

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, September 16, 2021**

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, Tyler D. DuBord, Karen S. Moore, and Peggy O'Connell

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Patrick S. Jordan, City Clerk Phil DeMay, Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

City Clerk DeMay led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DuBord moved, O'Connell seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from September 2, 2021, as submitted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Blasier moved, DuBord seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as submitted.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** – None

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**UB-1 Follow Up – Grant Writing Services - Administration.**

Follow up on previous discussion on gaining grant writing services with CUPPAD or by direct hire of a part-time grant writer.

Blasier moved, O'Connell seconded, to allow the City Manager to contract with CUPPAD on an as needed basis for grant writing at a rate of 65 dollars per hour not to exceed 60,100 dollars per year.

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

Ayes: Blasier, O'Connell, Moore, DuBord, Mayor Tall

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB-1 Approval – Hiring Financial Advisor for the 2022 DWRP Project - Wastewater.**

Administration requested authorization to hire Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC, of East Lansing, MI to conduct the work associated with portions of the DWRP project requirements for the Financial Advisor's work as outlined in the Engagement Letter in Attachment A, at a cost not to exceed \$18,500.00.

**NB-1** O'Connell moved, Moore seconded, to approve to hire Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC, of East Lansing, MI to conduct the work associated with portions of the DWRP project requirements for the Financial Advisor's work as outlined in the Engagement Letter, at a cost not to exceed \$18,500.00.

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

Ayes: O'Connell, Moore, Blasier, DuBord, Mayor Tall  
Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NB-2 Approval – Hiring Bond Counsel for the DWRP Project – Water.**

Administration requested authorization to hire Miller Canfield, of Detroit, MI to conduct the work associated with portions of the SRF loan requirements for the Bond Counsel fee work as outlined in the attached engagement Letter, at a cost not to exceed \$46,000.00.

**NB-2** O'Connell moved, Blasier seconded, to approve to hire Miller Canfield, of Detroit, MI to conduct the work associated with portions of the SRF loan requirements for the Bond Counsel fee work as outlined in the attached engagement Letter, at a cost not to exceed \$46,000.00.

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

Ayes: O'Connell, Blasier, Moore, DuBord, Mayor Tall  
Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NB-3 Closed Session – Closed session to discuss a union contract item. – Administration.**

Administration requested to go into closed session to discuss a union contract item.

The time being 7:28 p.m. O’Connell moved, DuBord seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, the Council recessed.

Blasier moved, O’Connell seconded, to go into Closed Session.

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

Ayes: Blasier, O’Connell, Moore, DuBord, Mayor Tall  
Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

The time was 7:32 p.m.

O’Connell moved, Blasier seconded, to come back into Open Session.

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

Ayes: O’Connell, Blasier, Moore, DuBord, Mayor Tall  
Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

The time was 7:41 p.m.

No Council actions were taken during the closed session.

**NB-3** DuBord moved, Moore seconded, to approve the letter of agreement between Delta County 911 Authority and General Teamsters Local Union No. 406 presented by administration.

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

Ayes: DuBord, Moore, Blasier, O’Connell, Mayor Tall  
Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Mayor Tall, with Council Consensus made the following appointment:

Judith Fouts to the Historic District Commission, term ending October 1, 2024.

**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**

- Fireworks at the Escanaba Eskymos home football game Friday night.

Hearing no further public comment O’Connell moved, DuBord seconded, the Council adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Phil DeMay  
City Clerk

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