

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, March 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, and Michael R. Sattem

Absent: Council Member Ralph B. Blasier

Baribeau moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to excuse Council Member Blasier.

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.

Beauchamp moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2015, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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 third of five 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 – Use of Public Space – Paul Mitchell – The School – Cut and Color 5k Event.

Wendy Eckert of Paul Mitchell the School requested Council approval to use the Ludington Park Pavilion on Saturday, April 4, 2015, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for their annual Cut and Color 5k event. Administration recommended Council approval provided the following conditions were met: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba and 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event.

NB-1 Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from Wendy Eckert of Paul Mitchell the School to use the Ludington Park Pavilion on Saturday, April 4, 2015, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for their annual Cut and Color 5k event, provided the following conditions were met: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba and 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event.

Approval – Use of Public Space – DeGrand Enterprise, LLC – Catmando’s.

Degrad Enterprises, LLC, 1223 Ludington Street requested Council authorization to utilize public space (city sidewalk) contiguous to their building on May 29, 2015, in accordance with the City of Escanaba Sidewalk Use Policy. Additionally, they requested approval to close South 13th Street from Ludington Street to the alley on August 29, 2015 for their annual Wheelin Sportsmen fundraiser. Administration recommended approval provided 1) proper insurance was provided to the City naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured, 2) event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) the rules and regulations of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and the City of Escanaba Sidewalk Use Policy were followed.

NB-2 Sattem moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from Degrand Enterprises, LLC, 1223 Ludington Street to utilize public space (city sidewalk) contiguous to their building on May 29, 2015, in accordance with the City of Escanaba Sidewalk Use Policy, and furthermore, approved to close South 13th Street from Ludington Street to the alley on August 29, 2015 for their annual Wheelin Sportsmen fundraiser, provided 1) proper insurance was provided to the City naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured, 2) event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) the rules and regulations of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and the City of Escanaba Sidewalk Use Policy were followed.

Approval – Independence Firework Display.

Administration sought Council approval to retain Wolverine Fireworks of Kawkawlin, Michigan, in the amount of \$10,000 for the annual 4th of July Fireworks display. It was further requested Council authorize the contract amount to increase equal to community donations received for the fireworks display.

NB-3 Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, to approve to retain Wolverine Fireworks of Kawkawlin, Michigan, in the amount of \$10,000 for the annual 4th of July Fireworks display, and furthermore, that the contract amount to increase equal to community donations received for the fireworks display.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval – Sanitation Services/Portable Restroom Contract.

Administration sought Council approval to contract with Stenberg Brothers, Inc. of Bark River, Michigan, for sanitation services/portable restrooms for City parks, ball fields and special events at their quoted prices through March 31, 2016.

NB-4 Baribeau moved, Sattem seconded, to approve to contract with Stenberg Brothers, Inc. of Bark River, Michigan, for sanitation services/portable restrooms for City parks, ball fields and special events at their quoted prices through March 31, 2016.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval – 2015 Summer Season - Ludington Park Concessionaires.

Administration sought Council approval to award Territory #2 in Ludington Park to Sticky Fingers Confections for the 2015 summer season. Additionally, Administration sought Council approval to award Territory #1 at the Escanaba Municipal Marina and Municipal Beach to Michael Chapman for the 2015 summer season.

NB-5 Beauchamp moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve

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to award Territory #2 in Ludington Park to Sticky Fingers Confections for the 2015 summer season, and furthermore, approved to award Territory #1 at the Escanaba Municipal Marina and Municipal Beach to Michael Chapman for the 2015 summer season.

Update – Power Generation– City Manager’s Office.

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.

- New temporary substation was now up and running;
- Submitted MISO Power Plant costs for repairs and time frame;
- Briefly reviewed new agreements for the operation of the Presque Isle Power Plant and proposed new power station;
- Final decision on the Insurance settlement on the damage from the February 2, 2015, City Substation electrical event and City Power Plant was expected next week.

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 – None

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor