

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, April 20, 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.

Beauchamp moved, DuBord seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Special Meeting Budget minutes from April 3, 2023, as submitted.

DuBord moved, Flath seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Special Meeting Budget minutes from April 4, 2023, as submitted.

Flath moved, DuBord seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from April 6, 2023, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Craig Woerpel – DDA Administrator – discussed NB-6.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Setting of Public Hearing – FY2023-2024 Budget – May 4, 2023.

Administration requested City Council set May 4, 2023, as the fourth Public Hearing

on the proposed 2023-2024 City Fiscal Year Budget.

NB-1 DuBord moved, Moore seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to set May 4, 2023, as the fourth Public Hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 City Fiscal Year Budget.

NB-2 Approval – Special Events Application – Labor Day Celebration – Recreation.

Administration recommended approval of a Special Event Application to hold a Labor Day Celebration parade and beer tent. The parade will go from the Marketplace to Municipal Dock on Ludington Street. This will be the third annual event for the Labor Day Celebration. The event date and time is September 4, 2023, from 11:00am to 8:00pm.

NB-2 DuBord moved, Moore seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve of a Special Event Application to hold a Labor Day Celebration parade and beer tent on September 4, 2023, from 11:00am to 8:00pm.

Flath – abstained (*Due to being on the board*)

NB-3 Approval – Ludington Park Food/Drink Concessions for 2023 Season – Recreation.

Fifteen bids were mailed on January 30, 2023, with one bid being received from Sticky Fingers of Gladstone, Michigan. Bids were opened on March 20, 2023. Administration recommended approval of the bid.

NB-3 Flath moved, DuBord seconded, to award the concession area in Ludington Park to Sticky Fingers of Gladstone, Michigan.

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

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-4 Approval – Sanitation Services for the 2023-2024 Season - Recreation

Two bids were mailed on January 30, 2023, with one bid being received from Stenberg Brothers of Bark River, Michigan. Bids were opened on March 20, 2023. Administration recommended approval of the bid.

NB-4 DuBord moved, Moore seconded, to award Stenberg Brother's, Inc. of Bark River, Michigan, for sanitation services/portable restrooms for City of Escanaba Recreation and Parks Facilities for the 2023-2024 seasons.

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

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-5 Approval – Charitable Gaming Resolution – Escanaba Youth Wrestling Club – Manager.

The Escanaba Youth Wrestling Club sought City Council approval of Resolution No. 20-10 that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a Charitable Gaming License from the State of Michigan.

“NB-5 By Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Beauchamp:

Resolution 23-10

**LOCAL GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING
LICENSES**

At a _____ meeting of the _____
REGULAR OR SPECIAL TOWNSHIP, CITY, OR VILLAGE COUNCIL/BOARD

called to order by _____ on _____
DATE

at _____ a.m./p.m. the following resolution was offered:
TIME

Moved by _____ and supported by _____

that the request from _____ of _____,
NAME OF ORGANIZATION CITY

county of _____, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit
COUNTY

organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable
gaming licenses, be considered for _____.
APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL

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

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

NB-6 Setting of Public Hearing – Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District (OPRA) No. 28 – 723 Ludington Street – Assessor.

The Obsolete Properties Rehabilitation Act (PA 146 of 2000) allows partial exemption of property taxes for a specified period for certain types of property improvements within a specified area. The intent of the legislation is to encourage rehabilitation of underutilized or decaying commercial or commercial/residential properties in certain designated communities such as Escanaba. In accordance with program requirements, the owner of 723 Ludington Street, has submitted a request that the City establish an OPRA District, which if approved would allow for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation exemption in the future. Administration requested Council schedule a public hearing for May 4, 2023, for the consideration of establishing Obsolete Rehabilitation District No. 28, in accordance with the requirements of PA 146 of 2000.

NB-6 DuBord moved, Moore seconded, to schedule a public hearing for May 4, 2023, for the consideration of establishing Obsolete Rehabilitation District No. 28, in accordance with the requirements of PA 146 of 2000.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-7 Approval – Special Events Application – Law Enforcement Torch Run Fundraiser – Public Safety.

Cat-Man-Do's, 1223 Ludington Street requested the City Council approve the Special Event Application to hold the Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics. The event date and time is August 23, 2023, from 5pm to 10:00pm, with set up beginning at 3:00pm and tear down completed by 10:30pm.

NB-7 DuBord moved, Flath seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a request from Cat-Man-Do's, 1223 Ludington Street to hold the Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics on August 23, 2023, from 5pm to 10:00pm, with set up beginning at 3:00pm and tear down completed by 10:30pm.

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 – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Esky Cleanup

Hearing no further public comment, Flath moved, the Council adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mark Ammel, Mayor