The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Gilbert X. Cheves at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 410 Ludington Street.

Present: Mayor Gilbert X. Cheves, Council Members, Patricia A. Baribeau, Leo J. Evans, and Brady L. Nelson.

Absent: Council Member Walter A. “Pete” Baker

Evans moved, Nelson seconded, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to excuse Council Member Baker

Also Present: City Manager James V. O'Toole, City Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

Reverend Darin Kelsey of Berean Baptist Church gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nelson moved, Evans seconded, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2010, and Special Joint Council Meeting with the Electrical Advisory Board of September 8, 2010, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Evans moved, Baribeau seconded, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve the Council Agenda as submitted.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Council Members gave a Meritorious Service Award to Elizabeth H. Keller upon her retirement, and proclaimed September 29, 2010, as Elizabeth H. Keller Day, in the City of Escanaba.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION - None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

NEW BUSINESS
Approval - Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Contract #10-5502 – Watermain Replacement Along M-35 from 14th Avenue South to 18th Avenue South.

MDOT requested approval of MDOT Contract #10-5502 for the removal and replacement of 12-inch diameter watermain along Highway M-35 from 14th Avenue South to 18th Avenue South. Under the terms of the contract the City of Escanaba will be responsible for paying $191,300 of the $390,500 total project costs. Administration sought Council approval of contract No. 10-5502 and further requested Council authorized the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the necessary contracts.

NB-1 By Council Member Baribeau, seconded by Council Member Evans;

Resolved, that the City of Escanaba, Delta County, hereby approves a Michigan Department of Transportation Contract No. 10-5502, Control Section ST 21031, Job Number 106947A, Federal Project STP 1021(019) Federal Item HH 6712, for the removal and replacement of 12-inch diameter watermain along Highway M-35 from 14th Avenue South to 18th Avenue South; together with necessary related work, located within the corporate limits of the City, and;

Be it Further Resolved, the Escanaba City Council approves its City Manager and City Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary contracts.”

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

Ayes: Baribeau, Evans, Nelson, Cheves
Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Approval - 18th Avenue South Sports Complex.

Administration sought Council approval to name the 18th Avenue South Sports Complex, the "Dr. John & Mary Jane Beumeir 18th Avenue South Sports Complex...Home of the Al Ness Field and Gayle Lemerand Park".

NB-2 Nelson moved, Evans seconded, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve to name the 18th Avenue South Sports Complex, the "Dr. John & Mary Jane Beumeir 18th Avenue South Sports Complex...Home of the Al Ness Field and Gayle Lemerand Park".

Approval – GASB 45 Actuarial Contract – Controller’s Office.

Administration sought Council approval to retain Vanlwaarden, Inc. of Minneapolis, MN, for the purpose of conducting a GASB 45 actuarial study in an amount not to exceed $4,400.00.
NB-3 Nelson moved, Baribeau seconded, to approve to retain Vanlwaarden, Inc. of Minneapolis, MN, for the purpose of conducting a GASB 45 actuarial study in an amount not to exceed $4,400.00.

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

Ayes: Nelson, Baribeau, Evans, Cheves
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Update – Sale of Power Plant – Electric Department.

City Manager O'Toole provided a community update on the status of the sale of the Escanaba Power Plant.

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

Mayor Cheves, with Council Consensus, appointed Terry Reynolds to the Harbor Advisory Committee, partial term ending June 2013.

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

The following announcements were made:

- The Esky 150 Sesquicentennial Committee, would be conducting a brain storming session on September 29, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers. Members of the public were encouraged to attend;
- Encouraged members of the Community to volunteer on City Boards and Commissions;
- Council Members thanked Assessor Keller for all her work for the City of Escanaba, and wished her well in her retirement.
- Updated members of the public on Stephenson Avenue Project;
- On September 25, 2010, members of the public could drop off their expired drugs at the Michigan State Police Post, from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Hearing no further public comments, the Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: ______________________

Gilbert X. Cheves, Mayor