

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, September 3, 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 Controller Melissa Becotte, 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 August 20, 2015, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – Council Member Sattem said he had a conflict of interest on Agenda Item 4, and would Abstain.

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Tall presented Proclamations, and Certificates of Achievement to the following Area Baseball and Softball Championship Teams and their Coaches (See Attachments):

- 2015 Escanaba Little League Girls (9-10) All-Star Team;
- 2015 Escanaba Little League Girls (10-11) All-Star Team;
- 2015 Escanaba Minor League Boys (11 year Old) All-Star Team;
- 2015 Escanaba Little League Girls Senior Softball Team;
- 2015 Delta County Junior (age 13-14) Girls Softball Team;
- 2015 Escanaba Minor Boys (9-10) Baseball Team.

Mayor Tall also thanked Little League President Bob LeHouillier for his dedication and hard work over the past several years.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

Bonifas Art Center Executive Director Pasqua Warstler thanked Council and Community for their continued support of the Art Center.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval - Annual Service Agreement - William Bonifas Fine Arts Center.

The William Bonifas Fine Arts Center sought Council approval of their 2015-16 Service Agreement in the amount of \$5,000. Under the terms of the agreement, the Center will provide a minimum of 8 exhibitions in the Alice Powers Exhibition Hall, 5 plays, 25 classes in the creative and visual arts, and 5 workshops, which will be available to the citizens of Escanaba. Administration recommended approval of the Service Agreement. This was a budgeted item.

NB-1 Blasier moved, Baribeau seconded, to approve the William Bonifas Fine Arts Center 2015-16 Service Agreement in the amount of \$5,000.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Baribeau, Sattem, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval – Annual Service Agreement – Delta County Historical Society.

The Delta County Historical Society sought Council approval of their annual 2015-16 Service Agreement in the amount of \$2,000. Under the terms of the Service Agreement, the Delta County Historical Society will be able to provide tours and new activities at the Museum and Lighthouse facilities, which will be available to the citizens of the City of Escanaba. Administration recommended approval of the Service Agreement. This was a budgeted item.

NB-2 Sattem moved, Blasier seconded, to approve the Delta County Historical Society annual 2015-16 Service Agreement in the amount of \$2,000.

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

Ayes: Sattem, Blasier, Baribeau, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval - Lease Renewal - City of Escanaba and Community Action Agency.

Administration sought Council approval of an annual Lease Agreement between the Community Action Agency Senior Center and the City of Escanaba for leased space at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center building. No changes to the existing agreement are being recommended.

NB-3 Baribeau moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve the annual Lease Agreement between the Community Action Agency Senior Center and the City of Escanaba for leased space at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center building.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval – Use of Public Space – Municipal Dock – United Way of Delta County - Uptoberfest.

The United Way of Delta County, in conjunction with the Bay de Noc Brewer's Homebrew Club, sought Council approval to use the City Municipal Dock on October 10, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the annual United Way of Delta County Uptoberfest. Administration recommended approval with the following conditions: 1) Proper insurance be provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured, 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) The event sponsor pay for any overtime City labor costs that may be incurred.

NB-4 Blasier moved, Baribeau seconded, to approve a request from The United Way of Delta County, in conjunction with the Bay de Noc Brewer's Homebrew Club, to use the City Municipal Dock on October 10, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the annual United Way of Delta County Uptoberfest, provided: 1) Proper insurance be provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured, 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) The event sponsor pay for any overtime City labor costs that may be incurred.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval – Use of Public Space – North 18th Street Between 12th Avenue North and 13th Avenue North - Christ the King Lutheran Church – Fall Festival.

Christ the King Lutheran Church sought Council approval to close off the 1,200 block of North 18th Street between 12th Avenue North and 13th Avenue North for their Fall Festival on September 27, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Administration recommended approval with the following conditions: 1) Proper insurance be provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured, 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) The event sponsor pay for any overtime City labor costs that may be incurred.

NB-5 Sattem moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve a request from Christ the King Lutheran Church to close off the 1,200 block of North 18th Street between 12th Avenue North and 13th Avenue North for their Fall Festival on September 27, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., provided: 1) Proper insurance be provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured, 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) The event sponsor pay for any overtime City labor costs that may be incurred.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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.

Council Member Blasier report:

In my role as Council liaison to the Zoning Appeals Board, I attended the Board meetings of August 25 and September 1.

The August 25 meeting reached only the issue of the dimensional variance (number of parking spaces) requested by Excel Realty Group for 223 Ludington Street (also known as House of Ludington). The Board approved a variance for 223 Ludington as follows:

“The parking variance is approved, conditioned on additional parking to total one space per dwelling unit (34) and space for snow-storage on the property or else a legally-binding contract to have the snow removed within 48 hours.”

Board Chairman Liss suddenly had to leave the meeting. The meeting was adjourned

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due to lack of quorum.

