RETIREMENT PROCLAMATION

Mayor Tall presented Michael D. Dewar of the City of Escanaba a certificate thanking Mr. Dewar for his 34 years of dedication and service to the City of Escanaba, and also a Proclamation as April 30, 2015, "Michael D. Dewar Day", in the City of Escanaba.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing - Proposed 2015-16 Fiscal Year Budget and Setting a Public Hearing and for May 7, 2015.

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

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

PH-1 "By Council Member Beauchamp, seconded by Council Member Baribeau;

Resolved, to set May 7, 2015, as a public hearing on the 2015-16 City Fiscal Year Budget.

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

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – Use of Public Space - Ludington Park and Ludington Street – Krusin Klassic Car Club.

The Krusin Klassic Car Club requested authorization to use Ludington Park and Ludington Street on May 29, 2015, for their annual "Krusin Klassics Fun Run". Administration recommended approval of the request contingent upon the following: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured and 2) event sponsors provide all labor material and clean up at the conclusion of the event.

NB-1 Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from the Krusin Klassic Car Club to use Ludington Park and Ludington Street on May 29, 2015, for their annual "Krusin Klassics Fun Run", contingent upon the following: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured and 2) event sponsors provide all labor material and clean up at the conclusion of the event.

Approval – Use of Public Space – Karas Memorial Band Shell – Blues for a Cause – Music Mondays.

Blues for a Cause requested authorization to use the Karas Memorial Band Shell for Blues for a Cause Music Mondays for June 22, July 6, July 20 and August 3, 2015. Administration recommended approval of the request contingent upon the following: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured and 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of each event.

NB-2 Beauchamp moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from Blues for a Cause to use the Karas Memorial Band Shell for Blues for a Cause Music Mondays for June 22, July 6, July 20 and August 3, 2015, contingent upon the following: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured and 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of each event.

Approval – Use of Public Space – Karas Memorial Band Shell - Bonifas Arts Center – Music Mondays.

The Bonifas Arts Center requested authorization to use the Karas Memorial Band Shell for the Bonifas Music Mondays for June 29, July 13, and July 27, 2015. Administration recommended approval of the request contingent upon the following: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured and 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of each event.

NB-3 Sattem moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from the Bonifas Arts Center to use the Karas Memorial Band Shell for the Bonifas Music Mondays for June 29, July 13, and July 27, 2015, contingent upon the following: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured and 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of each event.

Update – Power Generation– City Manager's Office.

Manager O'Toole and Electric Superintendent Mike Furmanski updated the Council and public on the latest developments related to the Escanaba Power Plant and the Upper Peninsula electrical situation in general. The following was discussed:

- Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), decision not to renew the System Support Resources (SSR) Agreement on the City Power Plant effective June 14, 2015;
- Regarding the Sale of the Power Plant to Sterling Energy, City Attorney's were preparing a term sheet. Once completed, the term sheet would be brought to Council and members of the public for review;
- A Request for Proposal for the Power Plant was being prepared and would be sent out parallel along with the ongoing sale discussions with Sterling Energy;
- Administration sought a directive from Council to terminate the Pro Energy Operating Agreement based on the MISO decision not to renew the SSR Agreement;
- Reviewed new sub-station repairs;
- Reviewed power outage which occurred the previous Monday;
- City would still be pursuing the sale of the Power Plant with Sterling Energy, or anyone else who would be interested.

After discussion, Baribeau moved, Blasier seconded, to terminate the operating agreement for the City Power Plant with Pro Energy Services, Inc.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Mayor Tall, with Council consensus, made the following appointments:

Paul Caswell to the City Planning Commission, term ending, June 1, 2017;
Brian Wood to Housing Commission, term ending June 1, 2016.

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

- Mayor Tall Proclaimed – Head Start Month, May 2015;
- Members of the Public were advised not to put leaves and debris at the curb. Leaf pickup was only done in the fall of each year.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor