

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, August 3, 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, Tyler DuBord, Todd Flath, and Karen Moore

Absent: Ronald J. Beauchamp

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.

DuBord moved, Moore seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to excuse Council member Beauchamp's absence from the meeting.

Moore moved, DuBord seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from July 20, 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 – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1282, An Ordinance to Amend Marihuana Establishment Distancing Regulations within the Zoning Ordinance – Planning & Zoning.

Administration requested the City Council to consider approval and adoption of Ordinance No. 1282, An Ordinance to Amend Marihuana Establishment Distancing Regulations within the Zoning Ordinance.

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

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

PH-1 “By Council Member DuBord, seconded by Council Member Flath;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1282, An Ordinance to Amend Marihuana Establishment Distancing Regulations within the Zoning Ordinance, 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. 1282 adopted by title:

**"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENT DISTANCING
REGULATIONS WITHIN THE ZONING ORDINANCE"**

Full text in Ordinance Record “M”.

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

Ayes: DuBord, Flath, Moore, Mayor Ammel

Nays: None

Absent: Beauchamp

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

PH-2 Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1283, An Ordinance to Amend Setback-Related Language within the Zoning Ordinance - Planning & Zoning.

Administration requested the City Council to consider approval and adoption of Ordinance No. 1283, An Ordinance to Amend Setback-Related Language within the Zoning Ordinance.

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

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

PH-2 “By Council Member Flath, seconded by Council Member DuBord;

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1283, An Ordinance to Amend Setback-Related Language within the Zoning Ordinance, 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. 1283 adopted by title:

**" AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SETBACK-RELATED LANGUAGE WITHIN THE
ZONING ORDINANCE"**

Full text in Ordinance Record “M”.

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

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Approval – Concrete Pile Crushing Bid – Public Works.

The City of Escanaba received one (1) bid for the concrete pile crushing. Administration sought City Council approval to accept the bid from Havelka Construction of Wallace, MI, to have the entire pile of 18,000 tons crushed in the amount of \$99,000.

NB-1 DuBord moved, Moore seconded, to approve to accept the bid from Havelka Construction of Wallace, MI, to have the entire pile of 18,000 tons crushed in the amount of \$99,000.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-2 Approval – Total Patcher – Public Works.

Public Works sought City Council approval to purchase a used 2012 Total Patcher from Equipment Marketing Company in the amount of \$39,900. This was not a budgeted item.

NB-2 DuBord moved, Moore seconded, to approve to purchase a used 2012 Total Patcher from Equipment Marketing Company in the amount of \$39,900.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-3 Approval – V-Box Spreader Salter Insert – Public Works.

Public Works received (2) bids for a Salter Insert designed to fit in our current 2013 Tandem Axle dump truck. Public Works sought City Council approval to accept the bid from Casper's Truck Equipment of Appleton, WI, in the amount of \$72,906. This was a budgeted item.

NB-3 DuBord moved, Flath seconded, to approve to accept the bid from Casper's Truck Equipment of Appleton, WI, in the amount of \$72,906.

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

Ayes: DuBord, Flath, Moore, Mayor Ammel

Nays: None

Absent: Beauchamp

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-4 Approval – Epoxy Flooring Bid – Public Works.

Public Works received (2) bids for doing epoxy flooring in the Public Works office and an alternate bid for the hallway. Public Works sought City Council approval to have Pemble Concrete of Marquette, MI, epoxy the office (\$7,780) and hallway areas (\$1,990), for a total of \$9,770. This was a budgeted item.

NB-4 Moore moved, DuBord seconded, to approve to have Pemble Concrete of Marquette, MI, epoxy the office (\$7,780) and hallway areas (\$1,990), for a total of \$9,770.

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

Ayes: Moore, DuBord, Flath, Mayor Ammel

Nays: None

Absent: Beauchamp

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-5 Approval – 2023 Pickup Truck – Public Works.

Public Works sought City Council approval to purchase a 2023 6.4L V8Hemi Ram Tradesman Regular Cab 4x4 from Lanfontaine CDJR-Lansing for \$54,207.90. It included heavy duty snow plow prep with a plow included in the price. This truck would be used for the Recreation Department. This was not a budgeted item.

NB-5 Moore moved, DuBord seconded, to approve to purchase a 2023 6.4L V8Hemi Ram Tradesman Regular Cab 4x4 from Lanfontaine CDJR-Lansing for \$54,207.90.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-6 Approval – Resolution 23-16 – Authorized Signatory – Manager.

Administration requested City Council approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with MDOT. This contract is for the award of a \$375,000 Small Urban Grant, and is to be used for paving on Stephenson Avenue.

NB-6 “By Council Member Flath, seconded by Council Member DuBord:

RESOLUTION 23-16

Be it resolved that

CONTRACT No. 23-5304, Control Section STUL 21000, Job Number 208209CON

by and between the

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

and the

CITY OF ESCANABA

is hereby accepted.

The following Official(s) is/are authorized to sign the said contract:

James McNeil, City Manager

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

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

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

- Congratulations Escanaba 9–11-year-old Softball team State Champions!
- UP State Fair coming August 14-20th!
- The council thanked everyone involved with Marina Fest. They had a great turnout!
- RRN Block Party was very successful with over 1,700 people attending!
- Northern Lights Musical festival was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who was involved.

Hearing no further public comment, Flath moved, DuBord seconded, the Council adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mark Ammel, Mayor