The September 1 meeting addressed the issue of a dimensional variance (number of parking spaces) requested by PK Development for 617-623 Ludington Street and 608-630 First Avenue South. The Board denied any variance for 617-623 Ludington Street and 608-630 First Avenue South on a 3 to 2 vote.

Ralph B Blasier
Councilmember

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Public Safety Golf Outing was scheduled for Saturday September 12, 2015;
- United Way Soup'r Chili Challenge annual kick-off event was scheduled for September 15, 2015.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

2015 Escanaba Minor Boys (9-10) Baseball Team

WHEREAS, at the District 10 Pool Play games, the Escanaba Minor Boys Baseball Team defeated Shaffer and Tri-county to advance to the double elimination round. At the District 10 Championship round, Escanaba beat Gladstone and Kingsford, before defeating Iron Mountain in the Championship game.

WHEREAS, at the State Tournament going undefeated in Pool play, they beat West Branch, Hudsonville, and West Portage, before losing to St. Clair in the single elimination round.

WHEREAS, team players Casey Bray, Bon LaChance, Ben Johnson, Trent Lawson, Sawyer LaMarch, Kaiden Brown, Bryson Lancour, Brayden Martineau, Trevor Streichert, Gunner Bourdeau, Chase Cloutier, and Rogan Gravelle worked tirelessly on the field to hone their skills as baseball players and displayed unwavering stewardship of the game of baseball off the field. They exhibited respect for the game, opponents, officials, coaches and above all, themselves. Their coaches, families, and residents of the City of Escanaba can all be proud of their accomplishments.

WHEREAS, the coaching staff, consisting of Manager Bill LaMarch, Coach Tim Martineau, Coach Paul LaChance, and Coach Duane Bourdeau should be congratulated and recognized for their time, efforts, and fine direction given their team. Scott Johnson, Gordon Cashen, Mark Cloutier, along with all the other family and friends that supported the team and coaches, made the 2015 season victorious and memorable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Marc D. Tall, Mayor for the City of Escanaba, County of Delta, State of Michigan, on behalf of the Escanaba Community, congratulate the 2015 Escanaba Minor Boys Baseball Team on their winning season. I encourage all Escanaba Citizens to join with us in celebrating your tremendous accomplishments on and off the field.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the City of Escanaba.

Marc D. Tall, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

2015 Escanaba Little League Girls (9-10) All Star Team

WHEREAS, at the District 10 Tournament wins included Norway (3-1), Kingsford (11-0), and Norway (6-1).

WHEREAS, at the State Tournament wins included Milan (14-1), Vicksburg (11-1), Big Rapids (14-0), before losing to West Branch (4-8).

WHEREAS, team players Abby Hill, Paxton Bullen, Carley McInerney, McKayla Mott, Chloe Allen, Delaney McIntrye, Madison Fulsher, Ave Boucher, Aubrey Stropich, Isabelle Braun, Aliayah Mylander, and Anna Boutilier focused on work ethic, toughness and desire, and transformed themselves into a winning team, with each player making valuable contributions. They have brought great honor, not only to themselves, but also to their families, coaches, and to the Delta County Community; and

WHEREAS, the coaching staff, consisting of Coach Scott Bullen, Coach Todd Milkawicks, and Coach Tim McIntyre should be congratulated and recognized for their time, efforts, and fine direction given their team which lead them to a victorious 2015 season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Marc D. Tall, Mayor for the City of Escanaba, County of Delta, State of Michigan, on behalf of the Escanaba Community, congratulate the 2015 Escanaba Little League Girls (10-11) All Star Team on their winning season. I encourage all Escanaba Citizens to join with us in celebrating your tremendous accomplishments on and off the field.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the City of Escanaba.

Marc D. Tall, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

2015 Escanaba Little League Girls (10-11) All Star Team

WHEREAS, at the State Tournament wins included North Central U.P. (4-2), George Town (6-5), Tecumseh (11-0), North Central U.P. (12-0), before losing to Bay County Little League (2-4).

WHEREAS, team players Elizabeth Sliva, Emily Moore, Caydence Carter, Carsyn Segorski, Bailey Barron, Venessa Reimer, Carney Salo, Jordan Marenger, Erica Moore, and Maysie Lancour focused on work ethic, toughness and desire, and transformed themselves into a winning team, with each player making valuable contributions. They have brought great honor, not only to themselves, but also to their families, coaches, and to the Delta County Community; and

WHEREAS, the coaching staff, consisting of Coach Jamie Segorski, Coach Gordon Cashen, and Coach Tim Moore should be congratulated and recognized for their time, efforts, and fine direction given their team which lead them to a victorious 2015 season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Marc D. Tall, Mayor for the City of Escanaba, County of Delta, State of Michigan, on behalf of the Escanaba Community, congratulate the 2015 Escanaba Little League Girls (10-11) All Star Team on their winning season. I encourage all Escanaba Citizens to join with us in celebrating your tremendous accomplishments on and off the field.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the City of Escanaba.

