

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
ELECTRICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Special Joint Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Pursuit to a meeting notice posted February 5, 2016, the meeting was called to order by the Mayor Marc D. Tall at 6:00 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.

Present: Electrical Advisory Committee (EAC) Members: Chairperson Tim Wilson, John Anthony, and John Mellinger.

Absent: Electrical Advisory Committee (EAC) Members: Larry Arkens, Ann Bissell, Glendon Brown, One vacancy and Power Plant Liaison.

Also Present: City Manager James V. O'Toole, Electric Superintendent Mike Furmanski, members of the public and media.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Beauchamp moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the Joint City Council & Electrical Advisory Committee Agenda as amended.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion – Decommissioning of the Electrical Advisory Committee.

Administration discussed with Council and members of the Electrical Advisory Committee on decommissioning of the Electrical Advisory Committee which was created by City Council Resolution on July 16, 1992.

- Reviewed original role of the committee which included power needs for the City, and the needs of the Power Plant. The question now was since the Power Plant was sold, should the EAC be decommissioned;
- Discussed keeping committee with new scope of duties and revised Rules of Procedure; (See Attachment – A)
- During discussion, if it was agreed to keep the EAC, it was suggested reducing the committee to 5 members, with a quorum of three, with a Council Liaison and Ex-

Officio, and would meet quarterly without the City Council present.

EAC Members Anthony, Mellinger and Wilson were in favor of the new Rules of Procedure, as well as Committee Member Brown who was out of the community. The members present, as well as Committee Member Brown, all further advised they would be willing to continue to serve on the new proposed Electrical Advisory Committee.

After further discussion, Council Members requested Rules of Procedure 1.2 MEMBERSHIP be edited to state “The Electrical Advisory Committee shall consist of five (5) City resident members.”

By Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Satter, the following Resolution was made:

Resolved, keeping the Electrical Advisory Committee with the approved new Rules of Procedures, as amended, to include the scope of duties as follows:

1. The community solar gardening project;
2. System reliability including distribution reliability both coming into the community and within the community;
3. Capacity and transmission costs analysis and studies; and
4. Energy policy and needs that are of mutual concern to the committee and City Council. The Committee through the City Administration will be responsible for reporting their findings and recommendations to the City Council.

And further to allow the Mayor to make new staggered appointments or reappointments to the Electrical Advisory Committee at the next regular City Council Meeting.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Blasier, Satter, Baribeau, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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EAC Member Mellinger talked about the Federal Carbon Tax and suggested it was an item the City should be watching.

Electrical Superintendent Furmanski reviewed status of the new substation and future planning.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further public comment, or further reports from the Electrical Advisory Committee or Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor