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ESCANABA - The interim project consultant for the city's power needs was introduced to the electrical advisory committee at a special meeting Tuesday, according to City Manager Doug Terry.

Gilbert Cheves of Escanaba has been selected to aid city administrators in development of discussion and studies on the city's future power needs including a proposed new power plant. Cheves is vice chairperson of the city's planning commission.

City council will consider an official agreement with Cheves at its regular meeting Thursday. Meanwhile, the city has posted for a project consultant to be hired at a later date.

The city is exploring various options to meet Escanaba's growing energy needs because its existing 25-megawatt power plant is inefficient and outdated.