Marc D. Tall, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

2015 Escanaba Minor League Boys (11 year old) All-Star Team

WHEREAS, at the District 10 Tournament the Escanaba 11 year old Boys All-Star Team defeated Norway twice, and Iron Mountain once, to win the District 10 Tournament.

WHEREAS, at the State Sectional Tournament they won by defeating Marquette twice.

WHEREAS, at the State Tournament they had one win and two losses, and defeated South Portage (5-4) in the final game.

WHEREAS, team players Stephen Weinert, Jayger LaMarch, Hunter Lancour, Nicholas Rousseau, Aiden Mylander, Nathan Howes, Adam Willette, Scott Hiller, Marshall Zelenak, and Matthew Zimmerman worked tirelessly on the field to hone their skills as baseball players and displayed unwavering stewardship of the game of baseball off the field. They exhibited respect for the game, opponents, officials, coaches and above all, themselves. Their coaches, families, and residents of the City of Escanaba can all be proud of their accomplishments.

WHEREAS, the coaching staff, consisting of Manager Cory Mylander, Coach Steven Zimmerman, and Coach Al Rousseau, should be congratulated and recognized for their time, efforts, and fine direction given to their team. Nick Lancour, Steven Howes, along with all the other family and friends that supported the team and coaches, made the 2015 season victorious and memorable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Marc D. Tall, Mayor for the City of Escanaba, County of Delta, State of Michigan, on behalf of the Escanaba Community, congratulate the 2015 Escanaba Minor Boys Baseball Team on their winning season. I encourage all Escanaba Citizens to join with us in celebrating your tremendous accomplishments on and off the field.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the City of Escanaba.

Marc D. Tall, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

2015 Delta County Junior (age 13-14) Girls Softball Team

WHEREAS, at the District 10 Tournament, the Delta County Junior Girls Softball Team defeated Norway and Kingsford, then Kingsford again in the Championship game; and

WHEREAS, the Sectional Tournament win was Negaunee; and

WHEREAS, the State Tournament wins were Clare, Crosswell-Lexington, and Grandville; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Tournament wins were Ohio and Indiana, then losing in the Championship game to Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, team players Andie Balenger, Heather Bergstrom, Chloe Caswell, Maddie Griffin, Natalie Hansen, Sydney Herioux, Georgia Lehto, Amber Lenards, Gabi Salo, Hannah Sharon, Serina Sinnaeve, Alison Sommers, and Jenna Tardiff focused on work ethic, toughness and desire, and transformed themselves into a winning team, with each player making valuable contributions. They have brought great honor, not only to themselves, but also to their families, coaches, and to the Delta County Community; and

WHEREAS, the coaching staff, consisting of Coach Scott Herioux, Coach Jeff Hansen, and Coach Tim Lehto, should be congratulated and recognized for their time, efforts, and fine direction given their team which led them to a victorious 2015 season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Marc D. Tall, Mayor for the City of Escanaba, County of Delta, State of Michigan, on behalf of the Delta County Community, congratulate the 2015 Delta County Junior Girls Softball Team on their winning season. I encourage all Delta County Citizens to join with us in celebrating your tremendous accomplishments on and off the field.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the City of Escanaba.

Marc D. Tall, Mayor

P R O C L A M A T I O N

2015 Escanaba Little League Girls Senior Softball Team

WHEREAS, at the District Tournament, the Escanaba Little League Girls Senior Softball Team defeated Norway and Kingsford, then Kingsford again in the Championship game; and

WHEREAS, the State Tournament wins were Kewaunee and Melvindale, then Kewaunee in the Championship game; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Tournament wins were Iowa, Indiana, and South Bend Indiana, then South Bend in the Championship game; and

WHEREAS, the World Series Tournament wins were Europe (Chzech Republic), South East (Domascus Virginia), East (Bristol, PA), then losing to West (Missoula, Montana) in the Championship game; and

WHEREAS, team players Taylor Gauthier, Katie Ross, Taylor Segorski, Claire McInerney, Malory Hiney, Jerikka McAlpine, JJ Laviolette, Cassie Wisler, Emily Bruntjens, and Madison Kolich focused on work ethic, toughness and desire, and transformed themselves into a winning team, with each player making valuable contributions. They have brought great honor, not only to themselves, but also to their families, coaches, and to the Escanaba Community; and

WHEREAS, the coaching staff, consisting of Coach Andy Fields, Coach Vance Hiney, and Coach Jamie Segorski, should be congratulated and recognized for their time, efforts, and fine direction given their team which led them to a victorious 2015 season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Marc D. Tall, Mayor for the City of Escanaba, County of Delta, State of Michigan, on behalf of the Escanaba Community, congratulate the 2015 Escanaba Little League Girls Senior Softball Team on their winning season. I encourage all Escanaba Citizens to join with us in celebrating your tremendous accomplishments on and off the field.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the City of Escanaba.

Marc D. Tall, Mayor