

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, January 15, 2015**

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.

Pastor Erik Heskin of Bethany Lutheran Church, gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sattem moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from January 7, 2015, as submitted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

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

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

Mayor Tall advised he would step down and abstain on New Business Item No. 3, as he had a conflict of interest.

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Public Hearing – Citizen Participation – 2015/16 Fiscal Year Budget Preparation.**

Each year, Council holds public hearings to facilitate input from its citizens for the City's next fiscal year budget. This was the first of five (5) scheduled public hearings.

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

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval – Use of Public Space – Escanaba Municipal Harbor - Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area.**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area requested approval to use the Escanaba Municipal Harbor for their annual Jig It Ice Fishing Fundraising Event on Saturday, January 24, 2015. Additionally, the group requested the City provide refuse containers, road barricades, and road cones for the event. Administration recommended approval of the request(s) provided: 1) proper liability insurance was filed with the City and 2) event staff clean up after the event.

**NB-1** Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area to use the Escanaba Municipal Harbor for their annual Jig It Ice Fishing Fundraising Event on Saturday, January 24, 2015, in addition that the City provide refuse containers, road barricades, and road cones, provided; 1) proper liability insurance was filed with the City and 2) event staff clean up after the event.

**Approval – Grant Resolution of Support – Bonifas Arts Center – “Music Mondays” - Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.**

The Bonifas Art Center sought Council approval of a resolution supporting their grant application to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs seeking funds for the “Music Mondays” Summer Concert Series. If the funding is approved, the City of Escanaba will serve as the Administrator of funds. Administration recommended approval.

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

**Resolution in Support of a Grant Application to the  
Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Seeking Matching Funds for the  
“Music Mondays” Summer Concert Series**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Escanaba, Michigan, does hereby find as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to support the cultural lives of area residents through opportunities to be exposed to new art and music;

**WHEREAS**, the City has an excellent partner in the Bonifas Arts Center to successfully organize and promote community events, and educate the public through music appreciation programming;

**WHEREAS**, the City will administer the grant funds, if awarded, as set forth in the application;

**WHEREAS**, the City has a policy detailing equal opportunity provisions for job applicants and public accommodations and agrees to conform to the Assurances and Guidelines set forth in the application;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED**, by the City Council of the City of Escanaba, Michigan, that the grant application should be made to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs for the February 2, 2015 deadline.

The vote was as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”**

**Approval – Catherine Bonifas Civic Center Lease – Delta County Michigan Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.**

The Delta County Michigan Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society requested the Council approve a lease which would allow them to utilize space at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center for their weekly rehearsals. Administration recommended Council approval.

**NB-3** Baribeau moved, Sattem seconded, to approve a lease which would allow the Delta County Michigan Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society to utilize space at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center for their weekly rehearsals.

Dave Mason, Delta County Michigan Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society representative, thanked the Council for the the time on the Council Agenda, briefly reviewed their group and the activities where they perform, and encouraged Council support of the lease arrangements at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center.

The vote was as follows:

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Update – Power Generation– 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 and the Upper Peninsula electrical situation regarding the Upper Peninsula Energy solutions regarding the Presque Isle Power Plant.

**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**

- Animals at the old Delta County Animal Shelter were moved to the new John and Melissa Besse Pet Adoption Center located on County Road 426.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC  
City Clerk

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