

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, August 7, 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, Ralph B. Blasier, and Michael R. Sattem

Absent: None

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

Reverend Chris Johnson, of Christ the King Lutheran Church gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Beauchamp moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2014, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing - Second Reading and Adoption – Ordinance No. 1154 – An Ordinance to Vacate a Portion of an Alley in Block 2 of the City Center Addition.

Council conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 1154, an ordinance to vacate a portion of an alley beginning at the west 140 feet of the east-west alley of Block 2 of the City Center Addition.

Stonehouse owner John Romps briefly reviewed the scope of the site plan for the new parking lot and expected timeline for construction.

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

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

PH-1 “By Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Sattem;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1154, an Ordinance to Vacate a Part of an Alley in Block 2 of the City Center Addition, given its 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: Blasier, Sattem, Beauchamp, Baribeau, Tall
Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Herewith Ordinance No. 1154 adopted by title:

“AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PART OF AN ALLEY IN BLOCK 2 OF THE CITY CENTER ADDITION”

Full text in Ordinance Record “K”.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Action- Collective Bargaining Agreement – Teamsters Local 406 – Clerical and Maintenance Group.

Discussion/Action- Collective Bargaining Agreement – Teamsters Local 406 – Water/Wastewater Group.

Administration requested Council go into closed session to discuss 3 year collective bargaining agreements between the City of Escanaba and Teamsters Local 406, Clerical and Maintenance Group, and Teamsters Local 406, Water/WasteWater Group.

Baribeau moved, Beauchamp seconded, to go into closed session to discuss a 3 year collective bargaining agreements between the City of Escanaba Teamsters Local 406, Clerical and Maintenance Group, and Teamsters Local 406, Water/WasteWater Group.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

The time was 7:08 p.m.

Council came back into open session at 7:25 p.m.

NB-1 Blasier moved, Baribeau seconded, to approve a 3 year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Local 406 – Clerical and Maintenance Group.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Baribeau, Sattem, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion/Action- Collective Bargaining Agreement – Teamsters Local 406 – Water/Wastewater Group.

Sattem moved, Blasier seconded, to approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Local 406 – Water/Wastewater Group.

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

Ayes: Sattem, Blasier, Baribeau, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Update – Sale of the Power Plant – City Manager’s Office.

Manager O’Toole updated the Council and public on the latest developments related to the sale of the Escanaba generating facility. He advised both the escrow agent and HSBC, working with Escanaba Green Energy, (EGE), which was the bank that held the escrowed funds, have verbally confirmed to Corban that funds were in the escrow account. HSBC has verbally given Corbin a schedule for funding. For its legal protection, Corban was waiting for written confirmation of this from HSBC and then will provide this information to EGE.

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

Mayor Tall, with Council consensus, appointed Holly Thomma to the Loan Administration Board, term ending June 2016.

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

- Commented on the progress of the animal shelter and their successful adoption rate;
- Escanaba Junior Girls were congratulated on a successful season. They claimed the State Championship, and came in second place in the regionals;
- Today was National Rootbeer Float and Pale Ale Day;
- Marina Fest Saturday, August 9, 2014;
- Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. , Gov. Rick Snyder will be signing the bill that amended Act 275 the Next Michigan Development Act which now allows for a zone in the U.P.;
- Manager was thanked for another Rock the Dock successful event.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor