

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, November 16, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Pro Tem Moore at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 410 Ludington Street.

Present: Council Members, Ronald J. Beauchamp, Tyler DuBord, Todd Flath, and Karen Moore

Absent: Mayor Mark Ammel

Also Present: City Manager James R. McNeil, Deputy City Clerk Tammy Weissert, Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

Deputy City Clerk Weissert led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Beauchamp moved, DuBord seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to excuse Mayor Ammel's absence.

Flath moved, DuBord seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from November 2, 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

- Charles Lindquist, President of the Delta County Historical Society – Discussed the proposed bar and restaurant near the Escanaba Harbor.
- Tyler DuBord, General Manager of the House of Ludington - Discussed the proposed bar and restaurant near the Escanaba Harbor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1284, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26 – Taxation of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Escanaba - Manager.

Administration requested City Council to consider approval and adoption of Ordinance No. 1284, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26 – Taxation of the Code of Ordinances

of the City of Escanaba – Meadowbrook Apartments.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Pro Tem Moore asked for public comment.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Pro Tem Moore then closed the public hearing.

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

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1284, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26 – Taxation of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Escanaba – Meadowbrook Apartments, 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. 1284 adopted by title:

**" AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26 – TAXATION
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ESCANABA "**

Full text in Ordinance Record “M”.

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

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

PH-2 Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1285, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26 – Taxation of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Escanaba - Manager.

Administration requested City Council to consider approval and adoption of Ordinance No. 1285, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26 – Taxation of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Escanaba – Willow Grove Townhomes.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Pro Tem Moore asked for public comment.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Pro Tem Moore then closed the public hearing.

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

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1285, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26 – Taxation of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Escanaba – Willow Grove Townhomes, 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. 1285 adopted by title:

**" AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26 – TAXATION
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ESCANABA "**

Full text in Ordinance Record "M".

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

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Approval – Stump Grinding Bid – Public Works.

Administration requested City Council approval to hire Dombrowski Tree Service for removal, restoration, and seed for 45 stumps with \$31.50 for restoration for the Stump Grinding bid. This was a budgeted item for the current amount of stumps.

NB-1 DuBord moved, Flath seconded, to approve to hire Dombrowski Tree Service for removal, restoration, and seed for 45 stumps with \$31.50 for restoration for the Stump Grinding bid.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-2 Approval – Request for Proposal (RFP) Restaurant at Harbor - Manager.

The Harbor Advisory Committee requested City Council approval of an RFP for the operation and lease of a restaurant at the Escanaba Harbor. If approved by the City Council, administration would solicit proposals in accordance with the RFP.

NB-2 Flath moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve of an RFP for the operation and lease of a restaurant at the Escanaba Harbor.

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

Ayes: Flath, Beauchamp, Moore, DuBord

Nays: None
Absent: Mayor Ammel

MOTION CARRIED.

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

City Manager, with Council Consensus made the following appointment:

Sue Beckon appointed to the Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Board, indefinite term.

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

- Go see the play at the Escanaba High School this weekend.
- Happy Thanksgiving and good luck deer hunting.

Hearing no further public comment, DuBord moved, Beauchamp seconded, the Council adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Weissert
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____
Karen Moore, Mayor Pro Tem