

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 16, 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, Michael R. Sattem, 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.

Beauchamp moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from June 20, 2019, and Regular Meeting minutes from July 1, 2019, as corrected by council.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Approval- Engineering for Design & Construction of SRF Project.

Administration sought Council approval to retain the engineering services of C2AE teamed with Black & Veatch to oversee and complete the upcoming SRF project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

NB-1 Blasier moved, O'Connell seconded, to approve to retain the engineering services of C2AE teamed with Black & Veatch to oversee and complete the upcoming SRF project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-2 Approval – Bonifas Arts Center matching grant to support the Music Monday's Summer Concert Series.

Kate Oman, representing the Bonifas Arts Center sought Council approval of a Resolution of support for a matching grant to support Music Mondays Summer Concert Series.

NB-2 "By Council Member O'Connell, seconded by Council Member Sattem;

RESOLUTION NO. 19-15

RESOLUTION - SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS SEEKING MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE "MUSIC MONDAYS" SUMMER CONCERT SERIES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Escanaba, Michigan, does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS, the City desires to support the cultural lives of area residents through opportunities to be exposed to new art and music;

WHEREAS, the City has an excellent partner in the Bonifas Arts Center to successfully organize and promote community events, and promote cultural tourism and sponsor area musicians through public concerts;

WHEREAS, the City will administer the grant funds, if awarded, as set forth in the application;

WHEREAS, the City has a policy detailing equal opportunity provisions for job applicants and public accommodations and agrees to conform to the Assurances and Guidelines set forth in the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the City Council of the City of Escanaba, Michigan, that the grant application should be made to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs for the August 3, 2019 deadline.

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

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

NB-3 Approval – MERS Signatory Authorization Form.

Administration sought Council approval of a resolution establishing authorized signatories for MERS contracts and service credit purchase approvals. This form would allow employees in the HR Director and Controller position to sign MERS documents. Currently, employees are named on the document. This must be completed to remove Bob Valentine from the current form.

NB-3 “By Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Sattem;

RESOLUTION NO. 19-16

Resolution Establishing Authorized Signatories for MERS Contracts and Service Credit Purchase Approvals.

WHEREAS, the City of Escanaba is a participating municipality with the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan ("MERS") and has adopted one or more retirement, insurance, investment or other post-employment benefit products administered by MERS;

WHEREAS, MERS requires signatures of an authorized representative of the Employer to execute contracts with MERS, the entry of which is authorized by the governing body and permitted under the applicable MERS Plan Document(s);

WHEREAS, the Employer wishes to designate certain job position(s), the holder(s) of which may sign MERS' contracts relating to the adoption, amendment and termination of MERS' products; and defined benefit service credit purchase approve is on behalf of Employer to implement decisions and actions of the governing body;

WHEREAS, this Resolution is not intended to apply to MERS forms or any other MERS document except as specifically mentioned herein,

THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BODY RESOLVES:

The holders of the following job position(s) are hereby Authorized Officials that can sign: (1) MERS Adoption Agreements; Resolutions, Participation Agreements, Administrative Services Agreements, Withdrawal Agreements and any other contracts between MERS and the Employer with respect to Employer's participation in any MERS administered product and any amendments and addendums thereto, and (2) MEAS Defined Benefit service credit purchase approvals: HR Director, and optional additional job positions: City Controller.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Sattlem, Beauchamp, O'Connell, Mayor Tall
Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

NB-4 Approval - Delta County Historical Society Agreement.

Administration sought Council approval of the annual service agreement with the Delta County Historical Society. All terms of the agreement remain the same as in the past. The funds for this agreement are in the 2019/20 budget.

NB-4 O'Connell moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to the annual service agreement with the Delta County Historical Society.

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

Ayes: O'Connell, Beauchamp, Blasier, Sattlem, Mayor Tall
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-5 Approval - Cross Connection Inspections @ Commercial Accounts

Administration sought Council approval for authorization to hire and retain the services of HydroCorp, of Troy MI, to preform work as outlined in the attached proposal in a sum not to exceed \$35,496.00. All but ~\$500.00 of this requested money was available and allotted for this type of work within the current budget.

NB-5 Blasier moved, Sattlem seconded, to approve to the authorization to hire and retain the services of HydroCorp, of Troy MI, to preform work as outlined in the attached proposal in a sum not to exceed \$35,496.00

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

Ayes: Blasier, Sattlem, Beauchamp, O'Connell, Mayor Tall
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-6 City Manager's Evaluation

The City Council conducted a performance evaluation on the City Manager. The purpose of the evaluation was to provide feedback about job performance.

City Manager Patrick Jordan elected to go into closed session.

Mayor Tall moved this item after Announcements.

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

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

Kathleen R. Cibula to the Board of Library Trustees, term expiring June 1, 2022

Judith M. Tousignant to the Board of Library Trustees, 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

William Gasman - requested that we put a dollar value on NB-2 to better explain to the citizens. Mr. Gasman discussed the negative impact that comes from the selling of commercialized Marihuana.

Kelli Van Ginhoven – said it has been 113 days since she has asked for an answer for her DDA seat denial. She is still seeking an explanation why she was denied a DDA board seat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Garden Walk is a walk around the beautiful gardens of Escanaba on July 21, 2019. Walk begins at 1 pm, goes until 4. Self-guided, rain or shine;
- “Fly Ball” held at U.P. State Fair Grounds August 2nd and 3rd;
- Sidewalk sales, Downtown Car Show, and Marina Fest on July 27, 2019;
- The 1ST Bike and Classic Car Night raised \$950 for the woman’s shelter and 2nd Bike and Classic Car Night raised \$991 for the “yellow bike” program down at the Marina ;

NB-6 The City Council will conduct a performance evaluation on the City Manager. The purpose of the evaluation is to provide feedback about job performance.

The City Manager (Patrick Jordan) elected to go into Closed Session for his evaluation;

Blasier moved, O’Connell seconded, to go into Closed Session.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

The time was 7:38 p.m.

Blasier moved, O’Connell seconded, to come back into open session.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

The time was 8:38 p.m.

NB-6 Blasier moved, O’Connell seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, all council members will submit their numerical evaluation scores to the City Clerk for averaging plus compile all unedited written comments in a document for submission to the City Manager’s personnel file.

Mayor Tall ~~discussed with council an upcoming meeting to revisit~~ **announced** the City Manager’s **would like to revisit his** contract language- **and appointed himself**, Council Member Blasier, and **the City Attorney to a committee that** will conduct the contract discussion.

- ***additions** and strikeouts corrected by council on August 1, 2019, Regular Council Meeting*

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor