City of Escanaba
Special Council Meeting
Monday, November 11, 2013

Pursuant to Section 5, Chapter II, of the City Charter, and special meeting notice posted on November 4, 2013, the Council of the City of Escanaba convened in special session in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 7:30 p.m. on the above named date for the purpose of reorganization. City Clerk Robert S. Richards, CMC, opened the meeting and called the roll.

Present: Council Members elect, Patricia A. Baribeau, Ralph B. Blasier, Leo J. Evans, Marc D. Tall, and Ronald J. Beauchamp.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Members of the audience and media.

Oath of Office to newly elected Council Members.

City Clerk Robert S. Richards administered the oaths of office to newly elected Council Members Patricia A. Baribeau, Ralph B. Blasier, Leo J. Evans, and Marc D. Tall.

Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

Chapter II, Section 5 of the City Charter stated that following each municipal election the Council, shall elect, by ballot, one of its members Mayor, who shall be the presiding officer and executive head of the City, and perform such other duties as are, or may be imposed or authorized by the laws of the state or the City Charter.

Council Member Baribeau placed in nomination the name of Council Member Evans for Mayor.

Council Member Blasier placed in nomination the name of Council Member Tall for Mayor.

City Clerk Richards called for any further nominations for Mayor.

No further nominations were heard.

Without objections, nominations for Mayor were closed.

Council Member Evans graciously asked that nomination for Mayor be removed. Council Member Baribeau withdrew her nomination for Evans for Mayor.

Upon a call of the roll, Council Members cast the following votes for Council Member Tall to serve as Mayor for the City of Escanaba.

Ayes: Blasier, Baribeau, Evans, Tall
Nays: Beauchamp

NOMINATION CARRIED.

At that time, since Council Member Tall received a majority vote for Mayor, City Clerk Richards presented the gavel to Mayor Tall who then presided over the meeting.

Chapter II, Section 5 of the City Charter states that following each municipal election the Council, shall elect, by ballot, one of its members Mayor Pro Tem, who, during the absence or disability of the Mayor to perform his duties, shall act in the name and instead of the Mayor, and shall, during the time of such absence or disability exercise all the duties and possess all the powers of the Mayor.

Mayor Tall called for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Baribeau placed in nomination the name of Council Member Evans for Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Tall called for any further nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

None were heard.

Without objections, nominations for Mayor Pro Tem were closed.

Upon a call of the roll, Council Members cast the following votes for Council Member Evans to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Escanaba.

Ayes: Baribeau, Blasier, Evans, Tall
Nays: Beauchamp

NOMINATION CARRIED.

Appointments to Board of Equalization and Review.

The Board of Review heard appeals from all property owners who feel their property tax has been inaccurately assessed and has the power to make the appropriate corrections in the tax roll. The Board of Review consists of the Mayor and four tax-paying electors of the City. City Clerk Richards advised the current members Dennis J. Pearson, Judith Schroeder, William A. LaMarch, and Jason Neumeier wished to be reappointed.

Evans moved, seconded by Blasier, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to reappoint Dennis J. Pearson, Judith Schroeder, William A. LaMarch, and Jason Neumeier to the Board of Equalization and Review.

Appointment to Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

The Downtown Development Authority Board of Trustee's was made up of DDA District Business Owners, residents, the City Manager and the Mayor. Appointment of the Mayor to the DDA Board of Trustee's was required.

Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Mayor Tall to serve as a member of the DDA.

Selection of Boards and Commission Liaison Assignments.

Mayor, with consensus of Council, assigned/reappointed Council liaisons to Boards and Commissions of the City. The purpose of the liaison program was to ensure effective communications between the Council and Boards and Commissions was maintained. The following appointments/reappointments were made:

- Council Member Baribeau to the Board of Library Trustees;
- Council Member Blasier to the Board of Appeals;
- Council Member Blasier to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority;
- Council Member Beauchamp to the Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee;
- Council Member Beauchamp to the Electrical Advisory Committee;
- Council Member Baribeau to the Harbor Advisory Committee;
- Council Member Beauchamp to the Historic District Commission;
- Council Member Evans to the Housing Commission;
- Council Member Evans to the Liquor License Review Board;
- Council Member Evans to the Loan Administration Board;
- Council Member Beauchamp to the Planning Commission;
- Council Member Evans to the Public Safety Retirement Board;
- Council Member Blasier to the Recreation Advisory Board;
- Council Member Baribeau to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

Hearing no further Council business or public comment, the Council adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC, City Clerk

Approved:_____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor