

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, April 17, 2014**

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, Patricia A. Baribeau, Ronald J. Beauchamp, and Ralph B. Blasier

Absent: One Vacancy

Also Present: City Manager James V. O'Toole, City Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

Pastor Jason Janich, of New Life Assembly of God Church, gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2014, Budget Hearing Minutes from April 8 & 9, 2014, and Special Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2014, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as submitted.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Council Member Beauchamp let it be known, that he personally knew all three individuals who expressed interest in the vacant Council position.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing – Second Reading and Adoption – Ordinance No. 1145 – An Ordinance to Amend the City Zoning Map – City Manager.

A public hearing was conducted to amend the City Zoning Map for property located in Block 2 of the Hessel & Hentschel Addition, lots 23 and 24, by having the properties rezoned from a Two-Family Residence "B" District land use to a Light Manufacturing "F" District land use. On March 13, 2014, the Escanaba Planning Commission recommended the Council amend the City Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 4

Districts, Boundaries and Zoning Map. The first reading of Ordinance No. 1145 was conducted on March 20, 2014, by the City Council.

Bill Jenson, representative of Northern Michigan Bank and Trust, provided a brief overview of the project. Mr. Jenson advised it was the Bank's plan to move their Administrative Offices from Downtown to the proposed rezoned property.

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

James Hellermann, of the Planning Commission, advised the neighbors were very happy with the proposed plans.

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

PH-1 "By Council Member Beauchamp, seconded by Council Member Blasier;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1145, an Ordinance to Amend Section 401.4, Zoning Map of Ordinance No. 1028, City Zoning Map Ordinance, as Codified Under the Code of Ordinances, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and is hereby adopted and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter."

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

Ayes: Beauchamp, Blasier, Baribeau, Tall
Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED."

Herewith Ordinance No. 1145 adopted by title:

**"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 401.4, ZONING MAP OF
ORDINANCE NO. 1028, CITY ZONING MAP ORDINANCE, AS CODIFIED UNDER
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES"**

Full Text in Ordinance Record "K".

NEW BUSINESS

Approval - 2014-15 Fiscal Year Budget Resolution – City Manager.

Administration sought Council approval of a resolution to set May 1, 2014, as the fourth public hearing on the 2014-2015 City Budget.

NB-1 "By Council Blasier, seconded, by Council Member Beauchamp;

Resolved, To set May 1, 2014, as the fourth public hearing on the 2014-2015

City Budget.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Blasier, Beauchamp, Baribeau, Tall
Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

Approval – Annual Investment Report and Investment Policy Statement – Treasurer’s Office.

Administration sought Council acceptance of the Annual Investment Report, approval of the City Investment Policy Statement and approval of the recommended depositories as cited in the annual Investment Policy Statement as presented by City Treasurer on April 9, 2014, during the City Budget Hearings.

NB-2 “By Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Baribeau;

Resolved, To accept the Annual Investment Report and Investment Policy Statement as of 12/31/2013, as presented by City Treasurer Robert Valentine on April 9, 2014, as required by Michigan Public Act 20.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Baribeau, Beauchamp, Tall
Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

Approval – Use of Public Space/Street Closure – 1223 Ludington Street.

Degrاند Enterprises, LLC, 1223 Ludington Street, requested Council authorization to utilize public space (city sidewalk) contiguous to their building on May 30, 2014, (Fun Run), July 26, 2014, (St. Pierre Anniversary High School Scholarship), August 16, 2014, (Fundraiser for Transverse Myelitis) and September 6, 2014, (Fundraiser for the Wheelin Sportsmen Fund), in accordance with the City of Escanaba Sidewalk Use Policy. Additionally, a request was made for a road closure in the 100 block of South 13th Street, just north of the alleyway to Ludington Street on August 16 and September 6, 2014. Administration recommended approval provided 1) proper insurance was provided to the City naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured, 2) event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) the rules and regulations of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and the City of Escanaba Sidewalk Use Policy are followed.

NB-3 Baribeau moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from Degrاند Enterprises, LLC, 1223 Ludington Street, to utilize public

space (city sidewalk) contiguous to their building on May 30, 2014, (Fun Run), July 26, 2014, (St. Pierre Anniversary High School Scholarship), August 16, 2014, (Fundraiser for Transverse Myelitis) and September 6, 2014, (Fundraiser for the Wheelin Sportsmen Fund), in accordance with the City of Escanaba Sidewalk Use Policy. Additionally, a request was being made for a road closure in the 100 block of South 13th Street, just north of the alleyway to Ludington Street on August 16 and September 6, 2014, provided 1) proper insurance was provided to the City naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured, 2) event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) the rules and regulations of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and the City of Escanaba Sidewalk Use Policy are followed.

Request to Use Ludington Park and Ludington Street – Krusin Klassic Car Club.

The Krusin Klassic Car Club requested to use Ludington Park and Ludington Street on May 30, 2014, for their annual “Krusin Klassics Fun Run”. Administration recommended approval provided 1) proper insurance was provided to the City naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured and 2) event sponsors provide all labor material and clean up at the conclusion of the event.

NB-4 Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request to use Ludington Park and Ludington Street on May 30, 2014, for their annual “Krusin Klassics Fun Run”. Administration recommended approval provided 1) proper insurance was provided to the City naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured and 2) event sponsors provide all labor material and clean up at the conclusion of the event.

Update – Power Plant Sale – May 6th Ballot Proposal – City Manager’s Office.

Administration updated the Council and public on the latest developments related to the sale of the Escanaba generating facility and the upcoming May 6, 2014, City Special Election Ballot Proposal.

City Manager O’Toole stated it was still City priority to sell the Power Plant for continued Plant operations. The May 6th ballot proposal was a contingency plan and would give the City options to dispose of the property so the City would not be held liable for costs in the event the Power Plant sale did not occur or City MISO SSR Agreement expired.

Charles Detiege of Escanaba Green Energy (EGE), updated the Council on the Power Plant sale. Mr. Detiege stated the May 6th ballot proposal had nothing to do with EGE purchasing the Power Plant. If the Power Plant sale did not occur by May 6th, EGE would continue the process to close the deal after the election date. Mr. DeTiege advised the EGE Escrow account was being created. Once created, City would be paid and EGE would receive a funding date. A check would be written once all the documents were signed.

Discussion/Update – Council Seat Vacancy – City Council.

The City Council discussed the process and possibility of filling the vacant Council seat. Mayor Tall stated letters of interest were received from James Hellermann, and Michael Sattem. He also advised a letter of interest and resume was received from Christine Williams, after the 12:00 p.m. Thursday, April 17th deadline.

After discussion, it was Council consensus not to accept Christine Williams application. They stated deadlines were important, especially for public office, and Christine Williams letter of interest arrived hours after the deadline.

Council Members suggested, at the next regular meeting, questions should be asked of Mr. Hellermann and Mr. Sattem. Council Members should each prepare and ask the candidates series of questions.

After further discussion, Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, that at the next regular Council Meeting, May 1, 2014, each Council Member will compile a list of Council Candidate questions. Council Members will be prepared to take turns asking the Council Candidates questions, getting to know each candidate and their goals and objectives. Council Members will then decide how to proceed.

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

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

Sarah Peloza to a vacant position on the Housing Commission, term ending June 1, 2015;

Todd Maki to a vacant position on the Recreation Advisory Board, term ending June 1, 2016;

The following individuals were appointed to fill vacancies. The terms will be expiring and these individuals wish to be reappointed to their first complete terms.

Joe Klem to the Board of Appeals, term ending June 1, 2017;

Dan Bender to the Downtown Development Authority, term ending April 21, 2018;

Andrew Crispigna to the Downtown Development Authority, term ending April 21, 2018;

Anthony LaPlant to the Public Safety Retirement Board, term ending June 1, 2018;

Randy Kleiman to the Recreation Advisory Board, term ending June 1, 2017;

These individuals wish to be reappointed to their second term:

Todd Milkiewicz to the Planning Commission, term ending June 1, 2017;

Thomas Warstler to the Planning Commission, term ending June 1, 2017;

Roy Webber to the Planning Commission, term ending June 1, 2017;

Wayne Hardwick to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, term ending June 1, 2017;
Ralph B.K. Peterson to the Escanaba Building Authority, term ending August 1, 2017;

Council Member Blasier was appointed to the Delta County Landfill as a City of Escanaba representative and taken off the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority as Council Liaison due to Council Member Blasier's work schedule.

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

- Escanaba Robotic team was congratulated on their success. Public was encouraged to help with their fundraising event to attend the national team competition;
- Manager O'Toole advised that on behalf of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation the City of Escanaba was welcomed into the second class of communities to participate in the statewide Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program.

Mayor Tall Proclaimed - May 2014 Head Start Month

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor