

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, June 20, 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 Schumann

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Patrick S. Jordan, City Deputy Clerk Tammy Weissert, Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

City Deputy Clerk Weissert led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sattem moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Special Meeting minutes from June 3, 2019, and Regular Meeting minutes from June 6, 2019, as submitted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Blasier moved to add New Business #3 – Changing the DDA Boundaries.

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

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** – None

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PH-1 Approval - Ordinance No. 1211 - Appropriations Ordinance Amendment.**

A public hearing was conducted on an amendment to the current Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. An amendment was needed to balance out over and under expenditures within various departmental budgets for the 2018-19 fiscal years. This action was mandated by State law and adjusts budget accounts to help ensure that no individual line items are overrun.

City Controller Melissa Becotte briefly reviewed adjustments to the 2018/19 Appropriations Ordinance.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Tall asked if there was any public comment.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Tall closed the public hearing.

**PH-1** “By Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Schumann;

**Resolved,** That Ordinance No. 1211, the Appropriations Ordinance Amendment, given its public hearing at this meeting, be and is hereby adopted and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter.”

Herewith Ordinance No. 1211 adopted by title:

**"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1192, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND CORRESPONDING REVENUES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019."**

Full text in Ordinance Record “K”.

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

Ayes: Blaiser, Schumann, Sattem, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **UB-1 Approval – Service Contract.**

Administration sought council approval of an amended service contract with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. The Tribe pays the City \$150 per dwelling on their development site. The current contract lists a specific number of units. The amendment would allow the Tribe to add additional units without making further amendments to the contract. All other aspects of the contract remain the same.

**UB-1** After further discussion, Schumann moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve to table the service contract with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians until administration and the tribe can come up with a number of additional units they are both comfortable with.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **NB-1 Approval – 2019/20 Property and Liability Insurance Renewal.**

Administration sought council approval to purchase property and liability insurance coverage from Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority

(MMRMA) in the amount of \$219,247. This item is in the 2019/20 budget.

**NB-1** Schumann moved, Blasier seconded, to approve to purchase property and liability insurance coverage from Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) in the amount of \$219,247.

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

Ayes: Schumann, Blasier, Sattlem, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NB-2 Approval – Code Enforcement, Planning & Zoning Reorganization / Treasurer Retirement.**

Administration sought council approval to reorganize the Code Enforcement, Planning and Zoning functions, and with the impending retirement of Treasurer Bob Valentine, would also like to gain approval to appoint his replacement.

Manager Jordan stated he was looking for approval of the new job descriptions.

After further discussion, Mayor Tall, with Council, agreed that this item does not need to come to Council for approval, as this is the Manager's job.

No Action taken.

**NB-3 Changing the Boundaries of the DDA.**

Blasier stated, by a process, the city can adjust the boundaries of the area from which the DDA gets its free taxes. There is a possibility of a large development occurring where the old jail used to be, ~~which falls within the DDA district. Only the DDA would benefit from the property taxes. By moving the old jail site from the DDA boundaries it would allow all other local entities to collect taxes.~~

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

**NB-3** Blasier moved, Schumann seconded, to approve to instruct City Manager Patrick Jordan to prepare the necessary documents and set a timetable for the steps of redistricting the DDA.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Schumann, Beauchamp, Sattlem, Tall

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

Appointed Roy Webber to the Board of Library Trustees, term expiring June 1, 2021.

### **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 A. Gasman, Escanaba resident, expressed his concerns on selling and commercializing recreational marijuana.

Helene Tebear, Escanaba resident, expressed her concerns on why Family Video can advertise selling CDB and she can't. The only ones losing out is the medical side of it.

Rayno Keith Tulppo, Escanaba resident, questioned what the dangers were of having someone extremely high in public. Hears about impairment but believes it is due to alcohol.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Go Cubs!
- Bike and Classic Car Night raised \$919 for the Women Shelter;
- July 27, 2019, Sidewalk Sales and Char Show;
- Pull for the Honor Flight, to raise money for the Honor Flight;
- June 22, 2019, Pump of the Park;
- Judge Parks Drug Court, 4 Graduates, took place on June 17, 2019.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tammy Weissert, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk

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