

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, October 1, 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, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from September 17, 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 –None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – 2016 Council Meeting Schedule.

Administration sought Council approval of the 2016 Council Meeting schedule.

2016 Dates

January 7 & 21, 2016	July 7 & 21, 20
February 4 & 18, 2016	August 4 & 18, 2016
March 3 & 17, 2016	September 1 & 15, 2016
April 7 & 21, 2016	October 6 & 20, 2016
May 5 & 19, 2016	November 3 & 17, 2016
June 2 & 16, 2016	December 1 & 15, 2016

NB-1 Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the 2016 Council Meeting schedule as presented.

Approval – Resolution to Adopt the Updated Delta County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The CUPPAD Regional Planning Commission sought Council approval of a resolution to adopt the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan for Delta County. After receiving input from local municipalities, the plan was adopted by FEMA, Region V, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and adopted by the County Board of Commissioners. Since the City of Escanaba was part of the planning process, FEMA requested adoption of the plan by the local units of government. This Hazard Mitigation Plan assesses risks and evaluates the community's vulnerability from potential hazards. By adopting the plan, the City will be eligible to apply for funding through the full complement of Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants offered by the State of Michigan and Federal government.

NB-2 Upon motion made by Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Beauchamp, the following resolution was made:

**Resolution of the Adoption of the Delta County
Hazard Mitigation Plan**

WHEREAS, hazard mitigation is defined as any action taken before, during, or after a disaster or emergency to permanently eliminate or reduce the long-term risk to human life and property from natural and technological hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government, the State of Michigan, Delta County and the City of Escanaba all recognize the importance of preventing or lessening the damage and impact of disasters and emergencies through hazard mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Escanaba has a unique role to play in coordinating the hazard mitigation activities of federal and state and local governments by identifying local county hazards; and assisting in possible mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that technical experts from state and local government and private industry are brought together to foster and promote the implementation of hazard mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, increased coordination can assist in lowering future disaster relief expenditures and increasing the level of public safety for the City of Escanaba; and

WHEREAS, the City of Escanaba may from time to time solicit, review and identify hazard mitigation projects for funding consideration under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance, as amended), the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (section 203 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C 5133), the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (section 1366 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as

amended) , the Severe Repetitive Loss Program (section 1361A of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended) and the Repetitive Flood Claims Program (section 1361A of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Escanaba adopts the 2015 Delta County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Presentation – Escanaba Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – Market Place Project.

Council Members and City Administration discussed the proposed plan to construct a new 8,000 +/- square foot Market Place structure on Ludington Street, South 15th Street, and 1st Avenue South.

DDA Executive Director Edward Legault briefly reviewed and discussed with Council the project scope and schedule for the project including financing and grants being obtained. (See Attachment – A)

NB-3 After discussion regarding project bonding or a City UDAG Fund loan, Council Member Blasier moved, seconded by Council Member Beauchamp to recommend the DDA Board obtain up to a \$500,000 internal Loan from the City UDAG funds.

Approval – Next Michigan Superior Trade Zone Initial Fee.

Administration sought Council approval to expend an initial annual fee of \$10,000 for the Superior Trade Zone in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Interlocal Agreement, Article IX Fee, Section 9.01 Initial Annual fees. This was a budgeted item.

NB-4 After discussion, Beauchamp moved, Sattem seconded, to approve to expend an initial annual fee of \$10,000 for the Superior Trade Zone in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Interlocal Agreement, Article IX Fee, Section 9.01 Initial Annual fees.

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

Ayes: Beauchamp, Sattem, 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.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Uptoberfest was scheduled for October 10, 2015, at the Municipal Dock;
- This Saturday, October 3, 2015, the Annual Harvest of Harmony was scheduled;
- All Boards and Commission Meeting was schedule for October 6, 2015, Bonifas Arts Center.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor