

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, January 16, 2020**

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, Tyler D. DuBord, Karen S. Moore, and Peggy O'Connell

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.

Blasier moved, O'Connell seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from January 2, 2020, as submitted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

O'Connell moved, DuBord seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as submitted.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** – None

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PH-1 Public Hearing – Citizen Participation – 2020/21 Fiscal Year Budget Preparation.**

Each year, Council holds public hearings to facilitate input from citizens for the upcoming FY2020/21 fiscal year budget. This was the first of five (5) scheduled public hearings.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Tall asked for public comment.

Patty Woerpel – Vice Chair of the Recreation Advisory Committee – discussed the tennis courts down at Ludington Park. She recommended Council to approve the renovation of the tennis courts.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB-1 Approval – Deficit Elimination Plan - Controller.**

The Downtown Development Authority ended the 2019 fiscal year with a deficit fund balance of \$78,846. This was the result of the internal loan provided by the City to assist in payment for construction of the Marketplace. Administration sought Council approval of a resolution for the deficit elimination plan as required by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

“**NB-1** Resolved by Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member O’Connell;

**RESOLUTION 20-02  
 DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN  
 FOR THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND**

**Whereas,** The City of Escanaba’s Downtown Development Authority Fund has a \$78,846 deficit fund balance on June 30, 2019, and;

**Whereas,** 1971 PA 140 requires that a Deficit Elimination Plan be formulated by the local unit of government and file with the Michigan Department of Treasury;

**Now therefore be it Resolved,** That the City of Escanaba’s City Council adopts the following as the City of Escanaba’s Downtown Development Authority Fund Deficit Elimination Plan:

	2020	2021	2022
Unrestricted Net Position (Deficit) July 1	(\$78,846)	(\$6,499)	\$71,107
Revenue			
Taxes	295,000	300,900	306,918
Investment Earnings (Loss)	7,000	7,000	7,000
Other	9,000	9,000	9,000
Total Revenue	311,000	316,900	322,918
Expenditures			
Salaries, Wages and Overhead	94,533	96,424	98,352
Supplies	4,000	5,000	5,000
Professional Services	36,600	36,000	36,000
Telephones	2,650	2,650	2,650
Travel	350	350	350
Public Relations	18,100	18,100	18,100
Printing and Publishing	200	200	200
Insurance	2,570	2,600	2,625

Utilities	6,000	6,000	6,000
Maintenance of Lots/Sidewalks	19,500	19,500	19,500
Repairs to Structures	15,000	15,000	15,000
Repairs to Equipment	2,000	2,000	2,000
Rental of Equipment	3,000	3,000	3,000
Memberships and Dues	250	250	250
Education and Training	500	500	500
Capital Outlay	17,500	17,500	17,500
Books, Magazines and Periodicals	500	500	500
Interest Expense	12,900	11,220	9,525
Contributions to Other Funds	2,500	2,500	2,500
Total Expenditures	238,653	239,294	239,552
Revenue Over Expenditures	72,347	71,970	77,564
Ending Net Position	(\$6,499)	\$71,107	\$154,473

**Be it further Resolved,** That the City of Escanaba’s City Controller submits the Deficit Elimination Plan to the Michigan Department of Treasury for certification.

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

Ayes: Blasier, O’Connell, Moore, DuBord, Mayor Tall  
 Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”**

**NB-2 Discussion/Possible Action – Moratorium for New Hotel Construction.**

Proxima requested a 3-year moratorium on any new hotel/motel construction within the City of Escanaba for a period of 3 years.

Mayor Tall suggested postponing this item until they meet with Proxima and get further information.

Mayor Tall moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to postpone this item until they meet with Proxima.

**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** – None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

Hearing no further public comment, O’Connell moved, the Council adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Phil DeMay  
City Clerk

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