

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Work Session Meeting
Tuesday, January 29, 2019**

Pursuit to a special meeting notice posted January 23, 2019, the meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Marc D. Tall at 8:03 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.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Tall stated he would like to move New Business Item 2 to New Business Item 1.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – Appointment of Legal Counsel for Unemployment Appeal.

Administration is seeking Council approval of an Appointment of Legal Counsel for Unemployment Appeal.

NB-1 Blasier moved, Schumann seconded, to approve of an Appointment of Legal Counsel for Unemployment Appeal.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Schumann, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

Abstained: Sattem

MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion – New DEQ Rules Affecting the 19-20 Budget.

The City Water/Wastewater Superintendent Jeff Lampi led a discussion concerning the new DEQ Rules affecting the 19-20 budget. Mr. Lampi is preparing for

the Department of Environmental Quality latest regulations. The new DEQ rules require more than just the removal of the pipe containing lead. The DEQ is now mandating cities to replace water lines up to the meters, which are usually located inside the home or dwelling. These new regulations conflict with current city policies and ordinance language. Currently the city is prohibited from working on or using public funds for work on private property. Since the decision was not time sensitive, Council members would like to think about how to handle these new rules and regulations. Council will revisit this discussion and advise Mr. Lampi their recommendations at a later date.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

William Gasman, an Escanaba resident, expressed his concerns with quality of workmanship the contractors will uphold. Also, suggesting proper inspections upon the completion of the job. He would like to see a follow up conducted to assure there is no issues.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor