

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, September 19, 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.

City Clerk DeMay led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sattem moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from September 05, 2019, as submitted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

City Manager added New Business item 4 "Quit Claim Deed" to the agenda.

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

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** – None

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ed Legault – Executive Director of DDA- discussed developing the Lake Front and support of the Development Project.

T.J. Thomas – Executive Director of the Delta County Economic Alliance - supports the Development Project.

Mary Levesque – discussed the Development Project. Mrs. Levesque suggests there should be more retirement apartments in Escanaba.

Gordy Fitch – Thanked the City Council for their involvement in the Development Project.

William Gasman – Discussed his support of the Development Project.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB-1 Approval – Purchase of Bottomlands-Parcel Adjacent to Chamber Building.**

Administration sought Council approval to purchase the .62 acres of bottomlands adjacent to the Chamber building for \$15,900.

**NB-1** Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, to approve to purchase the .62 acres of bottomlands adjacent to the Chamber building for \$15,900.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NB-2 Discussion/Ratification – Purchase, Sale and Development Agreement with Proxima.**

Council held a discussion/ratification of Purchase, Sale and Development Agreement with the Proxima Group for the Jail and Waterfront properties jointly owned by Delta County and the City of Escanaba.

City Manager, Patrick Jordan, gave a detailed discussion of the Purchase, Sale, and Development Agreement with Proxima Group.

**NB-2** Blasier moved, O’Connell seconded, to ratify the Purchase, Sale and Development Agreement with the Proxima Group knowing it’s subject to change.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NB-3 Approval – Purchase Agreement/Land Contract with Proxima for Adjacent Properties.**

Administration sought Council approval of a Purchase Agreement/Land Contract with Proxima for Adjacent Properties. Article X “ADJACENT PROPERTIES” in the Purchase, Sale and Development Agreement pertains to the old Commerce Center building, property and the contiguous property to the east. Development of this Phase would follow completion of Phase 1, the Jail and Waterfront development.

**NB-3** Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, to approve of a Purchase Agreement/Land Contract with Proxima Group for Adjacent Properties of which is subject to change depending on the appraisal.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NB-4 – Approval – Quit Claim Deed for the Bottomlands at the Jail Site.**

Administration sought Council approval of the Bottomlands Quit Claim Deed at the Jail Site.

**NB-4** Beauchamp moved, O’Connell seconded, to approve of the Bottomlands Quit Claim Deed at the Jail Site.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

Cheryl Ohman re-appointed to the Data Board.

**BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lyle Berro – discussed the use of a performance bond and the Chamber of Commerce Property.

T.J Thomas - Executive Director of the Delta County Economic Alliance - commended City Council on their approval of the Development Project.

Ed Legault - Executive Director of DDA - thanked the City Council Members for their commitment to the Development Project.

William Gasman - discussed the Development Project and Recreational Marihuana.

Helene Tebear - discussed Medical Marihuana.

Tyler Anthony – discussed the Development Project and how it will impact the City of Escanaba.

Mary Levesque – discussed the need for senior living retirement apartments.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Fur Raiser – October 24 at the Island Resort and Casino. Money raised will go towards the Animal Shelter;
- Pulling for Honor – September 21, 2019, money raised will go towards the U.P. Honor Flight;
- Muscle on Main Car Show.

Hearing no further public comment, Sattem moved the Council adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Phil DeMay  
City Clerk

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