

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**ELECTRICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN**  
***Special Joint Meeting***  
***Thursday, May 16, 2019***

Pursuant to a meeting notice posted May 9, 2019, Mayor Marc D. Tall called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 410 Ludington Street.

Present: Mayor Marc D. Tall, Council Members, Ronald J. Beauchamp, Ralph B. Blasier, Michael R. Sattem, and Peggy O. Schumann.

Absent: None

Present: Electrical Advisory Committee (EAC) Members: Ann Bissell, Glendon Brown, John Mellinger, and John Anthony (arrived at 3:02 p.m.).

Absent: Tim Wilson

Also Present: City Manager Patrick S. Jordan, Deputy City Clerk Tammy A. Weissert, Electric Superintendent Mike Furmanski, and members of the public and media.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Sattem moved, Schumann seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the Joint City Council & Electrical Advisory Committee Agenda as submitted.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Update - Electric Department –General Operations.**

Electrical Superintendent Mike Furmanski updated the City Council, Electrical Advisory Committee and Citizens of Escanaba on the current departmental activities.

- Changing out poles in the Portage Point and Ford River area;
- New Construction, done some work at Marshalls.

**Update – Rate Study**

Ms Dawn Lund of Utility Financial Solutions presented the results of the Cost of Service and Rates study that was recently performed for the City of Escanaba Electric Department. (See Attachment - A)

**Approval – Solar Project Expansion**

Administration sought EAC and Council approval to move forward with expanding the Escanaba Solar project that was constructed in 2018.

Glendon Brown presented a diagram of the proposed expansion. The expansion would add 1,458 more panels. Mr. Brown stated proceeding now with the solar expansion would allow our future capacity contracts to be reduced.

Anthony moved, Bissell seconded, to support the recommendation to City Council to proceed with the Solar Project Expansion not to exceed the amount of \$510,000.

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

Ayes: Anthony, Bissell, Brown, Mellinger  
Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NB-3** Schumann moved, Blasier seconded, to approve moving forward with expanding the Escanaba Solar Project at a total cost not to exceed \$510,000.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Schumann moved, Blasier seconded, to name the Solar Project the Glendon and Marilyn Brown Solar Project.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval – Wholesale Power Extensions**

Administration sought EAC and Council approval to extend our power purchase agreement with NextEra.

**NB-4** Blasier moved, Schumann seconded, to approve 1) to extend the proposed contract

with NextEra at \$43.98 per MWh through 2030, 2) purchase 20 MW capacity through 2030 at \$41,760 per MW-yr, 3) Reevaluate our capacity need before October 31, 2019.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**COUNCIL/COMMITTEE, STAFF REPORTS**

Council Members reviewed City Board and Commission meetings each attended since the last City Council Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further public comment, or further reports from the Electrical Advisory Committee or Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy A. Weissert, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk

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