

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, November 20, 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.

City Clerk Robert S. Richards gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from November 6, 2014, and Special Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2014, as submitted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

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

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** – None

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Public Hearing – Second Reading and Adoption - Ordinance No. 1156 - An Ordinance to Amend the City Zoning Map – Planning Commission.**

Council conducted a second reading of Ordinance No. 1156, and public hearing on a request to amend the City Zoning Map. On October 9, 2014, the Escanaba Planning Commission conducted a public hearing and has recommended Council amend the City Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 4 Districts, Boundaries and Zoning Map for property located on North 30th Street, North of 9th Avenue North between North 30th Street and the railroad line by having the properties rezoned from a Heavy Manufacturing “G” District use to a Commercial District “E” use.

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 Beauchamp, seconded by Council Member Blasier;

**Resolved**, That Ordinance No. 1156, an Ordinance to amend Section 401.4, Zoning Map of Ordinance No. 1028, City Zoning Map Ordinance, 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: Beauchamp, Blasier, Baribeau, Sattem, Tall  
Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Herewith Ordinance No. 1156 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”.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion - Condemnation Hearing - 630 1st Avenue South.**

Administration requested Council set the date of January 7, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. as a public hearing date for the condemnation of a building located at 630 1st Avenue South, Escanaba, MI.

City Manager O’Toole and City Code Enforcement Officer Blaine DeGrave briefly reviewed events that occurred at the property, and reviewed the condemnation process. It was advised:

- The 24,000 foot structure was deemed as unsafe, a public nuisance, and unfit for human occupancy;
- The building was declared unsafe due to a roof collapse, deteriorating portions of exterior walls, and a brick chimney posing a threat;
- It was administrations belief the structure would continue to deteriorate and could cause injury to individuals or damage to surrounding property;
- If, after the condemnation hearing, Council condemns the property on January 7, 2015, the owners would have 30 days to address the issues. If no action was taken by the property owners, the City would schedule the demolition, and seek

reimbursement from the property owners.

**NB-1** Blasier moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to set the date of January 7, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. as a public hearing date for the condemnation of a building located at 630 1st Avenue South, Escanaba, MI.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Baribeau, Sattem, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

### **Approval – Use of Public Space – Ludington Street – 56th Annual Christmas Parade.**

Administration sought Council approval of a request to use Ludington Street for the 56th Annual Christmas Parade scheduled for December 5, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

**NB-2** Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request to use Ludington Street for the 56th Annual Christmas Parade scheduled for December 5, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

### **Approval - Use of Public Space - 2015 Rock the Dock Community Events.**

Administration sought Council approval of a request to use the Municipal Dock on July 3 and August 1, 2015, from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the 2015 Rock the Dock Community events.

**NB-3** Baribeau moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request to use the Municipal Dock on July 3 and August 1, 2015, from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the 2015 Rock the Dock Community events.

### **Approval – Use of Public Space – 2nd Annual New Year’s Eve Pasty Drop.**

The Escanaba Downtown Development Authority sought Council approval of a request to block off South 11th Street from Ludington Street to 1st. Avenue South on December 31, 2014, at 10:00 p.m. for the 2nd Annual New Year’s Eve Pasty Drop at midnight.

**NB-4** Blasier moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request to block off South 11th Street from Ludington Street to 1st. Avenue South on December 31, 2014, at 10:00 p.m. for the 2nd Annual New Year’s Eve Pasty Drop at midnight.

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

City Manager O'Toole updated the Council and public on the latest developments related to the sale of the Escanaba generating facility.

**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**

- Members of the public were encouraged to attend the Black Friday events occurring downtown next week;
- Council Members wished the Community a Very Happy Thanksgiving, and reminded members of the public of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Noon on Thanksgiving Day, at the Escanaba High School Cafeteria.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC  
City Clerk

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