

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, April 25, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Marc D. Tall at 7:16 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 Schumann

Sattem moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to excuse Council Member Schumann

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.

Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from April 04, 2019, Special Meeting minutes from April 8, 2019, and Special Meeting minutes from April 9, 2019, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Beauchamp moved to add **NB-4** Discussion on City's Board and Commissions Application and Appointment Process and **NB-5** Closed Session with an Update on Pending Lawsuits.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION - None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT –

Kelli Van Ginhoven – spoke about her continued denial to the DDA board vacancy.

Paul Caswell – spoke in support of Kelli Van Ginhoven. Mr. Caswell feels Kelli's denial to the DDA should be investigated.

Leonard Peterson – spoke in support of Kelli Van Ginhoven and recommends that the council reconsider her for the DDA board.

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Margret Miller – spoke in support of Kelli Van Ginhoven and feels she should've been told why she was denied the vacant seat on the DDA board.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Setting of Public Hearing – FY2019-2020 Budget – May 02, 2019

Administration requested Council set May 02, 2019, as the fourth Public Hearing on the proposed 2019-2020 City Fiscal Year Budget.

NB-1 Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to set a public hearing date for May 02, 2019, as the fourth Public Hearing on the proposed 2019-2020 City Fiscal Year Budget.

NB-2 Setting of Public Hearing for Objection to Street Improvements – May 16, 2019

Administration requested Council set May 16, 2019, as the first Public Hearing for the following street; South 32nd Street from 3rd Avenue South to 4th Avenue South. It had been petitioned for curbing and paving and was included in the 2019-2020 budget.

NB-2 Beauchamp moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to set a public hearing date for May 16, 2019, as the first Public Hearing for the following street; South 32nd Street from 3rd Avenue South to 4th Avenue South.

NB-3 Bell's Brewery Inc. In Escanaba, MI Is Seeking Approval For A Small Wine Maker License.

Michigan Liquor Control Commission recommended council approval for Small Wine Maker's license for Bell's Brewery, Inc. in Escanaba, MI.

NB-3 Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve a Small Wine Maker's license for Bell's Brewery, Inc. in Escanaba, MI.

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

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Ayes: Blasier, Beauchamp, Sattlem, Tall
Nays: None
Absent: Schumann

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-4 Discussion on City's Board and Commissions Application and Appointment Process

Council had a discussion on how applications are handled when an applicant submits a Board and Commissions Application. Mayor Tall suggested that emailing all the council members at one time will short circuit the process of review.

NB-5 Closed Session with an Update on Pending Lawsuits

Council went into Closed Session to get an update on Pending Lawsuits.

Beauchamp moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to go into Closed Session.

The time was 7:43 p.m.

Blasier moved, Sattlem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to come back into open session.

The time was 8:14 p.m.

No Council Action was made while in Closed Session.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES – None

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Caswell - discussed how applications are sent out to council members. Mr.

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Caswell suggests that the public should see a record on how votes are casted for each vacant position on Boards and Commissions.

William A. Gasman – spoke about recreational marihuana. Mr. Gasman opposes the sale and commercialization of recreational marihuana in the City of Escanaba.

Leonard Peterson – apologized to the Mayor and Council for being “out of order”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On April 28, 2019 there is a fundraiser for the Animal Shelter at the Elks. It’s called “Bow Wow Brunch”.

Proceeding **ANNOUNCEMENTS** council went into a Closed Session – See **NB-5**

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved:

Marc D. Tall, Mayor