OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 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.

Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from November 5, 2015, Special Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2015, Special Meeting Minutes from November 11, 2015, and Special Meeting Minutes from November 12, 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 – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading – Ordinance No. 1165 – An Ordinance to amend Chapter 10, Elections, and schedule the Public Hearing and adoption to December 3, 2015.

Administration recommended the City Council amend Section 10-17. - Location, of the City Code of Ordinances, regarding the location of Precinct 3, which is located at the Holy Name Grade School, 409 South 22nd Street. Holy Name Grade School has converted to a lockdown school location. In order to respect their desire to continue a lockdown facility on an election day, Administration recommended Precinct 3 be moved to the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center, 225 North 21st Street, Escanaba.

NB-1 Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, to set December 3, 2015, as a public hearing

and adoption for Ordinance No. 1165, - to amend Section 10-17. – Location of the City Code of Ordinances, regarding the location of Precinct 3, and move Precinct 3 to the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center, 225 North 21st Street, Escanaba.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval – Resolution - City Election from the Delta County Board of Canvassers.

As required by City Charter, Chapter III, Section 12, the City Clerk gave notice of the November 3, 2015, City Council election results. Additionally, a resolution was required to approve the election outcomes as certified by the Delta County Board of Canvassers. Administration recommended approval.

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

Whereas, In accordance with the provisions of section 12 of Chapter III of the City Charter and Section 168.30a of Michigan Election Law, the Delta County Board of Canvassers, herewith certify that at a session of the Delta County Board of Canvassers held on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at the County Courthouse at 1:00 p.m., the returns of the inspectors of the four (4) voting precincts and the Absent Voter Counting Boards of the City of Escanaba for the regular City Council Election held on November 3, 2015, were carefully examined and tabulated, and find that the returns were as follows:

STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST IN THE REGULAR CITY ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015 FOR THE NAMED PERSONS LISTED HEREWITH, AS FOLLOWS:

OFFICE	PRECINCTS					
CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	AVCB	TOTALS
Council Member						
Four-year term						
Ronald J. Beauchamp	124	172	109	60	459	924
Michael R. Sattem	121	171	105	52	448	897
Council Member						
Partial Term						
Ralph B. Blasier	133	182	127	63	501	1,006

Whereas, That Ronald J. Beauchamp, Michael R. Sattem, and Ralph B. Blasier, having received a sufficient number of votes were elected to the office of Escanaba City Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Escanaba City Council accepts the Delta County Board of Canvassers certification of the November 3, 2015, City Council Election results.

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

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED."

Approval – Use of Public Space – Ludington Street – 57th Annual Christmas Parade.

Administration sought Council approval of a request to use Ludington Street for the 57th Annual Christmas Parade scheduled for December 4, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

NB-3 Sattem moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request to use Ludington Street for the 57th Annual Christmas Parade scheduled for December 4, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Approval – Charitable Gaming Resolution – Eskymo Fan Club.

The Eskymo Fan Club 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 Eskymo Fan Club schedules two raffles each year - a Fall Raffle and a Spring Fling Dinner.

NB-4 "By Council Member Beauchamp, seconded by Council Member Blasier;

Resolved, That the Eskymo Fan Club, 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: Beauchamp, Blasier, Sattem, Baribeau, Tall
Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Approval - Professional Services Agreement - Michigan Tax Tribunal Cases - Legal Services.

Administration sought Council authorization to retain Mr. Jack VanCoevering as legal counsel for the Michigan Tax Tribunal cases currently filed against the City of Escanaba by Shopko, 2530 1st Avenue North, Delta Plaza, 301 North Lincoln Road, and Duke Lifepoint Medical Center, 710 South Lincoln Road in an amount not to exceed $105,000.

City Assessor Daina Norden provided an overview of the upcoming Tax Tribunal cases. City Manager advised he would contact other County Municipalities for assistance with the Attorney fees.

NB-5 Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to retain Mr. Jack VanCoevering as legal counsel for the Michigan Tax Tribunal cases currently filed against the City of Escanaba by Shopko, 2530 1st Avenue North, Delta Plaza, 301 North Lincoln Road, and Duke Lifepoint Medical Center, 710 South Lincoln Road in an amount not to exceed $105,000.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval – Wallpaper Removal, Repair, and Painting Bid – City Hall/Library Complex.

Administration sought Council approval to retain the Bosk Corporation of Escanaba, MI to remove, repair, and paint wall surfaces in the City Hall and Library Complex in an amount not to exceed $30,200. The item was included in the current fiscal year budget.

NB-6 Sattem moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to retain the Bosk Corporation of Escanaba, MI to remove, repair, and paint wall surfaces in the City Hall and Library Complex in an amount not to exceed $30,200.

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

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.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council Members wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor