

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, January 2, 2020**

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, Tyler D. DuBord, Karen S. Moore, and Peggy O'Connell

Absent: None

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

City Clerk DeMay led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Blasier moved, O'Connell seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from December 19, 2019, as submitted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

O'Connell moved, DuBord seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as submitted.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** – None

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Glen Vande-Water – discussed New Business Item 2 and the City Charter.

Anne McNamara - discussed New Business Item 2 and the City Charter.

Christine Williams – discussed New Business Item 2 and the City Charter.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB-1 Approval – Scheduling of Public Hearings – 2020/21 Fiscal Year Budget Preparation – Citizen Participation.**

Each year, the City Council holds 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 16, 2020. Additionally, Administration sought City Council approval to schedule additional public hearings for February 20, 2020, and March 19, 2020.

**NB-1** Blasier moved, O’Connell seconded, to schedule public hearings for January 16, 2020, February 20, 2020, and March 19, 2020, for citizen input on the 2020/21 Fiscal Year Budget.

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

Ayes: Blasier, O’Connell, Moore, DuBord, Mayor Tall

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NB-2 Approval – Quit-Claim and Conveyance of City-Owned Property to State of Michigan.**

A request from a resident, through the State of Michigan, DNR, conveyance to and purchase from the State a .03 acre parcel and adjoin it to their residential parcel for future access and maintenance of their lakefront property.

Mayor Tall requested the record state that council received emails from Joe Kaplan and Richard Clark with their recommendations to deny the request to transfer the property to the State of Michigan.

**NB-2** Moore moved, O’Connell seconded, to deny the request to transfer the property to the State of Michigan via Quit-Claim Deed.

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

Ayes: Moore, O’Connell, Blasier, DuBord, Mayor Tall

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Mayor Tall, with Council consensus, made the following reappointments:

Suzell Eisenberger reappointed to the Historic District Commission, term expiring October 1, 2022.

Elizabeth Keller reappointed to the Historic District Commission, term expiring October 1, 2022.

Christine Williams reappointed to the Planning Commission, term expiring June 1, 2022.

Jon Liss reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term expiring June 1, 2021.

Dennis Renken reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term expiring June 1, 2022.

### **BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Aaron Deiter – spoke about the very generous donation from a resident to Lego Club.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

Hearing no further public comment, O’Connell moved, Blasier seconded the Council adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Phil DeMay  
City Clerk

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