

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, August 2, 2018**

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

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

Also Present: City Manager Patrick Jordan, City Attorney Ralph B.K. Peterson, City Clerk Lisa M. Glish, City Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

Pastor Chris Johnson of Christ the King Lutheran Church, gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO MINUTES

Sattem moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from July 19, 2108, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Schumann moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda for August 2, 2018 as submitted.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None.

Marc Tall reviewed the Council’s Rules of Procedure by stating comments made during “Brief Public Comment” are limited to two (2) minutes, comments made during a “Public Hearing” are limited to five (5) minutes, and comments made during “General Public Comment” are limited to three (3) minutes.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Approval – 2018/19 Street Paving Contract Award – Department of Public Works.

Administration is seeking Council approval to retain Payne and Dolan, Inc. of Gladstone, MI for the 2018/19 fiscal year paving projects. Administration is recommending Council approval of the proposed stated unit prices. This appropriation is included in the approved FY2018/19 budget.

UB-1 After Council discussion, Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, to award to 2018/19 Street Paving Contract to Payne and Dolan, Inc. of Gladstone, MI at the proposed stated unit prices.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval – Use of Public Space – Soccer Field Area inside of Ludington Park – Bay de Noc Brewers.

The Bay de Noc Brewers sought approval to use the Soccer Field Area inside of Ludington Street from Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 12:00 Noon through Monday, October 13, 2018 at 12:00 Noon for their annual Uptoberfest event (event would take place on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.). Administration is recommending approval provided the following conditions are met: 1.) Proper insurance is provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured, 2.) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3.) The event sponsors pay for any overtime labor costs that may be incurred.

NB-1 After discussion, Blaiser moved, Schumann seconded, Sattem abstained, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to allow the Bay de Noc Brewers use of the Soccer Field Area inside of Ludington Park for their annual Uptoberfest event starting Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 12:00 Noon through Monday, October 13, 2018 at 12:00 Noon.

2. Approval – Outdoor Seating – 2116 Ludington Street (a.k.a. Mo’s Pub).

Chris Cooper, Owner of Mo’s Pub, requested approval of an Outdoor Seating Application.

NB-2 Schumann moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the Outdoor Seating Application for 2116 Ludington Street (a.k.a. Mo’s Pub).

3. Approval – Purchase of two (2) Ford Police Explorers – Public Safety.

Administration is requested approval to purchase two (2) Ford Police Explorers at a cost of \$28,382 each from Riverside Ford in Escanaba. Money for this purchase was budgeted in the 2018/2019 FY Budget.

NB-3 Sattem moved, Schumann seconded, to approve the purchase of two (2) Ford Police Explorers from Riverside Ford of Escanaba, MI at the cost of \$28,382 each.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Designation of Voting Delegate – Michigan Municipal League.

The Michigan Municipal League (MML) is requesting the City of Escanaba designate a Voting Delegate and alternate that will be attending the MML Annual Convention in Grand Rapids, September 20-22, 2018; this delegate will serve as the official representative for the City and will cast the vote of the municipality at the Annual Meeting.

Both Mayor Tall and Council Member Schumann stated they plan on attending the MML Annual Convention.

NB-4a Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, to appoint Mayor Marc Tall as the official Voting Delegate for City of Escanaba for the 2018 MML Annual Convention.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-4b Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, to appoint Council Member Peggy Schumann as the alternate Voting Delegate for City of Escanaba for the 2018 MML Annual Convention.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Presentation – Emma Cook from Enbridge.

Emma Cook and Brian Vanoss of Enbridge presented a 15-minute presentation to all in attendance concerning the quantity, quality and safety features in place of the Enbridge pipeline.

***** For the consideration of everyone in attendance of the meeting, Mayor Tall moved the items of Appointments, Commission and Committee Reports, and General Public Comment to take place prior to Council Agenda Items #6 and #7.**

APPOINTMENT(S) TO CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES – None

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Berthiaume, citizen, explained his opposition of the City Clerk hiring process that occurred, resulting in the hiring of candidate Lisa Glish over candidate Tammy Weissert.

Todd Belenger, citizen, explained his opposition of the City Clerk hiring process that occurred also, and thanked for Jim Berthiaume for his support in the issue.

Fred Mathia, citizen, commended the City Council for hiring Lisa Glish as the City Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blasier stated that there will be an event called “Fly Ball” taking place that weeknd in the Miracle of Life building at the Fairgrounds..

Sattem stated that Rock the Dock and Art in the Park will be taking place over the weekend at Ludington Park.

Schumann stated that the sidewalk sales, car show and Marina Fest were all huge successes in downtown Escanaba over the past weekend. Schumann then rebutted to the Letter to the Editor written by Jim Berthiaume that appeared in the July 19, 2018 edition of the Daily Press.

6. Closed Session – Consult with Legal Counsel

Administration is seeking to go into Closed Session to consult with Legal Counsel concerning the Dark Store issue.

Beauchamp moved, Blasier seconded, to go into Closed Session.

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

Ayes: Beauchamp, Blasier, Sattem, Schumann, Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The time was 7:50 p.m.

Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, to come back into open session.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Sattem, Schumann, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The time was 8:11 p.m.

No Council Actions were made while in Closed Session.

7. City Manager One-Year Performance Evaluation.

The City Manager, Patrick Jordan, requested that his one-year performance evaluation be conducted during Closed Session.

Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, to go into Closed Session.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Beauchamp, Sattem, Schumann, Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The time was 8:12 p.m.

Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, to come back into open session.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Beauchamp, Sattem, Schumann, Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The time was 8:58 p.m.

No Council Actions were made while in Closed Session.

NB-7 Beauchamp moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, that the City Manager, Patrick Jordan, received a satisfactory review and his probationary employment period is now complete.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted

Lisa M. Glish
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor