

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, August 4, 2016**

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, Ralph B. Blasier arrived at 7:04 p.m., Patricia A. Baribeau, Ronald J. Beauchamp, and Michael R. Sattem.

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager James V. O'Toole, City Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

Pastor Chris Johnson of Christ the King Lutheran Church, gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2016, and Special Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2016, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

After a suggestion to consider UB-1 as a Public Hearing, Sattem moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as amended.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval – Escanaba Yacht Club Lease Renewal - Ludington Park.

The Escanaba Yacht Club sought Council approval of a 10 year lease for City property located in Ludington Park for the club's building. Under the terms of the lease, the Escanaba Yacht Club would provide opportunities for members of the public to have access to the building and club activities, conduct a 4th of July brunch which shall be open to the public, host the Inland Seas, an educational vessel, sponsor a "Walk the Dock" event whereby the public would be invited to tour individual boats, provide an "Open House" for the Fun Run, sponsor sailing races wherein any member of the public could crew on a boat, co-sponsor "Marina Fest" and rent its facilities to the general public for high school graduation parties and wedding receptions. Administration recommended approval of the lease.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Tall asked for Public Comment.

City resident Thomas Woodaz, and former Yacht Club member because of the proposed lease, spoke against the lease as presented.

Dan Branson, City resident and Board Member on Yacht for 30 years, stated he was in support of the proposed lease, and advised the Yacht Club accomplishes many of the items in the lease already.

Marilyn Kinsey, City resident and Yacht Club Member for 33 years, stated she was concerned on parts of the proposed lease. She reviewed their club activities and stated the City needed the Yacht Club. The Yacht Club was an economic benefit to the area, its role was very positive, and encouraged transient boaters to the area.

Jon Anthony, Yacht Club Member, thanked the City and Council for their past and present support. Mr. Anthony advised the Escanaba Yacht Club brought value to the community. The proposed language did not achieve goodwill among its members, but the Yacht Club Board approved the proposed lease.

Manager O'Toole and Attorney Peterson reviewed meetings they had with the Yacht Clubs representatives regarding the lease. They thought this was going to be a very simple project, but ended up being a complicated process. In the end, the proposed lease listed items the Escanaba Yacht Club was currently doing, and was eventually adopted by the Escanaba Yacht Club Board.

Following Council discussion, Manager O'Toole suggested amending Item 1 of the proposed lease to read "Provide opportunities, as reasonable possible, for the public as follows:"

After further discussion, Baribeau moved, Blasier seconded, to approve the amending Section II, Item 1. To read: "Provide opportunities, as reasonable possible, for the public as follows:"

Ayes: Baribeau, Blasier, Sattem, Beauchamp
Nays: Tall

MOTION CARRIED.

Blasier moved to removed Section II 1b. Motion died for lack of support.

UB-1 Sattem moved, Blasier seconded, to approve the amended Yacht Club Lease agreement, contingent upon the Escanaba Yacht Club's approval of the amended lease.

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

Ayes: Sattem, Blasier, Baribeau, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval - Revised Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual.

Administration sought Council approval of a revised Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual. The existing purchasing policy and procedures manual was last updated in 1992. Manager O'Toole reviewed the proposed policy and procedures and meetings held with Council and Administration.

NB-1 After discussion, Blasier moved, Baribeau seconded, to approve of a revised Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual as proposed, provided it was reviewed every year.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Baribeau, Tall

Nays: Beauchamp, Sattem

MOTION CARRIED.

First Reading – Ordinance No. 1174 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 10, Elections, and Schedule the Public Hearing and Adoption to August 18, 2016.

Administration recommended the City Council amend Section 10-17 Location, of the City Code of Ordinances, regarding the location of Precinct 4, which was located at the Webster Grade School, 1209 North 19th Street. Webster Grade School has converted to a lockout school location. In order to respect their desire to continue with a lockout facility on an election day, Administration recommended Precinct 4 be moved to the Bay College M-TEC Technical Education Center located at 2000 North 30th St.

During discussion, Council Members raised concerns over the proposed location, the timing, and discussed other suggested locations. After discussion, Council directed Clerk Richards to provide a list of other alternate locations and the pros and cons of each. Council also directed Clerk Richards to contact the Superintendent of the Escanaba Area Public Schools regarding continued use of Webster School and what the requirement would be for Election Day access at a lockout facility.

NB-2 Baribeau moved, Sattem seconded, to set August 18, 2016, as a public hearing and adoption for Ordinance No. 1174, - to amend Section 10-17 Location, of the City Code of Ordinances, regarding the location of Precinct 4, and move Precinct 4 to the Bay College M-TEC Technical Education Center located at 2000 North 30th St

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

Ayes: Baribeau, Sattem, Beauchamp, Tall
Nays: Blasier

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 11, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 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-3 Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from Christ the King Lutheran Church to close off the 1200 block of North 18th Street between 12th Avenue North and 13th Avenue North for their Fall Festival on September 11, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. contingent upon the following: 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.

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

Mayor Tall, with Council approval, reappointed City Controller Melissa Becotte to the Escanaba Building Authority.

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Members reviewed City Board and Commission meetings each attended since the last City Council Meeting.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Tall Proclaimed the City of Escanaba as A Purple Heart City.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Members of the public were encouraged to attend the Rock the Dock this

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upcoming weekend.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor