

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, October 20, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Mark Ammel at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 410 Ludington Street.

Present: Mayor Mark Ammel, Council Members, Ronald J. Beauchamp, Tyler DuBord, Todd Flath, and Karen Moore

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, Moore seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from October 6, 2022, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

DuBord moved, Flath seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to move **NB-4** Closed Session at the end of the meeting after Announcements and before Adjournment.

Moore moved, Mayor Ammel seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to postpone **NB-2** for two weeks per the advice of legal counsel.

DuBord moved, Flath seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as amended.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UB-1 Discussion – Progress Regarding Sale and Development of Jail and Chamber Sites – Administration.

Administration updated City Council on the progress regarding the sale and development of the Jail and Chamber properties.

DuBord moved, Beauchamp seconded, to accept the counteroffer from North Shore Marine Terminal and Logistics for \$65,000.

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

Ayes: DuBord, Beauchamp, Flath, Mayor Ammel
Nays: Moore

MOTION CARRIED.

UB-2 Discussion – City Council and City Manager Discussion on Contract Presented by Contract Committee.

City Council and City Manager discussed and finalized the draft of the City Manager's contract that was presented by the contract committee, followed by submittal of the contract to the City Manager for consideration.

City Manager Patrick Jordan declined the new contract presented by council.

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Presentation – Update to Council on Past and Present Intent to Applies – WTP/WWTP.

Administration conducted a short presentation in order to provide information on past and present Water/Wastewater Intent to Applies (ITAs).

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Jeff Lampi gave an update to council on ITAs.

NB-2 Approval – WTP Project – 10% Construction Contingency – Water.

Administration requested City Council approval to make a contingency of \$1,055,995.00 Million Dollars (10%) available with regard to the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Project that Staab conducted for \$9,783,000.00 Million Dollars.

NB-2 – Council postponed this item two weeks per the advice of legal counsel.

NB-3 Approval – Distribution Line Pulling System – Electric.

The Electric Department requested City Council approval to purchase an overhead distribution line pulling system for \$21,769.65. This item was not budgeted; however, it will have no impact to electric rates.

NB-3 Moore moved, DuBord seconded, to approve to purchase an overhead distribution line pulling system for \$21,769.65.

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

Ayes: Moore, DuBord, Beauchamp, Flath, Mayor Ammel
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-4 Closed Session – Discussion on Demand to Bargain from Union 406 – HR Director/Treasurer.

Administration requested Council go in to a closed session to discuss a strategy for a negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement. This was permitted under section 8(1)(c) of OMA.

Closed session was moved to the end of the meeting after announcements and before adjournment.

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

- Ed Legault – Discussed the sale and development of jail and chamber site development. Also discussed DDA funding.
- Karen Flynn – Discussed other possible development opportunities.
- Kelli Van Ginhoven – thanked Escanaba Public Safety, Sheriff, State Police, Escanaba School Administration, and teachers for their response to the lockdown at School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Trick or treating will take place on Monday October 31, 2022, at 5:00pm-7:00pm.
- Enhance Escanaba was recognized with an “American in Bloom” award.

The time being 7:46 p.m. DuBord moved, Flath seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, the Council recessed.

The time being 7:53 p.m. DuBord moved, Flath seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, came back in session.

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Flath moved, DuBord seconded, to go into Closed Session.

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

Ayes: Flath, DuBord, Moore, Beauchamp, Mayor Ammel
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The time was 7:53 p.m.

DuBord moved, Beauchamp seconded, to come back into Open Session.

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

Ayes: DuBord, Beauchamp, Moore, Flath, Mayor Ammel
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The time was 8:18 p.m.

No Council actions were taken during closed session.

NB-4 DuBord moved, Flath seconded, to approve HR to negotiate with union representative 406 the proposed policy.

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

Ayes: DuBord, Flath, Beauchamp, Moore, Mayor Ammel
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Hearing no further public comment Flath moved, the Council adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mark Ammel, Mayor