OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, May 7, 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 Chris Johnson of Christ the King Lutheran Church, gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sattem moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Special Meeting Minutes from April 13, 2015, Special Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2015, and Regular Meeting Minutes from April 16, 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 – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing - Proposed 2015-16 Fiscal Year Budget and Setting the Final Public Hearing and Adoption for May 21, 2015.

Council conducted a Public Hearing and scheduled the final public hearing and approval of the 2015-16 City budget for May 21, 2015.

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 Beauchamp moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to set May 21, 2015, as the final public hearing and approval of the 2015-16 City Fiscal Year Budget.

Escanaba Deep Freeze Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Urgent Need Grant Close-out.

The City of Escanaba received a $23,064 Community Development Block Grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in response to expenses incurred by the City as a result of the deep freeze in 2013-14. The project was completed and the City was required to conduct a public hearing to close out the grant. Additionally, Council approval of the following mandated CDBG polices were sought; 1) Procurement Policy 2) Economic Opportunities Policy for Section 3 Covered Contracts and 3) A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force against non-violent civil rights demonstrators.

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-2 Blasier moved, Baribeau seconded, to approve Community Development Block Grant Procurement Policy, Economic Opportunities Policy for Section 3 Covered Contracts, and a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force against non-violent civil rights demonstrators.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Contract Approval – Roof Replacement – Catherine Bonifas Civic Center.

Administration sought Council approval of a bid from the Bell Roofing Company, Marquette, MI, in the amount of $154,990 to complete the work required to replace the roof on the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center as stated in their bid proposal.

Manager O'Toole reviewed specifics of the roof replacement bid which included the following:

- The Roof Replacement Bid Budget was $100,000;
- After reviewing the bid to possibly eliminate bid items, it was recommended by Administration and Bittner Engineering that there would be a better return on investment not to eliminate any items;
- Administration recommended using the remaining Bonifas Trust Funds and additional funds from the General Fund for the project;

- At the conclusion of these repairs, the Bonifas Trust Fund would be depleted.

NB-1 Sattem moved, Blasier seconded, to approve of a bid from the Bell Roofing Company, Marquette, MI, in the amount of $154,990 to complete the work required to replace the roof on the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center as stated in their bid proposal.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval – Charitable Gaming Resolution – Upper Peninsula Steam and Gas Association.

The Upper Peninsula Steam and Gas Association sought Council approval of a resolution that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license from the State of Michigan. The Association intended on conducting a quilt raffle over the summer.

NB-2 "By Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Beauchamp;

Resolved, That the Upper Peninsula Steam and Gas Association, is hereby recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license from the State of Michigan."

The vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Approval – Whitetail Industrial Park – Installation of Internet Backbone.

Administration sought Council approval of two (2) contracts to install high speed internet to the Whitetail Industrial Park as follows:

a. Award of a contract to Peninsula Fiber Network (PFN), LLC, with an approximate cost of $17,000 to install a complete fiber internet backbone including pedestals from Danforth Road to 3707 19th Avenue North.

b. Award of a contract to Charter Communications, LLC, with an approximate cost of $58,000 to install a complete looped coaxial internet backbone including pedestals from the Danforth Road west on 19th Avenue North to the railroad track.

NB-3a After discussion, Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, to award of a contract to Peninsula Fiber Network (PFN), LLC, with an approximate cost of $17,000 to install a complete fiber internet backbone including pedestals from Danforth Road to 3707 19th Avenue North.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-3b Beauchamp moved, Blasier seconded, to award a contract to Charter Communications, LLC, with an approximate cost of $58,000 to install a complete looped coaxial internet backbone including pedestals from the Danforth Road west on 19th Avenue North to the railroad track.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval – Centerline/Edge Line Painting Bid – Department of Public Works.

Administration sought Council approval of a three (3) year centerline/edge line painting bid. On March 10, 2015, one bid was received and opened by the Delta County Road Commission. The City of Gladstone, City of Escanaba and the Delta County Road Commission jointly bid the annual work. After review of the bid, Administration recommended approval of a three (3) year contract with PK Contracting of Lake City, Michigan, for the unit prices as listed. This item was included in the current fiscal year budget.

NB-4 Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, to approve of a three (3) year contract with PK Contracting of Lake City, Michigan, for the unit prices as listed.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval - Use of Public Space - 816 Ludington Street - Handicap Ramp Installation.

Mr. Cory Pangborn, 816 Ludington Street, sought Council approval to construct a 5' (+/-) x 18'6' (+/-) handicap ramp on City right-of-way (sidewalk) on the North 9th Street side of the building. If approved, the ramp would encroach the public sidewalk by approximately 5' (+/-) X 18' (+/-) leaving approximately 8 feet (+/-) of sidewalk free from obstruction.

NB-5 Beauchamp moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve to construct a 5' (+/-) x 18'6' (+/-) handicap ramp on City right-of-way (sidewalk) on the North 9th Street side of the building.

Approval – Street Closure – 100 Block South 11th Street from Ludington Street to 1st Avenue South – Krusin Klassic Rib-Fest.

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) requested Council approval to close the 100 block of South 11th Street from Ludington Street to 1st Avenue on May 29, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the annual Krusin Klassic Rib-Fest event. Barricade set-up will begin at 11:00 a.m. to allow setup for rib vendors, a tent, and a stage for music.

NB-6 Baribeau moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to close the 100 block of South 11th Street from Ludington Street to 1st Avenue on May 29, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the annual Krusin Klassic Rib-Fest event.

Update – Power Generation – City Manager's Office.

Manager O'Toole updated the Council and public on the latest developments related to the Escanaba Power Plant and the Upper Peninsula electrical situation in general.

Manager O'Toole advised negotiations for the Power Plant Sale with Sterling Energy was proceeding with the letter of intent and term sheet prepared. The City released a Request for Proposal, due May 28, 2015, for any other interested parties who wished to purchase the Power Plant, and a Special Council Meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2015, with State Senator Tom Casperson. Senator Casperson would be present to discuss the intent and concept of Senate Bill 282, which was a bill to regulate the siting and construction of certain electric transmission lines; to prescribe powers and duties of certain state and local entities and officials; to create a board; to prescribe the board's powers and duties; and to provide certain fees.

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

Mayor Tall, with Council consensus, appointed Joe Kaplan to the Recreation Advisory Board, term ending June 2018.

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Members reviewed City Board and Commission meetings each attended since the last City Council Meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Rudden and Pasque Warstler of the Bonifas Fine Arts Center thanked Council for the City's cooperation, support and annual contribution in the 2015/16 Fiscal Year Budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mayor Tall Proclaimed – Head Start Month, May 2015;
- Mayor Tall Proclaimed – 100 years of the Escanaba Country Club.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor