

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, December 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, Ralph B. Blasier, and Michael R. Sattem.

Absent: Council Member Ronald J. Beauchamp.

Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to excuse Council Member Beauchamp.

Also Present: City Manager James V. O'Toole, 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 November 19, 2015, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Second Reading – Ordinance No. 1165 – An Ordinance to amend Chapter 10, Elections

Administration recommended the City Council amend Section 10-17. Location, of the City Code of Ordinances, regarding the location of Precinct 3, which was 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.

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 Baribeau, seconded by Council Member Blasier;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1165, an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 10, Elections, of the City Code of Ordinances in the City of Escanaba, 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: Baribeau, Blasier, Sattlem, Tall

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Herewith Ordinance No. 1165 adopted by title:

" AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10, ELECTIONS, OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN THE CITY OF ESCANABA."

Full text in Ordinance Record "K".

NEW BUSINESS

Approval – Combustion Turbine Generator Insurance

Administration sought Council approval to purchase insurance from Marsh, Inc. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. There was a delay in requesting quotes for this policy. The City did not want to renew the policy if the Power Plant sale was going to be complete and there was no intention to run the Combustion Turbine. As a result, the quotes for the policy were not received until Tuesday December 1, 2015. Should the sale of the power plant be finalized and the combustion turbine was determined to not be needed for future use, the City will be able to cancel this policy and receive a partial refund of the premium.

City Administration reviewed a proposed 6 month extension received from Marsh USA, Inc. as follows:

- Marsh USA, Inc. has advised that they will extend the Excess policy for six months to expire on June 5, 2016;
- General Liability extension to expire on 6/5/2016: \$15,781.50 premium;
- Excess Liability extension to expire on 6/5/2016: \$29,879 premium.

Based on Marsh USA, Inc. recommendation, Administration suggested the City revisit the extension policy in about 60 days to determine the status of the sale and any repair work and confirm if the City needs to maintain coverage in force after 6/5/2016.

The City approached other markets in the event that the City needed to move coverage now, and the only questions so far that came back were as follows:

1. Confirm the location was completely fenced up, no trespassing signs were placed throughout and no one was allowed on the premises.
2. What repairs were and were not done following the February event at the Power Plant.

After further discussion, the following motion was made:

NB-1 Sattem moved, Blasier seconded, to approve an extension of the Combustion Turbine Generator Insurance for six months from Marsh USA, Inc., General Liability extension to expire on 6/5/2016: \$15,781.50 premium, and Excess Liability extension to expire on 6/5/2016: \$29,879 premium.

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

Ayes: Sattem, Blasier, Baribeau, 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 encouraged members of the public to attend the annual Escanaba Christmas Parade scheduled for Friday December 4th;
- Animal Shelter Open House was scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2015, from Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor