

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, December 1, 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: Interim City Manager Jim McNeil, Deputy City Clerk Tammy Weissert, Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

Deputy City Clerk Weissert led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Flath moved, DuBord seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from November 17, 2022, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Council Member DuBord asked to add New Business Item #3 – Approve North Shore Flats Purchase Agreement.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed LeGault – Discussed the sale and development of the Jail and Chamber properties.
- Rebecca Bender – Introduced herself and would like to be considered as a possible board member for the Downtown Development Authority.

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.

Interim City Manager Jim McNeil updated council on the progress of the development of the Jail and Chamber properties.

UB-2 Approval –Stump Grinding Bid– Public Works.

Administration sought approval to contract with Dombrowski Tree Service at the proposed unit prices for stump grinding.

UB-2 Moore moved, Mayor Ammel seconded, to approve to contract with Dombrowski Tree Service at the proposed unit prices for stump grinding.

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

Ayes: Moore, Mayor Ammel, DuBord, Flath

Nays: Beauchamp

MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Approval - 2023 City Council Meeting Dates.

Administration sought Council approval of the 2023 regular Annual Council Meeting schedule.

NB-1 Flath moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve of the 2023 regular Annual Council Meeting schedule.

NB-2 First Reading of Ordinance No. 1272, An Ordinance to Amend Section 401.4 of the Zoning Ordinance as Codified Under Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances, and Setting the Date of Thursday, January 05, 2023, for the Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption - Planning & Zoning.

The Planning Commission requested the City Council to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 1272, An Ordinance to Amend Section 401.4 of the Zoning Ordinance as Codified under Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances - Rezoning parcels adjacent to the North 30th Street corridor from “F-Light Manufacturing District” to “E-Commercial District.” Administration requested that the City Council set January 05, 2023, for the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1272.

NB-2 DuBord moved, Flath seconded, to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 1272, An Ordinance to Amend Section 401.4 of the Zoning Ordinance as Codified under the Code of Ordinances – Rezoning parcels adjacent to the North 30th Street corridor from “F-Light Manufacturing District” to “E-Commercial District” and to set January 05, 2023, for the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance

No. 1272.

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

Ayes: DuBord, Flath, Moore, Mayor Ammel

Nays: Beauchamp

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-3 Approval – Purchase Agreement between the City of Escanaba and North Shore Flats Development, LLC.

Administration sought City Council approval of a Purchase Agreement between the City of Escanaba and North Shore Flats Development, LLC, contingent the insertion of the legal description of the easement.

NB-1 Moore moved, DuBord seconded, to approve of a Purchase Agreement between the City of Escanaba and North Shore Flats Development, LLC, contingent the insertion of the legal description of the easement.

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Interim City Manager James McNeil with Council Consensus made the following appointment:

Rebecca Bender appointed to the Downtown Development Authority, expiring April 21, 2026.

Council Consensus made the following appointment:

Kelli Van Ginhoven appointed to the Planning Commission, expiring June 1, 2025.

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

- December 2nd Christmas Parade in Escanaba at 7:00 p.m.
- Players de Noc is putting on a children's production – A Charlie Brown Christmas and It's a Wonderful Never Land.

Hearing no further public comment Flath moved, the Council adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tammy Weissert, CMC/MiPMC
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mark Ammel, Mayor