

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, July 21, 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, Ralph B. Blasier, 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.

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

Sattem moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from July 7, 2016, and Special Meeting Minutes from June 29, 2016, 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

William Bonifas Fine Arts Director Pasqua Warstler, asked Council for support of the 2017 Music Monday Grant, and thanked Council for their past support.

RETIREMENT PRESENTATION

Mayor Tall congratulated Mike Samuelson, Wastewater Department Assistant Superintendent with a Certificate of Meritorious Service Award and Proclaimed Friday October 30th as Mike Samuelson Day in the City of Escanaba upon his retirement. Mayor Tall directed Administration to present Mr. Samuelson with his Certificate of Merit and Proclamation upon his retirement.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing - Obsolete Properties Rehabilitation District No. 25 – 301 North

Lincoln Road and 2601 3rd Avenue North.

The Obsolete Properties Rehabilitation Act (PA 146 of 2000) allows partial exemption of property taxes for a specified period for certain types of property improvements within a specified area. The intent of the legislation is to encourage rehabilitation of underutilized or decaying commercial or commercial/residential properties in certain designated communities such as Escanaba. The first step in the OPRA process was the establishment of a district consisting of one or more eligible properties. In accordance with program requirements, the prospective buyer of 301 North Lincoln Road and 2601 3rd Avenue North, commonly known as Delta Plaza, has submitted a request that the City establish an OPRA District, which if approved, would allow for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation exemption in the future.

D. P. Management, LLC representative Joshua Vickery provided information about his company, and showed examples of various Malls their company had purchased and redeveloped throughout the United States.

This being a Public Hearing, Mayor Tall ask 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 Blasier;

**CITY OF ESCANABA, DELTA COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH
OBSOLETE PROPERTY REHABILITATION DISTRICT NO. 25**

Whereas, Pursuant to P.A. 146 of 2000, the City of Escanaba has the authority to establish “Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Districts” within the City of Escanaba; and

Whereas, DP Management, LLC, has filed a written request with the clerk of the City of Escanaba requesting the establishment of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for an area in the vicinity of 301 North Lincoln Road located in the City of Escanaba hereafter described; and

Whereas, The City Council of the City of Escanaba determined that the district meets the requirements set forth in section 3(1) of PA 146 of 2000; and

Whereas, Written notice has been given by mail to all owners of real property located within the district and to the public by newspaper advertisement in the Daily Press and/or public posting of the hearing on the establishment of the proposed district; and

Whereas, On July 21, 2016, a public hearing was held and all residents and taxpayers of the City of Escanaba were afforded an opportunity to be heard thereon; and

Whereas, The City Council deems it to be in the public interest of the City of

Escanaba to establish the Obsolete Property District Rehabilitation as proposed.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Escanaba that the following described parcel(s) of land situated in the City of Escanaba, Delta County, and State of Michigan, to wit:

• Parcel #; SEC 25 T39N R23W [13.16 AC]
PRT OF BLKS 7, 8 & 9 OF THE CITY CENTER ADDITION NO. 3 & PRT OF SE1/4 OF NE1/4 SEC 25 FRM THE E1/4 COR OF SEC 25 TH N0D39'E 211.81 FT TH N89D14'40"W 50 FT TO INT OF N R/W LN OF 1ST AVE NO & W R/W LN STATE HWY M35 TH N89D58'W 100 FT TO POB TH N89D58'W 550.48 FT TH NORTH 361 FT TH N89D58'W 229.8 FT TH N0D05'39"E 366.06 FT TH N84D50'E 893.52 FT TO W R/W STATE HWY M35 TH S0D39'W 160.83 FT TH S84D50'W 150.73 FT TH S0D39'W 82.39 FT TH S0D39'W 450 FT TH N89D58'W 100 FT TH S0D39'W 100 FT TO POB. (CORRECTED LEGAL 12-23-2013 DRN); and

PRT S 1/2 NE 1/4 SEC 25 T39N R23W COM @ E 1/4 COR TH N 0D 39M E 211.81 FT TH N 89D 14M 40S W 50 FT TO PT ON N ROW 1ST AVE N & W ROW M-35 TH N 89D 58M W 1327.48 FT TO POB TH N 89D 58M W 292.69 FT TO PT 959.15 FT E OF N-S 1/4 LN TH N 0D 02M E 291 FT TH S 89D 58M E 148.69 FT TH N 0D 02M E 382.5 FT TO S ROW 3RD AVE N TH N 84D 50M E ALG 144.58 FT TH S 0D 02M W 686.48 FT TO POB 3.2421 AC M/L AC #143-2A, City of Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan

Be and hereby is established an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District pursuant to the provisions of P.A. 146 of 2000 to be known as Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District No. 25.

The vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval - Small Water Meter Purchase - Water Department

Administration sought Council approval to purchase replacement water meters and encoder receiver transmitters (ERTS) from United Systems & Software, Inc. of Benton, KY in an amount not to exceed \$80,000. This purchase was included in the current fiscal year budget.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Lampi provided a brief overview of the proposed water meter purchase. The purchase would hope to help recover water loss from inaccurate meters.

NB-1 Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, to approve to purchase replacement water meters and encoder receiver transmitters (ERTS) from United Systems & Software, Inc. of Benton, KY in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval – Summer 2016 Leak Detection Survey - Water Department.

Administration sought Council approval to retain the M.E. Simpson Company of Valparaiso, IN for the 2016 summer water distribution leak detection survey in an amount not to exceed \$14,000. This purchase was included in the current fiscal year budget.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Lampi provided a brief overview of the proposed leak detection proposal. Based on conversations from vendors, Administration recommended a summer and spring detection from two different companies.

NB-2 Beauchamp moved, Blasier seconded, to retain the M.E. Simpson Company of Valparaiso, IN for the 2016 summer water distribution leak detection survey in an amount not to exceed \$14,000.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval – Spring 2017 Leak Detection Survey - Water Department.

Administration sought Council approval to retain the Davies Water (a division of) Ferguson, Inc. of Appleton, WI for the 2017 spring water distribution leak detection survey in an amount not to exceed \$13,000. This purchase was included in the current fiscal year budget.

NB-3 Baribeau moved, Sattem seconded, to retain the Davies Water (a division of) Ferguson, Inc. of Appleton, WI for the 2017 spring water distribution leak detection survey in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval - Eco-Mat Pilot Program - Wastewater Department.

Administration sought Council approval to retain Blue Water Technologies of Hayden, ID to conduct two (2) separate pilot programs for the Eco-Mat Rotating Belt Filter system at a cost of \$7,500 each. Total funds spent on this project would not exceed \$17,000. This study was not budgeted in the current fiscal year budget, however funds are available from the wastewater fund balance.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Lampi provided a brief overview of the proposed technology. The new technology could possibly replace 2/3 of the WasteWater Treatment plant. Administration advised they would report back to Council with the results after the pilot program was concluded to see if it would work at Escanaba WasteWater Plant.

NB-4 Blasier moved, Beauchamp seconded, to retain Blue Water Technologies of Hayden, ID to conduct two (2) separate pilot programs for the Eco-Mat Rotating Belt Filter system at a cost not to exceed \$17,000.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Presentation – Escanaba Area Public Schools Non-Homestead Millage Renewal.

Escanaba Area Public Schools Superintendent Michele Burley made a presentation on their proposed Non-Homestead Millage renewal that was on the August 2nd Primary.

Approval – Resolution of Support – Bonifas Art Center – 2017 Music Mondays Summer Concerts.

The Bonifas Art Center sought Council approval of a resolution supporting their grant application to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs seeking funds for the “Music Mondays” Summer Concert Series. If approved, the City of Escanaba will serve as the Administrator for the funds. Administration recommended approval.

NB-6 By Council Member Sattem, seconded by Council Member Baribeau, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION - SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS SEEKING MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE "MUSIC MONDAYS" SUMMER CONCERT SERIES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Escanaba, Michigan, does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS, the City desires to support the cultural lives of area residents through opportunities to be exposed to new art and music;

WHEREAS, the City has an excellent partner in the Bonifas Arts Center to successfully organize and promote community events, and educate the public through music appreciation programming;

WHEREAS, the City will administer the grant funds, if awarded, as set forth in the application;

WHEREAS, the City has a policy detailing equal opportunity provisions for job applicants and public accommodations and agrees to conform to the Assurances and Guidelines set forth in the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the City Council of the City of Escanaba, Michigan, that the grant application should be made to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs for the August 3, 2016 deadline.

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

Ayes: Sattem, Baribeau, Blasier, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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 – None

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc D. Tall, Mayor