

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, December 20, 2018**

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 Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

Interim Clerk Weissert led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sattem moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from December 6, 2018, as submitted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

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

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** – None

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Tall proclaimed December 31, 2018, as “Gary LaPlant Day.”

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion - Proposal 1 and Next Steps for the City of Escanaba.**

The City Council discussed Proposal 1 and what steps to take next for the City of Escanaba.

Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, to not opt out.

Blasier moved, to table his motion, and with no second heard, motion failed.

**NB-1** After discussion, Blasier moved, Sattlem seconded, to not opt out.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Beauchamp  
Nays: Tall  
Abstain: Sattlem, Schumann

**MOTION FAILED.**

**Setting Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Public Hearing – January 3, 2019 – 1204 Ludington Street – District No. 27.**

Krysta Starz, owner of 1204 Ludington Street, requested to be enrolled in the Obsolete Properties Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) (PA 146, 2000) which allows for partial exemption of property taxes for a specified period of time so that certain types of property improvements can be made. The intent of the legislation is to encourage rehabilitation of underutilized or decaying commercial or commercial/residential properties in certain designated communities. Administration recommended Council set a public hearing date for January 3, 2019, so there is public understanding of the project.

**NB-2** Blasier moved, Schumann seconded, to set a public hearing date for January 3, 2019, for the OPRA District No. 27 – 1204 Ludington Street exemption so there is public understanding of the project.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of a one year lease between the City of Escanaba and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for City property located at 1025 Ludington Street, Center Court.**

Administration sought approval of a one year lease between the City of Escanaba and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for City property located at 1025 Ludington Street, known as Center Court.

**NB-3(a)**Beauchamp moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve of a one year lease between the City of Escanaba and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for City property located at 1025 Ludington Street, known as Center Court.

**Approval of a one year Parking Lot Lease and Parking Lot Maintenance Agreement between the City of Escanaba and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).**

Administration sought approval of a one year lease between the City of Escanaba and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for Parking Lot and Parking Lot Maintenance.

**NB-3(b)**Schumann moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve of a one year lease between the City of Escanaba and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for Parking Lot and Parking Lot Maintenance.

**Employment Agreement with Phil DeMay.**

Agreement was reviewed for new City Clerk, Phil DeMay.

Blasier moved, Schumann seconded, to approve the text in the draft Agreement dated 12/20/2018.

After discussion, Blasier moved, Schumann seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to amend the main motion adding that the benefit longevity will be 10 years and time-off benefit will be 12 years.

After discussion, Schumann moved, Sattem seconded, to amend the amended main motion by adding a time period on obtaining a CMC to be December 31, 2022, not that it would cost him his job at that point but if he does not have his CMC by then the \$5,000 incentive will be taken away.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NB-4** Blasier moved, Schumann seconded, to approve the new City Clerk, Phil DeMay's, Employment Agreement with the amendments.

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

Ayes: Blaiser, Schumann, Sattem, Tall

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Nays: Beauchamp

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Appointed City Manager Patrick Jordan to be the City of Escanaba's representative on the CUPPAD Commission beginning March 1, 2019.

### **BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

### **PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Tall proclaimed December 21, 2018, as "Tom Casperson Day."

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Council Members wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year;

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tammy A. Weissert, CMC  
Interim City Clerk

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