

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 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.

Beauchamp moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from June 4, 2015, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

AWARD PRESENTATION

Mayor Tall, on behalf of the citizens' of Escanaba, presented a Meritorious Service Award and Retirement Proclamation to Nancy L. Young upon her retirement, and declared June 30, 2015, as Nancy L. Young Day in the City of Escanaba.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

Bonifas Art Center Executive Director Pasqua Warstler, and Events Coordinator Brook McGinnes briefly reviewed and encouraged Council support for the Catherine Bonifas Fine Art Center from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs Mini Grant for the 2016 Music Mondays Summer Concert Series.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Approval – Ordinance No. 1163 – Appropriations Ordinance Amendment.

A public hearing was conducted on an amendment to the current Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. An amendment was needed to balance out over and under expenditures within various departmental budgets for the 2014-15 fiscal year. This action was mandated by State law and adjusts budget accounts to help ensure that no individual line items were overrun.

City Controller Melissa Becotte provided a brief overview of the adjustments in the proposed Appropriations Amendment which include the General and Special Funds of the City.

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 Sattem;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1163, the Appropriations Ordinance Amendment, 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, Sattem, Blasier, Baribeau, Tall
Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Herewith Ordinance No. 1163 adopted by title:

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1146, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND CORRESPONDING REVENUES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015."

Full text in Ordinance Record "K".

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – Resolution of Support – Bonifas Art Center – Music Mondays Summer Concerts.

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 approved, the City of Escanaba will serve as the Administrator for the funds. Administration recommended approval.

NB-1 Resolved, By Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Baribeau;

RESOLUTION - SUPPORTING THE 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 August 3, 2015 deadline.

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

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Approval – Street Paving Contract – Department of Public Works.

On May 27, 2015, four (4) invitations to submit bids for street paving were sent out to area vendors. Additionally, a request for bid was advertised in the Escanaba Daily Press. A bid opening was conducted on June 10, 2015, with one (1) received. After review and consideration by the Administration, the bid from Payne and Dolan, of Gladstone, Michigan, was being recommended for approval at the stated unit prices. This item was included in the upcoming fiscal year budget.

City Engineering Assistant Terry Flower provided a brief overview of the proposed street 2015/16 projects.

NB-2 Sattem moved, Blasier seconded, to approve a street paving bid from Payne and Dolan, of Gladstone, Michigan, at the stated unit prices.

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 Escanaba generating facility. Manager O’Toole stated the Escanaba Power Plant was shut down and secured, and Administration continued to negotiate with Sterling Energy for the Power Plant Sale.

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

- Manager O’Toole stated Delta and Marquette Counties held their first Superior Trade Zone meeting in Rock on Tuesday June 16th;
- There was a fundraiser for the Animal Shelter Friday June 26th at Ernies Pub.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor