

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, September 7, 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.

DuBord moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from August 17, 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 – Service Agreement with DSTech – IT/City Clerk

Administration requested City Council approval of the Service Agreement with DSTech.

NB-1 Moore moved, DuBord seconded, to approve of the Service Agreement with DSTech.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-2 Approval – Resolution No. 23-18 – Players de Noc – Nonprofit Organization – Manager.

Jesse Traub, President of Players de Noc sought City Council approval of Resolution No. 23-18 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-2 “By Council Member DuBord, seconded by Council Member Flath;

RESOLUTION 23-18

A RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSES FOR PURPOSES OF BEING RECOGNIZED AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, at the Regular meeting of the City of Escanaba called to order by Mayor Ammel on the 7th day of September 2023, at 7:00 p.m. the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, moved by DuBord and supported by Flath that the request from Players de Noc, county of Delta, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operation in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses, be considered for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Escanaba hereby approves the Players de Noc for Charitable Gaming License.

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

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

NB-3 Approval – Use of Public Space – Ludington Street – Escanaba High School Homecoming Parade – Manager.

The Escanaba School District sought approval to use Ludington Street on Friday, September 29, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., for their annual Homecoming Parade. Administration recommended approval provided the following conditions were met: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured, 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event.

NB-3 Moore moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve

a request from the Escanaba School District to use Ludington Street on Friday, September 29, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., for their annual Homecoming Parade, provided the following conditions were met: 1) Proper insurance was provided naming the City of Escanaba as an additional insured, 2) The event sponsors provide all labor and material to clean up at the conclusion of the event.

NB-4 Approval – Resolution No. 23-19 – Designated Street Administrator – Manager.

Administration sought City Council approval of Resolution No. 23-19 naming the City Manager, James McNeil, as the designated street administrator.

NB-4 “By Council Member Flath, seconded by Council Member DuBord;

Resolution 23-19

RESOLUTION FOR DESIGNATION OF STREET ADMINISTRATOR

Whereas, Section 13(9) of Act 51, Public Acts of 1951 provided that each incorporated city and village to which funds are returned under the provisions of this section, that, "the responsibility for street improvements, maintenance, and traffic operations work, and the development, construction, or repair of off-street parking facilities and construction or repair of street lighting shall be coordinated by a single administrator to be designated by the governing body who shall be responsible for and shall represent the municipality in transactions with the State Transportation Department pursuant to this act."

Therefore, be it resolved, that this Honorable Body designate James McNeil as the single Street Administrator for the City of Escanaba in all transactions with the State Transportation Department as provided in Section 13 of the Act.

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

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

NB-5 Approval – Setting of Public Hearing – Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate (IFE) – Transfer Application – Manager.

Administration requested City Council set a public hearing for the regular meeting of September 21, 2023, to consider of an application to transfer IFE certificate 2014-198 from Bell's Brewery Inc. to New Belgium Brewing Company, Inc.

NB-5 DuBord moved, Moore seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to set a public hearing for the regular meeting of September 21, 2023, to consider of an application to transfer IFE certificate 2014-198 from Bell's Brewery Inc. to New Belgium Brewing

Company, Inc.

NB-6 Approval – Setting of Public Hearing – Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate (IFE) – Transfer Application – Manager.

Administration requested City Council set a public hearing for the regular meeting of September 21, 2023, to consider of an application to transfer IFE certificate 2015-142 from Bell's Brewery Inc. to New Belgium Brewing Company, Inc.

NB-6 DuBord moved, Flath seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to set a public hearing for the regular meeting of September 21, 2023, to consider of an application to transfer IFE certificate 2015-142 from Bell's Brewery Inc. to New Belgium Brewing Company, Inc.

NB-7 Approval – Amended Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Master Fee Schedule – Manager.

Administration requested City Council approval of an amended FY 2023-2024 Master Fee Schedule.

NB-7 DuBord moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve an amended FY 2023-2024 Master Fee Schedule.

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

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-8 Approval – Westside Substation Improvements – Electric.

Administration sought City Council approval to hire EPS Engineering to provide engineering design services & provide relay panels for the Westside Substation Improvement project for the amount of \$644,700. This was a budgeted project for the 2023/24 fiscal year.

NB-8 DuBord moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to hire EPS Engineering to provide engineering design services & provide relay panels for the Westside Substation Improvement project for the amount of \$644,700.

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

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-9 Approval – SCADA Upgrade – Electric.

Administration sought City Council approval to hire EPS Engineering to provide hardware, software, and programming services for the SCADA Upgrade project for the amount of \$230,090. This was a budgeted item for the 2023/24 fiscal year.

NB-9 Moore moved, Flath seconded, to approve to hire EPS Engineering to provide hardware, software, and programming services for the SCADA Upgrade project for the amount of \$230,090.

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

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

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

- William Blitz – discussed fireworks in the city limits over labor day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City crews are in the final preparations to get started on the Stephenson project.
- Friday September 29th Homecoming Parade!
- Labor Day festivities went very well. Thank you to everyone involved.

Hearing no further public comment, Flath moved, DuBord seconded, the Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mark Ammel, Mayor