

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, January 7, 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, 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.

City Clerk Robert S. Richards gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sattem moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2015, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Beauchamp moved, Baribeau 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 – CCTV Sewer Camera Purchase – Wastewater Department.

Administration sought Council approval to purchase a closed circuit televising system from Aries Industries, Inc. of Waukesha, WI in an amount not to exceed \$49,251. This purchase was included in the current fiscal year budget.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Jeff Lampi provided a synopsis of the proposed closed circuit televising system and its use at the Water and Wastewater Departments.

NB-1 Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, to approve to purchase a closed circuit televising system from Aries Industries, Inc. of Waukesha, WI in an amount not to exceed \$49,251.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval - 2016 Concrete Projects - Ludington Park, Civic Center and Marina.

Twenty eight bids were sent on November 19, 2015, with five being received. Bid opening took place on December 21, 2015. Administration sought Council approval to retain U.P. Concrete Company of Escanaba, Michigan, in an amount not to exceed \$24,495 for the installation of nine (9) concrete disc golf tee boxes at Ludington Park, two (2) concrete pads at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center and a concrete walkway/sidewalk at the Marina. Funds for these projects were included in the current fiscal year budget and being funded with grants.

Recreation Director Kimberly Peterson provided a brief summary of the proposed projects.

NB-2 Beauchamp moved, Sattlem seconded, to approve to retain U.P. Concrete Company of Escanaba, Michigan, in an amount not to exceed \$24,495 for the installation of nine (9) concrete disc golf tee boxes at Ludington Park, two (2) concrete pads at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center and a concrete walkway/sidewalk at the Marina.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval – MERS Health Care Savings Program Resolution to Terminate Program.

Administration sought Council approval of a resolution to terminate the City of Escanaba's participation in the MERS Health Care Savings Program due to program conflicts.

City Treasurer/Human Resources Director Robert Valentine provided a summary of the MERS Health Care Savings Program, and the recommendation for its termination.

NB-3 By Council Member Sattlem, seconded by Council Member Blasier;

**A CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO
TERMINATE THE MERS HEALTH CARE SAVINGS PLAN (HCSP)
CITY OF ESCANABA
JANUARY 7, 2016**

WHEREAS: On April 5, 2012, the City Council authorized participation in the MERS Health Care Savings Plan for retiring City employees; and

WHEREAS: Participation was previously understood to be available to employees on a voluntary basis with flexibility as to the amount of contributions; and

WHEREAS: MERS now requires a mandatory contribution of 100% of terminal leave pay for all retiring employees; and

WHEREAS: Such mandatory participation is not deemed by City Administration to be in the best interest of all employees and retirees; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Escanaba City Council hereby terminates its participation in the MERS Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP) effective this 7th day of January, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer shall have authority to execute all documents which may be deemed necessary to effectuate termination of the Plan.

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

Ayes: Satterm, Blasier, Baribeau, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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

Mayor Tall, with Council consensus, made the following appointments:

- Morley Diment to fill a vacancy on the City Planning Commission, term ending, June 1, 2016;
- Daniel Phalen to fill a vacancy on the City Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, term ending, June 1, 2018.

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 – None

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