

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Special Council Meeting
Monday, June 3, 2019**

Pursuant to a meeting notice posted on May 10, 2019, the meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Marc D. Tall at 9:00 a.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 Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Escanaba City Charter required the Council to pass electric, wastewater, water and solid waste utility rate ordinances on the first Monday of June, for the upcoming fiscal year 2019-20.

PH-1a Second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1207, the Electric Rate Ordinance. A 1.75 percent rate increase was being recommended.

Annually, the City Council set electric utility rates for the next fiscal year. Administration recommended approval of the electric rates as provided. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1207.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Tall asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Electric Rate Ordinance No. 1207.

No comments were heard.

PH-1a “By Council Member Beauchamp, seconded by Council Member Sattem;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1207, the Electric Rate Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter.”

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

Ayes: Beauchamp, Sattem, Schumann, Blasier, Mayor Tall

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Herewith Ordinance No. 1207, adopted by title:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR ELECTRIC ENERGY DEMAND AND AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE, TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED AFTER JUNE 30, 2019 , AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE COUNCIL.

Full text in Ordinance Record “K.”

PH-1b Second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1208, the Wastewater Rate Ordinance. A 20 percent rate increase was being recommended.

Annually, the City Council set wastewater utility rates for the next fiscal year. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1208.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Tall asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Wastewater Rate Ordinance No. 1208.

No comments were heard.

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

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1208, the Wastewater Rate Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter.”

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

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Herewith Ordinance No. 1208, adopted by title:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE CHARGES TO BE ASSESSED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT AND THE AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED AFTER JUNE 30, 2019 , AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

Full text in Ordinance Record “K.”

PH-1c Second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1209, the Water Rate Ordinance. A 45 percent rate increase was being recommended.

Annually, the City Council set water utility rates for the next fiscal year. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1209.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Tall asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Water Rate Ordinance No. 1209.

No comments were heard.

PH-1c “By Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Beauchamp;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1209, the Water Rate Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter.”

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

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Herewith Ordinance No. 1209, adopted by title:

THE ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION, TREATMENT, AND AVAILABILITY TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED

AFTER JUNE 30, 2019, AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE COUNCIL.

Full text in Ordinance Record “K.”

PH-1d Second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1210, the Solid Waste, Recycling, Yard Waste and Litter Ordinance.

Annually, the City Council set solid waste rates for the next fiscal year. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1210.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Tall asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Solid Waste, Recycling, Yard Waste and Littering Ordinance No. 1210.

No comments were heard.

PH-1d “By Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Satttem;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1210, the Solid Waste, Recycling, Yard Waste and Littering Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter.”

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

Ayes: Blasier, Satttem, Beauchamp, Schumann, Mayor Tall

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Herewith Ordinance No. 1210, adopted by title:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, FIXING THE CHARGES TO BE ASSESSED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING, YARD WASTE AND LITTERING, TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED AFTER JUNE 30, 2019 AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ESCANABA.

Full text in Ordinance Record “K.”

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Approval – Public Act 365 of 2018 (the Small Wireless Communications Facilities Deployment Act).

Administration sought Council approval to hire McLean Engineering of Moultrie, GA to assist us with the requirements of Public Act 365 for not-to-exceed cost of \$5,000.

NB-1 Schumann moved, Blasier seconded, to approve to hire McLean Engineering of Moultrie, GA to assist us with the requirements of Public Act 365 for not-to-exceed cost of \$5,000.

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

Ayes: Schumann, Blasier, Sattem, Beauchamp, Mayor Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-2 Discussion – Water & Paving Work.

Administration requested a brief discussion regarding Water/Wastewater work prior to paving projects this summer.

Water / Wastewater Superintendent Jeff Lampi discussed the direction he was seeking from council. He laid out three different scenarios he was asking Council to consider for the next plan of action on the June 6, 2019, regular City Council Meeting.

- Scenario #1: Not to be concerned with underground infrastructure;
- Scenario #2: Ask DPW to slow down;
- Scenario #3: Do the work at all costs and any means necessary.

NB-3 Evaluation and Review of City Clerk and Assistant Assessor.

City Council reviewed the evaluation of the City Clerk and Assistant Assessor submitted by the City Manager Patrick Jordan.

Blasier moved, Schumann seconded, the evaluation and review for City Clerk and Assistant Assessor to be tabled until the June 6, 2019 City Council Meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor