

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, September 1, 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, 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 Erik Heskin of Bethany Lutheran Church, gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sattem moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from August 18, 2016, as submitted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Beauchamp moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as submitted.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** – None

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Public Hearing - CDBG Resolution - Northern Initiatives Revolving Loan Fund - Northern Machining and Repair, Inc.**

A public hearing was conducted on a proposed CDBG resolution which supported approval of a \$100,000 loan from Northern Initiatives to Northern Machining and Repair, Inc. of Escanaba, MI. The funds from the loan would be used to purchase new equipment and would result in the hiring of five (5) new employees, 51% of whom have been previously classified as low to moderate income persons.

Manager O'Toole provided a brief synopsis of the Northern Initiatives.

This being a Public Hearing, Mayor Tall asked if there was any public comment.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Tall closed the public hearing.

After questions from Council, Dale Cook, advised Part 1 was submitted by the State of Michigan and presented the information to Council, and provided a brief synopsis of Northern Machining and Repair.

**PH-1 Resolved By** Council Member Blasier, seconded by Council Member Beauchamp:

## RESOLUTION

### APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE CITY OF ESCANABA

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) PROGRAM. FOR NORTHERN MACHINING & REPAIR, INC.

**WHEREAS**, Northern Machining & Repair, Inc. has made application through Northern Initiatives, Inc. for the City of Escanaba CDBG Revolving Loan Funds in the amount of \$100,000 to aid with equipment purchases within the City of Escanaba, and

**WHEREAS**, the project location meets zoning requirement is consistent with the City of Escanaba's Comprehensive Plan, the project will employ at least 51% low to moderate income persons, and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Escanaba participates in the Regional RLF Model, has executed a Subrecipient Agreement with Northern Initiatives and has designated The City Treasurer and the Escanaba Economic Development Corporation Chair as its representatives on its Regional Funds Approval Committee, and

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Fund Approval Committee has reviewed and approved said application submitted by Northern Machining & Repair, Inc. on June 27, 2016 and

**WHEREAS**, no project costs (CDBG and non-CDBG) will be incurred prior to the formal loan award, completion of the environmental review procedures and formal, written authorization to incur costs has been provided by your CDBG Project Manager, and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Escanaba has advertised in the Daily Press newspaper and has held a public informational hearing in regard to the CDBG Revolving Loan Fund application on September 1, 2016.

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that The City of Escanaba acknowledges that it has held a public informational meeting on September 1, 2016 in regard to the CDBG Revolving Loan Fund Application by Northern Machining & Repair, Inc. in the amount of \$100,000 for equipment for its business within the City of Escanaba, that the project will employ at least 51% low to moderate income persons and the project meets zoning requirements and is consistent with the

City of Escanaba's Comprehensive Plan and authorizes the Mayor Marc Tall to sign the part 2 Application and all attachments.

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

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval – Use of Public Space – Ludington Street – Escanaba High School Homecoming Parade.**

The Escanaba School District sought approval to use Ludington Street on Friday, September 30, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., for their annual Homecoming Parade. Administration recommended approval provided the following conditions were met: 1) Proper insurance was 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 sponsors pay for any overtime labor costs that may be incurred.

**NB-1** Sattem moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from the Escanaba School District to use Ludington Street on Friday, September 30, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., for their annual Homecoming Parade, provided the following conditions were met: 1) Proper insurance was 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 sponsors pay for any overtime labor costs that may be incurred.

**Approval – Use of Public Space - Ludington Street - Great Pumpkin Parade.**

Abate of Michigan, Inc. sought approval to use Ludington Street on Saturday, October 1, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. for their annual Great Pumpkin Parade. Administration recommended approval provided the following conditions were met: 1) Proper insurance was 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 sponsors pay for any overtime labor costs that may be incurred.

**NB-2** Beauchamp moved, Baribeau seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from Abate of Michigan, Inc. to use Ludington Street on Saturday, October 1, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. for their annual Great Pumpkin Parade, provided the following conditions were met: 1) Proper insurance was 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 sponsors pay for any overtime labor costs that may be

incurred.

**Approval - Purchase of 2016 Trailer Mounted Vacuum Leaf Collector - Department of Public Works.**

Administration sought Council approval to purchase a 2016 trailer mounted vacuum leaf collector from Superior Equipment, Inc. of Iron Mountain, MI. in the amount of \$33,500. The purchase of this equipment was budgeted in the current fiscal year budget for \$30,000.

Public Works Superintendent Bill Farrell provided a brief overview of the equipment, its use, and advised additional funds needed were available in the Public Works budget.

**NB-3** Blasier moved, Sattem seconded, to approve the purchase of a 2016 trailer mounted vacuum leaf collector from Superior Equipment, Inc. of Iron Mountain, MI. in the amount of \$33,500.

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

Ayes: Blasier, Sattem, Baribeau, Beauchamp, Tall

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Mayor Tall, with Council consensus, appointed Brian Thorsen to the Board of Appeals, 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 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

City Council Minutes  
September 1, 2016 – cont.  
Robert S. Richards, CMC  
City Clerk

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