

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, April 4, 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, Ralph B. Blasier, and Peggy O'Connell Schumann

Absent: Ronald J. Beauchamp and Michael R. Sattem

Schumann moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to excuse Council Members' Beauchamp and Sattem

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.

Schumann moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from March 21, 2019, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 Public Hearing - Community Development Block Grant Application - 1601 Ludington Street

The proposed application is to use block grant funds for the elimination of blight through historic preservation for a building located at 1601 Ludington Street.

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

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

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PH-2 Second Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1204, - An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1028

Administration is requesting the City Council to amend Ordinance No. 1028, by Adding Chapter 21 to Provide Provisions for the Regulation for Safe, Effective and Efficient use of Wind Energy Systems.

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

Christine Williams, Vice Chair of The Planning Commission, spoke about her involvement with the research and development of Ordinance No. 1204.

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

PH-2 “By Council Member Schumann, seconded by Council Member Blasier;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1204, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No.1028 by Adding Chapter 21 to Provide Provisions for the Regulation for Safe, Effective and Efficient use of Wind Energy Systems, 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. 1204 adopted by title:

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE No. 1028, BY ADDING CHAPTER 21 TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS FOR SAFE, EFFECTIVE, AND EFFICIENT USE OF WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS”

Full text in Ordinance Record “K”.

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

Ayes: Schumann, Blasier, Tall
Nays: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Approval – Marina Dock Replacement

On March 26th, 1 bid was received for the Municipal Marina Replacement Dock. Administration is seeking Council approval to accept the bid from Flotation Docking Systems, Inc., of Cedarville, MI for the cost of \$373,421.

NB-1 Blasier moved, Schumann seconded, to approve to the bid from Flotation Docking Systems, Inc., of Cedarville, MI for the cost of \$373,421.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Schumann, Tall

Nays: NONE

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-2 Approval – Ductile Iron Pole Bid – Electric

On March 8th, bid requests for ductile iron poles were sent to 3 (three) vendors. On March 22nd, 3 bids were received. These poles will be installed in the Breezy Point area as part of replacing the existing underground circuit that has had some failures in recent years. Administration is seeking Council approval to accept the bid from Irby of Mount Pleasant, MI for 17 poles for the cost of \$41,667.

NB-2 Schumann moved, Blasier seconded, to approve the bid from Irby of Mount Pleasant, MI for 17 poles for the cost of \$41,667.

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

Ayes: Schumann, Blasier, Tall

Nays: NONE

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-3 Approval - Use of Public Space - Ludington Park and Ludington Street – 34th Annual Krusin Klassic Car Fun Run.

The Krusin Klassic Car Club is requesting City Council approval to use Ludington Park and Ludington Street on May 31, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., for their

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annual "Krusin Klassic Fun Run". Administration is recommending approval of the request contingent upon the following: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured, and 2) Event sponsors provide all labor material and clean up at the conclusion of the event.

NB-3 Blasier moved, Schumann seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the use of Ludington Park and Ludington Street on May 31, 2019, from 6:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m., for the annual "Krusin Klassics Fun Run" contingent upon the following: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured, and 2) Event sponsors provide all labor material and clean up at the conclusion of the event.

NB-4 Approval - Lease Agreement for a Dog Park Facility

The Recreation Advisory Board and City Administration are seeking City Council approval of a dog park lease on Delta County Airport property. Delta County has approved the dog park lease agreement at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 19, 2019. The proposed lease agreement is for thirty years with an annual fee of \$1.00

NB-4 Schumann moved, Blasier seconded, to approve of a dog park lease on Delta County Airport property for thirty years with an annual fee of \$1.00.

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

Ayes: Schumann, Blasier, Tall

Nays: NONE

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-5 Approval – Resolution No. 19-09, a Resolution in Support of an Application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds

Administration is seeking Council approval of a resolution to approve an application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for a building rehabilitation project to improve, restore, and historically rehabilitate a significant building in the city's traditional downtown into commercial and residential uses.

NB-5 "By Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Schumann;

RESOLUTION NO. 19-09

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**CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
FOR SUBMISSION OF CDBG APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Escanaba has been invited by the MEDC to submit an application for Community Development Block Grant funds for a building rehabilitation project to improve, restore and historically rehabilitate a significant building in the city's traditional downtown into commercial and residential uses.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopts the Community Development Plan and certifies the proposed project is consistent with the City of Escanaba's community development plan as described in the Application.

WHEREAS, the proposed project will clearly eliminate objectively determinable signs of blight and will be strictly limited to eliminating specific instances of blight (spot blight).

WHEREAS, no project costs (CDBG and non-CDBG) will be incurred prior to a formal loan award, completion of the environmental review procedures and formal, written authorization to incur costs has been provided by the designated CDBG Project Manager.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Escanaba City Council authorizes the submission of a Michigan CDBG application in the amount of up to \$1,680,200, which includes a combination of CDBG grant funds and CDBG loan funds for elimination of blight through historic preservation at 1601 Ludington Street with additional funding provided by the developer and CDBG funding of \$30,000 to procure a Certified Grant Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Manager, Patrick Jordan be authorized to sign the Application and all attachments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Patrick Jordan, City Manager, be authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and all amendments.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Patrick Jordan, City Manager, Marc D. Tall, Mayor, or the designated Mayor Pro-Tem be authorized to sign Payment Requests.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Schumann, Tall

Nays: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED."

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

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

Appointed Patricia Baribeau to the Downtown Development Authority Board, term expiring April 21, 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 –

Kelli VanGinhoven, Escanaba business owner, spoke about her submission of application to be on the DDA Board.

William Gasman, Escanaba resident, spoke about recreational marihuana.

Sue Roll, Executive Director of the Bonifas Arts Center, thanked council and the City of Escanaba for their financial support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Tall read the following Proclamation:

- April 26, 2019, as Arbor Day in the City of Escanaba;
- Presented a Meritorious of Service certificate to Kevin Dubord for his 23 ½ years of service as Assistant Assessor.
- Kiwanis Home and Garden at the Ruth Butler Building this weekend.
- Fireworks will be moved to July 6, 2019.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor