

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, July 1, 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, and Michael R. Sattem

Absent: Peggy O'Connell

Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to excuse Council Member O'Connell.

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, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to postpone the Regular Meeting minutes from June 20, 2019, until the language can be clarified. Council members ~~would like to receive~~ *directed the clerk to prepare* a transcript of *the agenda addition and NB-3 discussion from the* June 20, 2019, Regular Council Meeting for verification.

- *additions and strikeouts corrected by council on July 16, 2019, Regular Council Meeting*

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve to postpone **NB-4** Approval Engineering for Design & Construction of SRF Project to July 16, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting so it will allow more time for public awareness .

Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve to add a discussion to revisit changing the boundaries of the DDA to **NB-4**.

Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the Agenda as amended.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION

Mayor Tall presented a Proclamation in Honor of Tim Gorenchan, World Champion Taxidermist!

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

David Letourneau – wanted to publicly thank Police Chief LaMarche and his officers, City Manager, and the City Council for their prompt action in regard to the current Animal Control Ordinance.

Michael Segorski – discussed the animal control agenda item. Mr. Segorski encouraged the Traffic Safety board to change a speed limit sign on Lake Shore Drive by Veterans Park.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UB-1 Approval- Service Contract.

Administration sought Council approval of an amended service contract with the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. The tribe proposed to add up to 5 additional dwellings on the property. This was the only change to the agreement.

UB-1 Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve of an amended service contract with the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians to a maximum of 30 units and if they require more we can revisit this contract.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Beauchamp, Sattem, Mayor Tall
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

UB-2 Report from Committee - Discussion of Animal Ordinance.

Ad Hoc Committee report including City Manager and Department Heads concerning the animal/dog control ordinance.

City Manager Patrick Jordan discussed his meeting with Public Safety, Public Works, City Controller, and City Attorney in regards of the current animal control ordinance. The City Manager discussed the proposed changes suggested by the Delta County Prosecuting Attorney Brett Gardner.

UB-2 Beauchamp moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to hold a first reading to review the proposed changes to the Animal Control Ordinance

at the August 1, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Approval- Ludington Street – Downtown Sidewalk Sales.

The Downtown Partners in Business requested the City Council approve the closure of Ludington Street on July 27, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the annual “Downtown Sidewalk Day’s” event.

NB-1 Sattem moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from The Downtown Partners in Business for the closure of Ludington Street on July 27, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the annual “Downtown Sidewalk Day’s” event.

NB-2 Approval – Electrical Work in Council Chambers.

Three quotes were received for over the floor raceway and installation of 110 volt duplex outlets. The over the floor raceway will allow us to run our wiring for data and power to Council Chamber desks. Administration sought Council approval to accept the quote from Kobas Electric Co. for the cost of \$3,141.

NB-2 Beauchamp moved, Sattem seconded, to approve to accept the quote from Kobas Electric Co. for the cost of \$3,141, for over the floor raceway and installation of 110 volt duplex outlets in the Council Chambers.

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

Ayes: Beauchamp, Sattem, Blasier, Mayor Tall
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-3 Approval – Rescheduling of July 18, 2019 City Council Meeting to July 16, 2019.

Mayor Tall asked City Council to reschedule the regular scheduled July 18, 2019 City Council Meeting to July 16, 2019, to accommodate members of City Council.

NB-3 Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to reschedule the regular scheduled July 18, 2019 City Council Meeting to July 16, 2019, to accommodate members of City Council.

NB-4 A Discussion to Revisit Changing the Boundaries of the DDA

City Council members revisited the discussion of the redistricting of DDA that took place at the June 20, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting.

NB-4 Blasier moved, Mayor Tall seconded, to approve to the city stops moving forward with the DDA redistricting.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Mayor Tall, Sattem, Beauchamp

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

Appointed David Letourneau to the Housing Commission, term expiring June 1, 2024.

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Mayor Tall presented Bob Valentine a Certificate of Meritorious Service for the outstanding 28 years of service to the City of Escanaba. Designated July 12, 2019, as “Bob Valentine Day” in the City of Escanaba!

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Legault – Thanked the council for reconsidering the redistricting of the DDA. Mr. Legault said “we have some great opportunities over the next four or five years that are really going to change what downtown looks like, and looks forward to working with council in the future.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fireworks are Saturday July 6, 2019!
- Activities in Ludington Park on the 4TH of July, along with Friday (5th) and Saturday (6th) concerts and food vendors.
- Rock the Dock July 12th and 13th!

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor