

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, February 19, 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.

Pastor Scott White of the First Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Baribeau moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2015, and Special Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2015, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Manager O'Toole asked for a modification for NB-1, a pump recommendation from Crane Engineering of Kimberly, Wisconsin.

Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as amended.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

AWARD PRESENTATION(S)

As a show of appreciation and recognition for outstanding efforts following the electrical disaster at the Escanaba Power Plant substation on February 2, 2015, the following awards were presented to the following employees of the City of Escanaba and assisting agencies:

Good News Award

American Red Cross
American Transmission Company
Anthony Westerberg
City of Gladstone Electric Department
Delta Area Transit Authority

Certificate of Commendation

Chris Barron Alan Poupore
Gary Bedard Shaun Richardson
Rob Caliguri Mark Rose
Holly Cook Mike Samuelson
Tim Coppock Ethan Schetter

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Delta County Emergency Management	Dave Cordy	Jamie Segorski
Delta County Sheriff's Department	John Dault	David Spear
Drifter's Restaurant	Carol Deshambo	Cheryl Syers
Energis High Voltage Resources, Inc.	Patty Franks	Bryan Tiglas
Escanaba Steam Laundry	Mike Furmanski	Jeremy Veeseer
Escanaba Walmart Supercenter	Rick Gascon	Jody Welch
Fox Power	Marjerie Heller	
Grace Baptist Church	Fred Hoehn	
Krause Power Engineering	Rob Johnson	
MJ Electric	Josh Krajniak	
Northern Lights YMCA	Kerri Kulczynski	
ProEnergy Services	Randy LaChapelle	
Public Health, Delta and Menominee Counties	Jeff Lampi	
Wisconsin Energy Corporation	Kim Peterson	

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Caron spoke on the demolition timeline regarding his building located at 600 First Avenue South. Mr. Caron stated demolition and DEQ permits were submitted, a security fence was up, and bids were let out to demolish the building. Mr. Caron asked Council permission to demolish the building but to leave the concrete slab for a parking lot. He was also considering leaving the concrete slab for a possible new building.

Manager O'Toole, advised Mr. Caron's demolition permit was approved, and his request would be evaluated once the structure was taken down.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing – Citizen Participation – 2015/16 Fiscal Year Budget Preparation.

Each year, Council holds public hearings to facilitate input from its citizens for the City's next fiscal year budget. This was the second of five (5) scheduled public hearings.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – Raw Sewage Pump Replacement – Waste Water Department.

Administration sought Council approval to purchase a raw sewage replacement pump from Crane Engineering of Kimberly, Wisconsin, at a cost of \$16,495.

Water/WasteWater Superintendent Jeff Lampi reviewed the reason for the raw sewage replacement pump, and events leading to its breakdown. He advised he found a replacement pump from Crane Engineering of Kimberly, Wisconsin, at a cost of \$16,495.

NB-1 Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to purchase a raw sewage replacement pump from Crane Engineering of Kimberly, Wisconsin, in the amount not to exceed \$16,495.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Beauchamp, Baribeau, Sattem, Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

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. Mr. Furmanski reviewed the following:

- Temporary substation was being put together using major parts of electrical stock on hand. Additional parts needed were being ordered. In the interim, the City would continue to lease the mobile substation from WE Energies ;
- A target date of March 11th was set for the temporary substation to be constructed;
- Administration was in contact with American Transmission Company (ATC) to keep them informed and discuss the installation of a three way switch into the City;
- Insurance carriers would be in town the following week regarding the substation failure;
- Briefly reviewed the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Presque Isle Power Plant ruling by MISO and the cost allocation requiring electric customers pay for the Presque Isle Power Plant operations. An alternate allocation method was being considered. The final decision may reduce the City’s allocation costs, and could increase Escanaba Power Station SSR costs.
- Once all information was available, the City would be presenting its information to the Mid-continent Independent System Operator (MISO) so a final decision could

be made on the City's proposed SSR Agreement.

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

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

For an extended 1 year appointment. The extended term will be expiring in April 2016 and these individuals wish to be reappointed for their 2nd extended 1 year appointment.

Patrick Connor – Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
Randy Godlewski – Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

The following individuals 1st term will be expiring in April and wish to be reappointed to their second term:

Joseph Kaplan – Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, term ending April 2018;
Suzanne Parker – Downtown Development Authority, term ending April 2019.

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

- Members of the public were encouraged to attend the Special Olympics Michigan District Basketball Tournament at the Escanaba Area Public High School on the weekend starting February 27, 2015;
- With the current cold weather snap, City residents were asked to be sure and check on their fire alarms and water safety tips for residential homes.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor