

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, May 2, 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, Ronald J. Beauchamp, Ralph B. Blasier, Michael R. Sattem, and Peggy O'Connell Schumann

Absent: None

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.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

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

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** - None

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PH-1 Public Hearing - Proposed 2019-20 Fiscal Year Budget.**

City Council conducted the fourth public hearing and scheduled the final public hearing and approval of the 2019-20 City budget for May 16, 2019.

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

Dennis Dyszel – feels we should be going after grants instead of hiking up the Water Wastewater utilities.

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

**PH-1** Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to set May 16, 2019, as the final public hearing and approval of the 2019-20 City Fiscal Year Budget.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB-1 Consent – Annual Water/Wastewater Chemical Purchases.**

Administration sought Council consent to accept the following annual chemical bids:

- a. Wausau Chemical Corp. of Wausau, Wisconsin - Award of a bid to furnish approximately 35,000 pounds of Hydro-fluosilicic acid for use in drinking water treatment of \$38.80 /cwt in 2750 pound totes.
- b. ChemTrade Chemicals US, LLC of Parsippany, New Jersey - Award of bid to furnish approximately 100 net tons of Aluminum Sulfate liquid in the amount of \$291.00 per dry ton.
- c. Brenntag Great Lakes, LLC of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin - Award of bid to furnish approximately 95 tons of Dense Soda Ash in 50 pound bags for use in drinking water treatment in the amount of \$18.80 / cwt 50lb bags.
- d. PVS Technologies, Inc. of Detroit, Michigan - Award of bid to furnish approximately 50 tons of dry weight Ferric Chloride in the amount of \$702.00 / dry ton.
- e. Hawkins, Inc. of Roseville, Minnesota - Award of bid to furnish approximately 10 tons of liquid Chlorine in amount of \$71.00 per cwt in 150 pound cylinders.
- f. Viking Chemical Company – Rockford, Illinois - Award of bid to furnish approximately 10 tons of liquid Chlorine in amount of \$99.25 per cwt in ton cylinders.
- g. Thatcher Company, Inc. of Salt Lake City, Utah - Award of bid to furnish Powdered Activated Carbon in the amount of \$0.7625 per pound bagged.

**NB-1(a-g)** Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, that the Chemical Bid agenda items be approved as proposed in the unit prices as stated.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NB-2 Approval – Transfer Ownership and Share In The Cost Of Cured-In-Place (CIPP) Lining.**

Administration sought approval to transfer ownership to DP Management LLC and allow wastewater funds to share in the cost of the installation of the CIPP lining for the sanitary sewer.

**NB-2** Blasier moved, Schumann seconded, to approve to transfer ownership to DP Management LLC and allow wastewater funds to share in the cost of the installation of the CIPP lining for the sanitary sewer.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NB-3 Approval – Outdoor Seating – 2116 Ludington Street (a.k.a. Mo’s Pub).**

Chris Cooper, Owner of Mo’s Pub, requested approval of an Outdoor Seating Application.

**NB-3** Schumann moved, Sattem seconded, to approve a request from Chris Cooper, Owner of Mo’s Pub, to have Outdoor Seating.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NB-4 Approval – Retainer Agreement.**

Under Chapter II, Section 15 of the City Charter of the City of Escanaba, the City Manager shall be responsible for the appointment of the City Attorney. Chapter II, Sections 20 and 21 of the City Charter of the City of Escanaba proscribe the qualifications and duties of the City Attorney John M.A. Bergman of Nastoff & Bergman, P.C., City Attorney for the City of Escanaba.

**NB-4** Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve the City Manager to appoint Attorney John M.A. Bergman of Nastoff & Bergman, P.C., as City Attorney for the City of Escanaba.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NB-5 Approval - Street Closure Requests for 100 Block of South 13th Street to 1st Avenue South for Various Fundraising Events.**

Mr. Curt Spaulding, owner of Cat-Man-Do's, 1223 Ludington Street requested the City Council approve the closure of the 100 block of South 13th Street from Ludington Street to 1st Avenue South from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (Event Time: 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.) on Saturday, August 3, 2019 – Wheelin' Sportsmen Fundraiser.

**NB-5** Item was taken off of Agenda. No action was taken.

**NB-6 Approval – Meter Truck Bid – Electric Department.**

Administration sought Council approval to accept the Meter Truck bid received from Riverside Ford of Escanaba, MI for the cost of \$27,163. Funds for this request were included in the current year operating budget.

**NB-6** Schumann moved, Sattem seconded, to approve to accept the Meter Truck bid received from Riverside Ford of Escanaba, MI for the cost of \$27,163.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NB-7 Discussion – Staffing Needs in Planning/Zoning.**

Administration held a discussion on Staffing Needs in Planning/Zoning with demands placed upon Planning and Zoning by State.

**NB-8 Approval – Administration Requests to Create Two part time custodial positions at City Hall.**

Administration would like to terminate the contract with Hi-Tec and instead directly employ two part time custodians. This would have a positive impact on the budget.

**NB-8** Schumann moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve to terminate the contract with Hi-Tec and instead directly employ two part time custodians.

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

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

Appointed Peggy Pryal to the Downtown Development Authority Board, term expiring April 21, 2021;

Appointed Curt Spalding to the Downtown Development Authority Board, term expiring April 21, 2023

### **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 – feels there should be an investigation on why Kelli Van Ginhoven was not appointed to the DDA board.

William A. Gasman – discussed that Michigan’s recreational marijuana regulations are the most lenient of all the states with legalized recreational marijuana. Mr. Gasman suggested to just say no to the sale of recreational marijuana in the City of Escanaba.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mayor Tall proclaimed April 28, 2019 “Workers Memorial Day”;
- Mayor Tall proclaimed May 12-18, 2019 “Police Week”;
- Mayor Tall proclaimed May 5-11, 2019 “Municipal Clerks Week”
- City Manager Patrick Jordan wanted to thank Elmer’s for their gracious donation.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Phil DeMay  
City Clerk

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