

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 1, 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 Controller Mike Dewar, City Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

Pastor Erik Heskin of the Bethany Lutheran Church, gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2015, and Special Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2015, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Council Member Blasier asked to move NB-1(h) as a separate item as he had a conflict of interest.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda – Use of Public Spaces – Community Events.

Administration recommended Council approval of the following community events utilizing public space with the following conditions: 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.

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- a. Request from Paula Morrison of the Escanaba Schools use of Ludington Park on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for the Eskymo 5k run/walk;
- b. Request from Mr. Jerry Plourde, Angler Young Angler Director for use of the Ludington Park Band Shell and surrounding soccer field area to hold the annual Angler Young Angler Walleye Tournament on Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 6:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.;
- c. Request from Bonifas Art Center use of the Ludington Park Band Shell and surrounding green space to hold the Waterfront Arts Festival on Saturday, August 1, 2015 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
- d. Request from Ken Buchholtz of the Delta RICC/Wild Turkey Federation and Bays de Noc Gobblers Associations access to the docking area for boat rides on Saturday, August 8, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.;
- e. Request from Cindy Bintner for use of the Ludington Park Pavilion on Saturday, September 12, 2015 for the End the Silence Walk from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.;
- f. Request from Joy McKnight requests for use of the Ludington Park Pavilion on Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the Pink Pumpkins Breast Cancer Awareness 5k fundraiser;
- g. Request from the Bay de Noc Great Lakes Sports Fishermen to reserve space near the North Shore Boat Launch for a fishing tournament Saturday, August 8, 2015, from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
- i. Request from Larry Gravatt of the Escanaba Municipal Marina for the annual Marina Fest Event to be held on Saturday, August 8, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.;
- j. Request from Anne Erickson for use of the Ludington Park Pavilion for the annual Walk in the Park for brain tumor research on Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.;
- k. Request from Dave Palmgren of the Delta County Amateur Radio Society for use of Aronson Island for the annual Ham Radio Emergency Drill from 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 27 to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 28, 2015;

NB-1(a-g), (i-k) Beauchamp moved, Blasier seconded, to approve the consent agenda items as proposed, contingent upon proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba and event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-1(h) Sattem moved, Baribeau seconded, to approve a request from Mary Blasier from the Delta Animal Shelter to reserve the Ludington Park Pavilion for the annual “Bark in the Park”, May 30, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., contingent upon proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba and event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event.

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

Ayes: Sattem, Baribeau, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

Abstain: Blaiser

Approval – 2015 Distribution Pole Replacement – Electric Department.

Administration sought Council approval to contract with Fox Power of Gladstone, Michigan, in an amount up to \$79,800.00 for distribution pole replacement. Funding for the contract was included in the current fiscal year budget.

Electric Superintendent Mike Furmanski, advised this was the fourth year where the City has continued to replace old poles needing replacement throughout the City. He stated 40 poles were expected to be replaced on this bid.

NB-2 Blasier moved, Baribeau seconded, to approve to contract with Fox Power of Gladstone, Michigan, in an amount up to \$79,800.00 for the annual distribution pole replacement.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Baribeau, Sattem, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Update – Power Generation– City Manager’s Office.

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 stated the new temporary substation was constructed at the City Power Plant following the explosion on February 2, 2015. He advised the temporary substation was finished and energized on March 19, 2015, removing the load from the WE Energy rental substation. He further advised the extra load at the west side substation would be transferred to the new temporary substation next week. When asked about further repairs and insurance company response, Mr. Furmanski stated no

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further information was received from MISO regarding repairs, and the has not heard from the insurance company since last week.

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

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

Sarah Hansen – Housing Commission, term ending June 2020;
Judy LaCosse – Board of Appeals, term ending June 2018;
Elizabeth Keller – Board of Library Trustees, term ending June 2018;
Brian Black – Planning Commission, term ending June 2018;
Kelvin Smyth - Planning Commission, term ending June 2018;
Roni Beaudoin – Loan Administration Board, 2nd extension ending 2016;
Timothy Kobasic – Loan Administration Board, 3rd & final extension ending 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 – National Service Recognition Day, April 7, 2015.

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