

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, October 6, 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, Patricia A. Baribeau, Ronald J. Beauchamp, and Michael R. Sattem.

Absent: Council Member Ralph B. Blasier

Sattem Moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to excuse Council Member Blasier who was out of the community.

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

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

Beauchamp moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from September 15, 2016, Special Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2016, and Joint Meeting Minutes from September 20, 2016, as submitted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Manager O'Toole asked NB-4 be removed pending an Attorney General's legal opinion.

Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as amended.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** – None

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Public Hearing and Adoption - Community Master Plan.**

A public hearing on the proposed Community Master Plan was conducted by the City Council. The purpose of the hearing was to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed Master Plan. Additionally, upon completion of the public hearing, administration sought Council approval of the Master Plan, together with all

maps. Manager O'Toole briefly summarized the public outreach sessions used to get public comment and compiled into the report.

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** Sattem moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve the City Master Plan, together with all maps.

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

Ayes: Sattem, Beauchamp, Baribeau, Tall

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval - Abandonment of Right-of-Way Policy #100616-01.**

Administration sought Council approval of a proposed Abandonment of Right-of-Way Policy which if approved, would outline the process and procedure that must be followed to absolutely abandon all or part of a City right-of-way.

Manager O'Toole and Public Works Director William Farrell briefly reviewed the proposed policy and reviewed various examples over the years.

**NB-1** Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, to approve Abandonment of Right-of-Way Policy #100616-01.

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

Ayes: Beauchamp, Baribeau, Sattem, Tall

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Approval - Marina Internal Loan Consolidation and Refinancing Plan.**

Administration Requested Council approval to internally refinance two (2) outstanding marina loans by combining the two (2) existing internal loans into a single loan, amortized over 15 years at a rate of three (3%) percent.

**NB-2** Baribeau moved, Sattem seconded, to internally refinance two (2) outstanding marina loans by combining the two (2) existing internal loans into a single loan, amortized over 15 years at a rate of three (3%) percent.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval – Charitable Gaming Resolution – Upper Peninsula Down Syndrome Association.**

The Upper Peninsula Down Syndrome Association (UPDSA) of Delta County 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 UPDSA would be conducting raffle fund raisers the upcoming year.

**NB-3** By Council Member Beauchamp, seconded by Council Member Sattem;

**Resolved**, That the Upper Peninsula Down Syndrome Association (UPDSA) of Delta County, 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, Sattem, Baribeau, Tall  
Nays: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**Approval - Professional Services Contract - Level 3 Assessor Duties.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

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

Mayor Tall, with consensus of Council approval, recommended to the Delta County Board of Commissioners to appoint Janet Craig as the City Representative on the County DATA Board.

Mayor Tall, with consensus of Council, reappointed the following individuals to the City Historic District Commission:

- Judith Fouts - 1st extended 1 year appointment expired October 1, 2016 and wishes to be reappointed to her 2nd extended 1 year appointment;

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- Don Curran and Ellie O'Donnell 2nd extended 1 year appointment expired October 1, 2016 and wished to be reappointed to their 3rd extended 1 year appointment.

## **BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Wendy Balenger commented on a handicap sign in front of their residence which was removed, and not reinstalled when promised. Mrs. Balenger also commented on apartment parking next to their residence which exceeded the parking rule. Mrs. Balenger asked for reimbursement of City trees which she took down with her own funds and for enforcement of City Parking.

Manager O'Toole stated the handicap sign was a temporary sign and removed upon the death of her husband and he had responded to her other inquiries.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC  
City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marc D. Tall, Mayor