

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, November 12, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Marc D. Tall at 6:00 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, Schumann seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Special Meeting minutes from October 30, 2018 and Regular Meeting minutes from November 1, 2018, as submitted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

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

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** – None

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval - Use of Public Space - Ludington Street - Annual Christmas Parade.**

Administration sought Council approval of a request to use Ludington Street for the Annual Christmas Parade scheduled for December 7, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

**NB-1** Schumann moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request to use Ludington Street for the Annual Christmas Parade scheduled for December 7, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval – Correction to Delta Plaza Mall Brownfield 381 Plan.**

Administration sought Council approval of a correction made to allowable expenses on the Delta Plaza Brownfield 381 Plan, which was originally approved at the November 1, 2018, City Council meeting.

**NB-2** Sattem moved, Schumann seconded, to approve of a correction made to allowable expenses on the Delta Plaza Brownfield 381 Plan, which was originally approved at the November 1, 2018, City Council meeting.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Discussion – City Clerk / I.T. Administration Replacement Process.**

The City Council discussed how to proceed with the City Clerk / I.T. Administrator replacement process.

Blasier moved, to have each Council Member compile a list of seven people to consider which will then be given to the City Manager to rank in order, then at the next Council meeting discuss how many to interview out of that list.

Motion Failed, for lack of a second.

**NB-3a** Schumann moved, Blasier seconded, to approve to have each City Council Member make a list of a maximum of four applicants for the City Clerk / I.T. Administrator position without ranking.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NB-3b** Blasier moved, Schumann seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to set a Special Meeting on November 19, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the City Clerk / I.T. administration replacement process.

**Setting of Public Hearing - Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District (OPRA) No. 27 – 1204 Ludington Street.**

The Obsolete Properties Rehabilitation Act (PA 146 of 2000) allows partial exemption of property taxes for a specified period for certain types of property improvements within a specified area. The intent of the legislation is to encourage rehabilitation of underutilized or decaying commercial or commercial/residential properties in certain designated communities such as Escanaba. In accordance with program requirements, the owner of 1204 Ludington Street, has submitted a request that the City establish an OPRA District, which if approved would allow for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation exemption in the future. Administration requested Council schedule a public hearing for December 6, 2018, for the consideration of establishing Obsolete Rehabilitation District No. 27, in accordance with the requirements of PA 146 of 2000.

**NB-4** Beauchamp moved, Schumann seconded, to schedule a public hearing for December 6, 2018, for the consideration of establishing Obsolete Rehabilitation District No. 27, in accordance with the requirements of PA 146 of 2000.

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

Ayes: Beauchamp, Schumann, Blasier, Sattem, Tall

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**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**

Bonnie Hakkola, Escanaba resident, briefly talked about the communication tower and the letter from former Airport Manager TJ Reid.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Black Friday will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, downtown.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted

Tammy A. Weissert, CMC  
Interim City Clerk

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