

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Special Council Meeting  
Monday, June 1, 2015**

Pursuant to a meeting notice posted on May 22, 2015, the meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Marc D. Tall at 8:00 a.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.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** – None

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Escanaba City Charter required the Council to pass electric, wastewater, water and solid waste utility rate ordinances on the first Monday of June, for the upcoming fiscal year 2015-16.

**Second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1159, the Electric Rate Ordinance. A five (5) percent rate increase was being recommended.**

Annually, the City Council set electric utility rates for the next fiscal year. Administration recommended approval of the electric rates as provided. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1159.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Tall asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Electric Rate Ordinance No. 1159.

No comments were heard.

**PH-1a** “By Council Member Sattem, seconded, by Council Member Blasier;

**Resolved,** That Ordinance No. 1159, the Electric Rate Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter.”

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

Ayes: Sattem, Blasier, Baribeau, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Herewith Ordinance No. 1159, adopted by title:

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR ELECTRIC ENERGY DEMAND AND AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE, TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED AFTER JUNE 30, 2015, AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE COUNCIL.**

Full text in Ordinance Record “K.”

**Second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1160, the Wastewater Rate Ordinance. A three (3) percent rate increase was being recommended.**

Annually, the City Council set wastewater utility rates for the next fiscal year. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1160.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Tall asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Wastewater Rate Ordinance No. 1160.

No comments were heard.

**PH-1b**“By Council Member Blasier, seconded, by Council Member Beauchamp;

**Resolved,** That Ordinance No. 1160, the Wastewater Rate Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter.”

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

Ayes: Blasier, Beauchamp, Sattem, Baribeau, Tall

Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Herewith Ordinance No. 1160, adopted by title:

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE CHARGES TO BE ASSESSED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT AND THE AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED AFTER JUNE 30, 2015, AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

Full text in Ordinance Record “K.”

**Second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1161, the Water Rate Ordinance. A three (3) percent rate increase was being recommended.**

Annually, the City Council set water utility rates for the next fiscal year. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1161.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Tall asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Water Rate Ordinance No. 1161.

No comments were heard.

**PH-1c** “By Council Member Beauchamp, seconded by Council Member Blasier;

**Resolved,** That Ordinance No. 1161, the Water Rate Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter.”

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

Ayes: Beauchamp, Blasier, Baribeau, Sattem, Tall

Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Herewith Ordinance No. 1161, adopted by title:

**THE ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION, TREATMENT, AND AVAILABILITY TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED AFTER JUNE 30, 2015, AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE COUNCIL.**

Full text in Ordinance Record “K.”

**Second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1162, the Solid Waste, Recycling, Yard Waste and Litter Ordinance. An 8.3 rate increase is being recommended.**

Annually, the City Council set solid waste rates for the next fiscal year. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1162.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Tall asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Solid Waste, Recycling, Yard Waste and Littering Ordinance No. 1162.

No comments were heard.

**PH-1d**“By Council Member Baribeau, seconded by Council Member Sattem;

**Resolved,** That Ordinance No. 1162, the Solid Waste, Recycling, Yard Waste and Littering Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter.”

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

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

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Herewith Ordinance No. 1162, adopted by title:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, FIXING THE CHARGES TO BE ASSESSED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING, YARD WASTE AND LITTERING, TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED AFTER JUNE 30, 2015 AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ESCANABA**

Full text in Ordinance Record “K.”

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 8:13 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC  
City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marc D. Tall, Mayor