

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, March 3, 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.

Pastor Erik Heskin of Bethany Lutheran Church, gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Beauchamp moved, Blasier seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2016, and Special Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2016, and February 10, 2016, 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

Public Hearing – Second Reading – Payment in Lieu of Taxes Ordinance No. 1166 – Excel Realty Group, Deal 24 LDHA LP.

Mr. Peter Jobson, President of Excel Realty Group, Deal 24 LDHA LP, requested City Council re-authorize a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Ordinance which would allow Excel Realty Group, Deal 24 LDHA LP, to seek funding from the State of Michigan Tax Credit Program for the renovation and upgrading of property located at 223 Ludington Street and 216 1st Avenue South.

Peter Jobson was in attendance via landline and reviewed development, proposed ordinance, and finances. He also provided an update on the status of the project which must be submitted by April 1, 2016, reviewed first submittal and reviewed improvements made to their next proposed submittal. Mr. Jobson concluded by stating MISHDA was excited about the project.

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 Beauchamp, seconded by Council Member Sattem;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1166, an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26, Taxation, of the Code of Ordinances of 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: Beauchamp, Sattem, Baribeau, Blasier, Tall

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Herewith Ordinance No. 1166 adopted by title:

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26 - TAXATION OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ESCANABA."

Full text in Ordinance Record “K”.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval - Community Participation Plan - Redevelopment Ready Communities Program – City Manager’s Office.

Administration sought Council approval of a revised Community Participation Plan. The plan was an essential tool for outlining how the City of Escanaba will engage the public throughout a planning and development process. On February 11, 2016, the Escanaba Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the proposed plan and was recommending Council approval of the plan as part of the community master plan update and as required by the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program certification process.

NB-1 Sattem moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve of a revised Community Participation Plan as part of the community master plan update and as required by the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program certification process.

Approval - Electrical Distribution Line Tree Trimming – Electric Department.

Administration sought Council approval to retain Bugle Contracting of Cornell, MI

in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to complete needed tree trimming near power lines in various locations on our electrical distribution system. This request was included in the current fiscal year budget.

NB-2 Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, to approve to retain Bugle Contracting of Cornell, MI in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to complete needed tree trimming near power lines in various locations on our electrical distribution system.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval - Geographic Information System (GIS) Data Base Creation – Water Department.

Administration sought Council approval to retain Davis-Wanic Land Survey of Escanaba, MI in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to complete the Global Positioning System (GPS) portion of the Geographic Information System (GIS) Data Base to be completed in conjunction with work done during the Storm Water Asset Management and Waste Water (SAW) grant.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Jeff Lampi provided an overview of the project scope, and update of the SAW Grant.

NB-3 Baribeau moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to retain Davis-Wanic Land Survey of Escanaba, MI in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to complete the Global Positioning System (GPS) portion of the Geographic Information System (GIS) Data Base to be completed in conjunction with work done during the Storm Water Asset Management and Waste Water (SAW) grant.

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

Ayes: Baribeau, Beauchamp, Blasier, Sattem, 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

- Residents were reminded the Presidential Primary Election was scheduled for March 8th, and that Precinct 3 was moved to the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center.

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