

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, February 2, 2023**

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 James R. McNeil, City Clerk Phil DeMay, Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

City Clerk DeMay led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Flath moved, DuBord seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Special Meeting minutes from January 18, 2023, as submitted.

DuBord moved, Flath seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from January 19, 2023, as submitted.

DuBord moved, Moore seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Special Joint Meeting minutes from January 23, 2023, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

- William Gasman – discussed Ordinance No. 1273.
- Mark Hannemann - discussed Ordinance No. 1273.
- Keith Whitman - discussed Ordinance No. 1273.
- Bonnie Hakkola - discussed Ordinance No. 1273.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1273, An Ordinance Imposing Temporary Moratorium on Medical and Adult-Use Marihuana Establishment Applications, Approvals, and Licenses.

Administration requested the City Council to consider approval and adoption of Ordinance No. 1273, Ordinance Imposing Temporary Moratorium on Medical and Adult-Use Marihuana Establishment Applications, Approvals, and Licenses.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Ammel asked for public comment.

- Chery Corbiere - discussed Ordinance No. 1273.
- Keith Whitman - discussed Ordinance No. 1273.
- William Gasman - discussed Ordinance No. 1273.

Hearing no further public comment, Mayor Ammel then closed the public hearing.

PH-1 “By Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Beauchamp;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1273, An Ordinance Imposing Temporary Moratorium on Medical and Adult-Use Marihuana Establishment Applications, Approvals, and Licenses, given its public hearing at this meeting, be and is hereby adopted and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter.”

Herewith Ordinance No. 1273 adopted by title:

**" ORDINANCE IMPOSING TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON MEDICAL AND
ADULT-USE MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENT
APPLICATIONS, APPROVALS, AND LICENSES."**

Full text in Ordinance Record “M”.

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

Ayes: Moore, Beauchamp

Nays: DuBord, Flath, Mayor Ammel

RESOLUTION FAILED.”

NB-1 Approval – City Manager Contract – HR Director/Treasurer.

Administration requested City Council approval of the proposed City Manager contract.

NB-1 Mayor Ammel moved, DuBord seconded, to approve of the proposed City Manager contract.

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

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-2 Approval – AMI Grant Request – Electric.

Administration requested City Council approval to award a contract to Power Systems Engineering to prepare a grant application for the AMI project with a cost not to exceed \$6,000.

NB-2 Moore moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to award a contract to Power Systems Engineering to prepare a grant application for the AMI project with a cost not to exceed \$6,000.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-3 Presentation – 2022 Planning Commission Annual Report – Planning & Zoning.

During a regular meeting of the Planning Commission on January 12, 2023, a motion was made to approve the Planning Commission Annual Report and Work Plan as presented before them and submit to City Council for review in accordance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, PA 33 of 2008, Section 125.3819.

NB-3 DuBord moved, Flath seconded, to accept the Planning Commission Annual Report and Work Plan.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-4 First Reading of Ordinance No. 1274, Ordinance Addressing Floodplain Management Provisions of the State Construction Code, and Setting the Date of Thursday, February 16, 2023, for the Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption – Manager.

Administration requested City Council to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 1274, Ordinance Addressing Floodplain Management Provision of the State Construction Code. Administration requested that the City Council set February 16,

2023, for the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1274.

NB-4 DuBord moved, Beauchamp seconded, to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 1274, Ordinance Addressing Floodplain Management Provision of the State Construction Code and to set February 16, 2023, for the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1274.

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

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

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

City Manager McNeil with Council Consensus made the following appointment:

Shirley Gollach appointed to the Recreation Advisory Board, expiring June 1, 2023.

Mayor Ammel with Council Consensus made the following appointment:

Manager James McNeil to the Escanaba Building Authority, expiring August 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

- Bonnie Hakkola – discussed Ordinance No. 1273.
- Stephanie Carpenter - discussed Ordinance No. 1273.
- Barbie Clairmont – discussed Ordinance No. 1273.
- William Gasman - discussed Ordinance No. 1273.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mayor Ammel led a moment of silence for the Weaver family. Also gave thanks for all the local community and surrounding communities near and far for their support.

Hearing no further public comment DuBord moved, the Council adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mark Ammel, Mayor