

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, August 17, 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 Controller Melissa Becotte, 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 August 3, 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 – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Approval – Resolution 23-17 – Local Support Without Financial Commitment - Recreation.

Recreation Director Kim Peterson sought a grant from the MI Community Center for upgrades to the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center, to include construction of eight outdoor pickleball courts.

NB-1 “By Council Member DuBord, seconded by Council Member Flath:

RESOLUTION 23-17

LOCAL SUPPORT WITHOUT FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

WHEREAS, The City of Escanaba supports the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center/Recreation Department submission of an application titled, “Catherine Bonifas Civic Center Upgrade and Construction of Eight Pickleball Courts” to the MI Community Center Grant Program for flooring/lighting/window/heating/cooling upgrades (geo thermal) and construction of eight pickleball courts at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center, 225 North 21st Street, Escanaba, MI 49829; and,

WHEREAS, the location of the proposed project is within the jurisdiction of the City of Escanaba; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project, if completed, will be a benefit to the community; and

WHEREAS, with this Resolution of support, it is acknowledged that the City of Escanaba is not committing to any obligation; financial or otherwise.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Escanaba and the Escanaba City Council hereby supports submission of a MI Community Center Grant Application for the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center.

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

AYES: DuBord, Flath, Moore, Beauchamp, Mayor Ammel
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

NB-2 Approval – Stephenson Avenue Material Testing Services Bid – Public Works.

Administration sought City Council approval to award the Stephenson Avenue Material Testing Services Bid to Coleman Engineering Company, Escanaba, MI for an estimated cost of \$5,700. The scope of the testing would include Earthwork and Bituminous Aggregate Base, Field and Laboratory of Hot Mix Asphalt, and HMA Mixture Testing.

NB-2 Moore moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to award the Stephenson Avenue Material Testing Services Bid to Coleman Engineering Company, Escanaba, MI for an estimated cost of \$5,700.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-3 Approval – Stephenson Avenue Project MDOT Letting – Public Works/Engineering.

Two bids were received for the Paving of Stephenson Avenue Project. Administration sought City Council approval to award Payne and Dolan, of Escanaba, MI in the amount of \$695,065.

NB-3 Moore moved, Flath seconded, to approve to award the Paving of Stephenson Avenue Project Bid to Payne and Dolan, of Escanaba, MI in the amount of \$695,065.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-4 Approval – Street Sweeper Bid – Public Works.

Public Works received (5) bids for a new 2023 Street Sweeper. Administration sought City Council approval for a 2023 Freightliner Chassis Bucher 65VT Street Sweeper from MTech, of Cleveland, OH in the amount of \$325,000. This was a budgeted item.

NB-4 DuBord moved, Moore seconded, to approve a 2023 Freightliner Chassis Bucher 65VT Street Sweeper from MTech, of Cleveland, OH in the amount of \$325,000.

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 – Contract for Cleaning at EPSD – Public Safety.

Administration sought City Council approval to enter into a contract with InfiniClean cleaning services for cleaning EPSD.

NB-5 DuBord moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to enter into a contract with InfiniClean cleaning services for cleaning EPSD.

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

Council made the following appointment:

Kasja Nelson appointed to the Planning Commission, expiring June 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

- Mark Sadowski discussed the new pickup truck for the Recreation Department. Also, thanked whoever was in charge of keeping our city parks and green areas cut and trimmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council Member DuBord discussed the new pickup truck for the Recreation Department;
- Enjoy the U.P. State Fair!

Hearing no further public comment, Flath moved, DuBord seconded, the Council adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Weissert
Deputy City Clerk, CMC/MiPMC

Approved: _____
Mark Ammel, Mayor