

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Virtual WebEx Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, April 2, 2020

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Marc D. Tall at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Mayor Marc D. Tall, Council Members, Ralph B. Blasier, Tyler D. DuBord, Karen S. Moore, and Peggy O'Connell

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Patrick S. Jordan, City Clerk Phil DeMay, Deputy City Clerk Tammy Weissert, Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

Blasier moved, O'Connell seconded, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from March 5, 2020, as submitted.

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

Ayes: Blasier, O'Connell, DuBord, Moore, Mayor Tall
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Blasier moved, Moore seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as submitted.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Moore, DuBord, O'Connell, Mayor Tall
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

O'Connell will abstain from Agenda Item #4 (Classic Car and Bike Night Events) due to her sponsoring the event.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 Public Hearing – Citizen Participation – 2020 / 2021 Fiscal Year Budget Preparation.

A public hearing was conducted to facilitate input from citizens for the City's next fiscal year budget. This was the third of five (5) scheduled public hearings.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Tall asked for public comment.

Hearing to public comment, Mayor Tall then closed the public hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Approval – Traffic Control Order #1004 & #1005 – Public Safety.

Administration sought City Council approval of Traffic Control Order #1004 to have “No Parking” signs be installed on the East side of Sheridan Road from 15th Avenue North to Public Works (1715 Sheridan Rd) and Traffic Control Order #1005 to have “No Overnight Parking” signs be installed in the City Hall Parking Lot – 410 Ludington Street, No overnight parking shall mean between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m..

NB-1 O’Connell moved, Blasier seconded, to approve of Traffic Control Order #1004 to have “No Parking” signs be installed on the East side of Sheridan Road from 15th Avenue North to Public Works (1715 Sheridan Rd) and to postpone Traffic Control Order #1005 to have “No Overnight Parking” signs be installed in the City Hall Parking Lot – 410 Ludington Street, until City Council can get clarification from the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee on whether Traffic Control Order #1005 can be seasonal.

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

Ayes: O’Connell, Blasier, DuBord, Moore, Mayor Tall
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-2 Approval – Resolution for Street Add Certification - Engineering.

Administration recommended Council approval to add South 32nd Street from 3rd Avenue South to 4th Avenue South to its street system.

“**NB-2** Resolved by Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Moore;

**RESOLUTION 20-08
FOR ADD
STREET CERTIFICATION**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to furnish certain information to the State of Michigan to place this street within the City Street System for the purpose of obtaining funds under Act 51, P.A. 1951 as amended.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED:

1. That the center line of South 32nd Street between 3rd Avenue South and 4th Avenue South described as follows:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH ¼ CORNER, SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 23 WEST, CITY OF ESCANABA, DELTA COUNTY, MICHIGAN. THENCE NORTH 0°-30'-00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 1,286.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 3RD AVENUE SOUTH, THENCE NORTH 89°-54'-50" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 3RD AVENUE SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 348.54 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 3RD AVENUE SOUTH AND THE CENTERLINE OF SOUTH 32ND STREET. THENCE SOUTH 00°-26'-30" WEST A DISTANCE OF 118.94 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 29°-57'-40" WEST A DISTANCE OF 483.27 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF 4TH AVENUE SOUTH EXTENDED AND THE CENTERLINE OF SOUTH 32ND STREET, THE POINT OF ENDING.

2. That said street is located within the City right-of-way and is under the control of the City of Escanaba.
3. That said street is a public street and is for public street purposes.
4. That said street is accepted into the municipal street system and is open to the public for public use on or before December 31, 2019.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Moore, DuBord, O'Connell, Mayor Tall
Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

NB-3 Approval – Digester #4 Repairs - Wastewater.

Administration requested City Council's approval to hire and retain the services of

Terrazzo Creations and Renewal (TCR) of Norway Michigan, to conduct the repairs on digester #4 as specified in the attached quote, in an amount not to exceed \$19,700.

NB-3 Blasier moved, O’Connell seconded, to approve to hire and retain the services of Terrazzo Creations and Renewal (TCR) of Norway Michigan, to conduct the repairs on digester #4 as specified in the attached quote, in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.

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

Ayes: Blasier, O’Connell, DuBord, Moore, Mayor Tall
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-4 Approval - Street Closure Requests for 100 Block of South 13th Street to 1st Avenue South for Various Fundraising Events.

Mr. Curt Spaulding, owner of Cat-Man-Do’s, 1223 Ludington Street requested the City Council approve the closure of the 100 block of South 13th Street from Ludington Street to 1st Avenue South for Classic Car and Bike Nights (June 10th and 11th, July 8th and 9th, August 12th and 13th, and September 9th and 10th), the Fun Run Parade May 29th, and other Fundraisers (Car Show July 18th and Wheeling Sportsmen August 22nd).

NB-4 Blasier moved, Moore seconded, to approve the closure of the 100 block of South 13th Street for all events listed. Closure of Ludington Street from South 12th and South 13th Street for Classic Car and Bike Nights, June 10th (rain date - June 11th), July 8th (rain date - July 9th), August 12th (rain date - August 13th), and September 9th (rain date - September 10th), closure of the 100 block of South 13th Street for the Fun Run Parade May 29th, and other Fundraisers (Car Show July 18th and Wheeling Sportsmen August 22nd).

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

Ayes: Blasier, Moore, DuBord, Mayor Tall
Nays: None
Abstain: O’Connell

MOTION CARRIED.

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

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

William Gasman – commended the City for the Virtual Meeting and also including the residents and citizens to take part.

Jim Berthiaume – thanked the City for putting the Virtual Meeting together and thinks it was a success.

Patty Woerpel – stated the City did a very nice job on the Virtual Meeting, needs a little work here and there, but was glad she could listen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Animal Shelter saved 81 animals in March;
- Asked people to really take COVID-19 seriously;
- Asked to close City parks, but want to keep them open for walking and biking, can't have groups gathering, stay home and stay safe.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Tall proclaimed the start of “Evening in Escanaba” and also proclaimed April 24, 2020, as “Arbor Day”

Hearing no further public comment, O’Connell moved, the Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tammy Weissert, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor