

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, January 4, 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, Ronald J. Beauchamp, Ralph B. Blasier, Michael R. Sattem, and Peggy O'Connell Schumann.

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Patrick S. Jordan, City Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

Clerk Robert S. Richards led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Blasier moved, Schumann seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from December 21, 2017, as submitted.

Beauchamp moved, Sattem seconded, to approve Special Meeting minutes from December 15, 2017, with amendments as submitted.

After discussion and a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Beauchamp, Sattem, Tall

Nays: Blasier, Schumann

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Beauchamp moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the Agenda as submitted.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** – None

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval – Scheduling of Public Hearings - 2018/19 Fiscal Year Budget Preparation – Citizen Participation.**

Each year, the City Council held public hearings to facilitate input from citizens for the upcoming fiscal year budget. Administration sought Council approval to schedule the first of three (3) public hearings for January 18, 2018. Additionally, Administration sought City Council approval to schedule additional public hearings for February 15, 2018, and March 15, 2018.

**NB-1** Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to schedule public hearings for January 18, 2018, February 15, 2018, and March 15, 2018, for citizen input on the 2018/19 Fiscal Year Budget.

### **Discussion – Fiscal Year 2016-17 City Audit.**

Michael Sparling, CPA from the Accounting Firm of Rehmann Robson, provided an overview of the June 30, 2017 independent audit of the City of Escanaba's financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States and the Single Audit Act.

After discussion, Blasier moved, Schumann seconded, to approve the 2016-17 City Audit as submitted from the Accounting Firm of Rehmann Robson.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Approval – Additional Soil and Ground Water Sampling - Electric**

Administration sought Council approval to allow for additional soil and ground water sampling to be conducted at the former Power Plant property. City Electric Superintendent Mike Furmanski reviewed why additional soil and ground sampling was needed. Mr. Furmanski also advised the Electrical Advisory Committee recommended Council approval.

**NB-3** After discussion, Schumann moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to allow additional soil and ground water sampling to be conducted at the former Power Plant property at a cost not to exceed \$10,600.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Mayor Tall, with Council Consensus, reappointed Monte Morrison of the Historic District Commission to a third extended one year term expiring October 1, 2018.

**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**

Council Members updated those in attendance that it was a successful year at the Delta Animal Shelter, Escanaba Downtown Businesses, and provided a brief update on the Proposed Solar Farm.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC  
City Clerk

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