

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, November 7, 2019**

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, Peggy O'Connell, and Michael R. Sattem

Absent: None

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

Pastor Weylund Heimer of New Life Assembly of God Church led the invocation and City Clerk DeMay led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sattem moved, O'Connell seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from October 17, 2019, as submitted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

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

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** – None

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ed Legault – Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority – Thanked Council Members Beauchamp and Sattem for their support and time served on Council. Mr. Legault discussed New Business items four and five.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB-1 First Reading of Ordinance No. 1215, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter XIII of Appendix A as Codified Under the Code of Ordinances with the addition of Self-Storage Units and Setting the Date of Thursday, November 21, 2019, for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption.**

Administration requested the City Council to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 1215, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter XIII of Appendix A as Codified Under the Code of Ordinances with the addition of Self Storage Units. Additionally, Administration requested that the City Council set November 21, 2019, for the second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1215.

**NB-1** Sattem moved, O’Connell seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 1215, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter XIII of Appendix A as Codified Under the Code of Ordinances with the addition of Self Storage Units and to set November 21, 2019, for the second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1215.

**NB-2 First Reading of Ordinance No. 1216, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter XV of Appendix A as Codified Under the Code of Ordinances with the addition of Self Storage Units and Setting the Date of Thursday, November 21, 2019, for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption.**

Administration requested the City Council to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 1216, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter XV of Appendix A as Codified Under the Code of Ordinances with the addition of Self Storage Units. Additionally, Administration requested that the City Council set November 21, 2019, for the second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1216.

**NB-2** Blasier moved, O’Connell seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 1216, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter XV of Appendix A as Codified Under the Code of Ordinances with the addition of Self Storage Units and to set November 21, 2019, for the second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1216.

**NB-3 Update – Rural Energy Savings Plan - Electric.**

Administration provided an update on the Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP) funding. Any funds received would be loaned to our customers for energy savings projects.

Mike Furmanski – Electric Department Head – discussed the Rural Energy Savings Program funding. The City of Escanaba Electrical Department can borrow the money for zero percent interest and then turn around and lend it to our customers for up to three percent interest.

**NB-4 Approval – DDA Parking Lot Lease – Controller.**

Administration sought council approval of a lease agreement with the DDA for 8 downtown parking lots. The lease would be for a 10 year term with a rental payment of \$1.00 per year. The DDA would be responsible for paying the cost of all snow removal up to \$15,000 per year. They are also required to stripe the lots each year and keep them free of debris. This would be a 10 year lease.

**NB-6** O’Connell moved, Blasier seconded, to approve of a lease agreement with the DDA for 8 downtown parking lots for a 10 year term with a rental payment of \$1.00 per year, with the DDA being responsible for paying the cost of all snow removal up to \$15,000 per year and to stripe the lots each year and keep them free of debris.

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

Ayes: O’Connell, Blasier, Beauchamp, Sattem, Mayor Tall  
Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NB-5 Approval – DDA Center Court Lease - Controller.**

Administration sought council approval of a lease agreement with the DDA for Center Court. The lease would be for a 10 year term with a rental payment of \$1.00 per year. The terms of the contract have not changed. The City is responsible for the structural supports, roof and exterior walls while the DDA is responsible for the normal upkeep of the building as well as things like doors, windows and plumbing. This would be a 10 year lease.

**NB-5** Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to postpone this item until they hear back from a contractor or city employee of the potential costs to fix items at the DDA building.

**NB-6 Discussion – Interim Manager and Possible Appointment.**

**NB-6** Tall moved, Blasier seconded, to approve the appointment of Robert LaMarche to Interim City Manager until the position is permanently filled.

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

Ayes: Tall, Blasier, Beauchamp, O’Connell, Sattem  
Nays: None

**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 – Thanked Council Member Beauchamp and Sattem for the great job they did and their professionalism. Mr. Gasman also recognized all our veterans for their service.

James Hellerman – Thanked Council Member Beauchamp and Sattem for their time served on council.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mayor Tall presented Council Member Beauchamp and Sattem with a plaque of “Outstanding Service Award” for their time spent on City Council;
- Mayor Tall read the following Proclamation:
  - Hospice and Palliative Care Month Proclamation;
- Mike Sattem thanked Council and the City of Escanaba residents for allowing him to serve on their behalf.

Hearing no further public comment, Sattem moved the Council adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Phil DeMay  
City Clerk

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