

**City of Escanaba  
Special Council Meeting  
Monday, November 11, 2019**

Pursuant to Section 5, Chapter II, of the City Charter, and special meeting notice posted on October 25, 2019, the Council of the City of Escanaba convened in special session in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 410 Ludington Street, Room C101 at 7:30 p.m. on the above named date for the purpose of reorganization. City Clerk Phil DeMay, opened the meeting and called the roll.

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Members of the audience and media.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Blasier moved, O'Connell seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to add New Business item 7, a discussion about City Manager position.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB-1 Oath of Office to newly elected Council Members.**

City Clerk Phil DeMay administered the oaths of office to newly elected Council Members Tyler D. DuBord and Karen S. Moore.

**NB-2 Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem**

Chapter II, Section 5 of the City Charter stated that following each municipal election the Council, shall elect, by ballot, one of its members Mayor, who shall be the presiding officer and executive head of the City, and perform such other duties as are, or may be imposed or authorized by the laws of the state or the City Charter.

Council Member Blasier placed in nomination the name of Council Member Tall for Mayor.

City Clerk DeMay called for any further nominations for Mayor.

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No further nominations for Mayor were heard.

Without objections, nominations for Mayor were closed.

**NB-2** Council Members cast the following votes for Council Member Tall to serve as Mayor for the City of Escanaba.

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

Ayes: Blasier, O'Connell, Moore, DuBord, Tall

Nays: None

**NOMINATION CARRIED.**

At that time, since Council Member Tall received a majority vote for Mayor, City Clerk DeMay presented the gavel to Mayor Tall who then presided over the meeting.

**NB-3 Selection of Mayor Pro-Tem.**

Chapter II, Section 5 of the City Charter states that following each municipal election the Council, shall elect, by ballot, one of its members Mayor Pro Tem, who, during the absence or disability of the Mayor to perform his duties, shall act in the name and instead of the Mayor, and shall, during the time of such absence or disability exercise all the duties and possess all the powers of the Mayor.

Mayor Tall called for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Blasier placed in nomination the name of Council Member O'Connell for Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Tall called for any further nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

None were heard.

Without objections, nominations for Mayor Pro Tem were closed.

**NB-3** Council Members cast the following votes for Council Member O'Connell to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Escanaba.

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

Nays: None

**NOMINATION CARRIED.**

**NB-4 Appointments to Board of Equalization and Review.**

The Board of Review heard appeals from all property owners who feel their

property tax has been inaccurately assessed and has the power to make the appropriate corrections in the tax roll. The Board of Review consists of the Mayor and four tax-paying electors of the City. City Clerk DeMay advised the current members Dennis J. Pearson, Judith Schroeder, William A. LaMarch, and Jason Neumeier wished to be reappointed.

**NB-4** Blasier moved, Moore seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to reappoint Dennis J. Pearson, Judith Schroeder, William A. LaMarch, Jason Neumeier, and Mayor Tall to the Board of Equalization and Review.

#### **NB-5 Appointment to Downtown Development Authority (DDA).**

The Downtown Development Authority Board of Trustee's was made up of DDA District Business Owners, residents, the City Manager and the Mayor. Appointment of the Mayor to the DDA Board of Trustee's was required.

**NB-5** Blasier moved, O'Connell seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Mayor Tall to serve as a member of the DDA.

#### **NB-6 Selection of Boards and Commission Liaison Assignments.**

Mayor Tall, with consensus of Council, continued with the current Council liaisons to Boards and Commissions of the City. The purpose of the liaison program was to ensure maintain effective communications between the Council and Boards and Commissions.

- Council Member O'Connell to the Board of Appeals;
- Council Member DuBord to the Board of Library Trustees;
- Council Member O'Connell to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority;
- Council Member Blasier to the Electrical Advisory Committee;
- Council Member Moore to the Harbor Advisory Committee;
- Council Member Moore to the Historic District Commission;
- Council Member O'Connell to the Housing Commission;
- Council Member O'Connell to the Loan Administration Board;
- Council Member Blasier to the Planning Commission;
- Council Member DuBord to the Public Safety Retirement Board;
- Council Member Moore to the Recreation Advisory Board;
- Council Member DuBord to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee;
- Council Member Blasier to the Delta County Solid Waste Management Authority;
- Council Member Tall to the 911 Authority.

#### **NB-7 Discussion – City Manager Position**

City Council gave an update on the City Manager Position. The sub-committee of Mayor Tall and Council Member Blasier gave an update on the continued

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negotiations with City Manager Patrick Jordan.

**NB-7** Blasier moved, O'Connell seconded, to accept the resignation of the City Manager Patrick Jordan and hire Mr. Jordan with an annual salary of \$125,000 per year, 32 days paid time off, a deposit by the City of Escanaba of 10% in a 457 qualified savings account, a severance package which will be paid in a lump sum in the result of an involuntary termination.

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

Ayes: Blasier, O'Connell, Moore, Tall

Nays: DuBord

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Tyler DuBord wanted to thank all the veterans that have served or continuing to serve on this Veterans Day!
- Peggy O'Connell is happy that we will be retaining City Manager Patrick Jordan.

Hearing no further Council business or public comment, Blasier moved the Council adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil DeMay  
City Clerk

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