

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, September 17, 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 Jason Janich of New Life Assembly of God Church gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from September 3, 2015, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Council Member Blasier advised he was a member of the Great Lakes Sportsman Club and would be abstaining from the Great Lakes Sportsman Club lease request.

PRESENTATION – Mayor Tall read a certificate of achievement for Escanaba Minor League Boys Baseball Team member Rogan Gravelle, and read a proclamation for Bells' Brewery on their 30th Anniversary.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading – Payment in Lieu of Taxes Ordinance No. 1164 & Municipal Services Agreement – Excel Reality Group Deal 24, LDHA LP.

Mr. Peter Jobson, President of Excel Reality Group, Deal 24, LDHA LP. requested the City Council authorize a payment in lieu of taxes Ordinance No. 1164 and Municipal Services Agreement which would allow them to seek funding from the State of Michigan Tax Credit Program for the renovation and upgrading of property located at 223 Ludington Street and 216 1st Avenue South. Administration recommended this matter be set for second reading and public hearing at a special City Council meeting scheduled for September 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

NB-1a Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, to set a second reading and public hearing for Ordinance 1164 at a special City Council meeting scheduled for September 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-1b Sattem moved, Blasier seconded, to approve the Municipal Services Agreement which would allow Excel Reality Group, Deal 24, LDHA LP.; to seek funding from the State of Michigan Tax Credit Program for the renovation and upgrading of property located at 223 Ludington Street and 216 1st Avenue South.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval – Internet Services – Merit Network.

October 2, 2014, Council authorized a one (1) year contract for MERIT Network, Inc. to provide internet services for the City of Escanaba. MERIT has continued to provide the City with exceptional service and backup for our internet needs. Administration sought Council approval to retain MERIT Network, of Ann Arbor, MI, for continued internet services through July 1, 2020 in an annual amount not to exceed \$3,444.

NB-2 Baribeau moved, Sattem seconded, to retain MERIT Network, of Ann Arbor, MI, for continued internet services through July 1, 2020 in an annual amount not to exceed \$3,444.

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

Ayes: Baribeau, Sattem, Blasier, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval - Pawnbroker License – Wheels & Deals Pawn Shop – 1210 North Lincoln Road.

Mr. Richard Semashko, owner of Wheels & Deals Pawn Shop, 1210 North Lincoln Road, sought Council approval to operate as a pawnbroker in the City of Escanaba. If approved by Council, the Mayor would issue the license per City Ordinance. The Escanaba Department of Public Safety has reviewed the application and has recommended approval.

NB-3 Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from Mr. Richard Semashko, owner of Wheels & Deals Pawn Shop, 1210 North Lincoln Road, to operate as a pawnbroker in the City of Escanaba.

Approval - Lease Renewal – Great Lakes Sports and Recreation Club – 19th Avenue North.

The Great Lakes Sport and Recreation Club requested the City Council renew their lease for 14 +/- acres of City-owned property on 19th Avenue North through June 30, 2016 with an option for an additional twelve (12) months. Administration recommended approval of a twelve (12) month renewal with the option for an additional twelve (12) months.

NB-4 Beauchamp moved, Sattem seconded, to approve a request from the Great Lakes Sport and Recreation Club to renew their lease for 14 +/- acres of City-owned property on 19th Avenue North through June 30, 2016 with an option for an additional twelve (12) months.

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

Ayes: Beauchamp, Sattem, Baribeau, Tall

Nays: None

Abstain: Blasier

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval – Use of Public Space - Ludington Street - Great Pumpkin Parade.

Abate of Michigan, Inc. requested authorization to use Ludington Street on Saturday, October 3, 2015, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., for their annual Great Pumpkin Parade. Administration recommended approval of the request with the following conditions: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as additional insured, 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at

the conclusion of the event, and 3) The event sponsors pay for any overtime labor costs that may be incurred.

NB-5 Blasier moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from Abate of Michigan, Inc. to use Ludington Street on Saturday, October 3, 2015, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., for their annual Great Pumpkin Parade, provided: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as additional insured, 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) The event sponsors pay for any overtime labor costs that may be incurred.

Approval – Use of Public Space – Ludington Street – Escanaba High School Homecoming Parade.

The Escanaba School District requested authorization to use Ludington Street on Friday, September 25, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., for their annual Homecoming Parade. Administration recommended approval with the following conditions: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as additional insured, 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) The event sponsors pay for any overtime labor costs that may be incurred.

NB-6 Sattem moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from The Escanaba School District to use Ludington Street on Friday, September 25, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., for their annual Homecoming Parade, provided: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as additional insured, 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event, and 3) The event sponsors pay for any overtime labor costs that may be incurred.

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

Mayor Tall reappointed the following individuals to extended terms on the Historic District Commission:

- Judith Fouts and Monte Morrison to a first extended 1 year appointment;
- Don Curran and Ellie O'Donnell to a second extended 1 year appointment.

Mayor Tall, with Council consensus, made the following regular appointments:

- Howard Smale to the Housing Commission, term ending June 1, 2016;
- Jolee Hughes to the Downtown Development Authority, term ending April 21, 2018.

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Members reviewed City Board and Commission meetings each attended

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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commended Public Safety on their Community Foundation Open - Golf Tournament;
- Delta Animal Shelter annual fund raiser was scheduled for October 22, 2015.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor