

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, November 2, 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.

Moore moved, DuBord seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to excuse Council Member Beauchamp's absence.

Flath moved, DuBord seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from October 19, 2023, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

DuBord moved, Flath seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to add Fuel System Purchase to New Business item number 12.

DuBord moved, Flath seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as amended.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

- Craig Woerpel – Discussed NB-4 and NB-5.
- Beth Peterson – Discussed NB-8.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Approval – Body Cameras – Public Safety.

Administration sought City Council approval to purchase thirty (30) Motorola Body Cameras from Motorola Solutions at a cost of \$96,570.00.

NB-1 DuBord moved, Moore seconded, to approve to purchase thirty (30) Motorola Body Cameras from Motorola Solutions at a cost of \$96,570.00.

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 – Traffic Control Order (TCO) No. 1013 – Public Safety.

Administration sought City Council approval of TCO No. 1013. Traffic Control Orders expire 90 days from the filing date unless approved by Council. The Traffic Control Orders calls for the following:

No. 1013 – YIELD sign be placed at the intersection of South 16th Street & 16th Avenue South.

NB-2 DuBord moved, Fath seconded, to approve TCO No. 1013 – YIELD sign be placed at the intersection of South 16th Street & 16th Avenue South.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-3 Approval – Traffic Control Order (TCO) No. 1014 – Public Safety.

Administration sought City Council approval of TCO No. 1014. Traffic Control Orders expire 90 days from the filing date unless approved by Council. The Traffic Control Order calls for the following:

No. 1014 – NO PARKING while school is in session during the hours of 6:30 am – 7:30 am & 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. sign be installed in front of the 1st and 2nd angle parking spots West of South 15th Street on the south side of Ludington Street.

NB-3 Moore moved, Flath seconded, to approve TCO No. 1014 – NO PARKING while school is in session during the hours of 6:30 am – 7:30 am & 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. sign be installed in front of the 1st and 2nd angle parking spots West of South 15th Street on the south side of Ludington Street.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-4 Approval – Escanaba Christmas Tree Lighting – DDA.

Administration requested City Council approval for South 11th Street be closed from Ludington Street to the alley for the Escanaba Christmas Tree Lighting scheduled for November 21, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

NB-4 Moore moved, Flath seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve for South 11th Street be closed from Ludington Street to the alley for the Escanaba Christmas Tree Lighting scheduled for November 21, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

NB-5 Approval - Closure of Ludington Street for Christmas Parade - DDA.

Administration requested City Council approval for the closure of Ludington Street for the annual Christmas Parade scheduled for December 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

NB-5 Moore moved, Flath seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the closure of Ludington Street for the annual Christmas Parade scheduled for December 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

NB-6 Approval – City Land Sale – Lot 8 of the Whitetail Industrial Park – Manager.

Soo Hill Sanitation requested to purchase 1.53 acres of city land known as Lot 8 of the Whitetail Industrial Park. The Planning Commission recommended the sale based on the intended use. The offer was consistent with recent city industrial land sales. Administration recommended approval with an 18 month construction requirement.

NB-6 Moore moved, DuBord seconded, to approve a request from Soo Hill Sanitation to purchase 1.53 acres of city land known as Lot 8 of the Whitetail Industrial Park with an 18 month construction requirement.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-7 Approval – City Land Sale – North 32nd Street – Manager.

Weaver Contracting requested to purchase 1.00 acre of city land on North 32nd Street. The Planning Commission recommended the sale based on the intended use. The offer was consistent with recent city industrial land sales. Administration recommended approval with an 18 month construction requirement.

NB-7 Moore moved, DuBord seconded, to approve a request from Weaver Contracting to purchase 1.00 acre of city land on North 32nd Street with an 18 month construction requirement.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-8 Approval – Resolution No. 23-24 – Patrons of Escanaba Schools Performing Arts – Nonprofit – Manager.

Patrons of Escanaba Schools Performing Arts sought City Council approval of Resolution No. 23-24 , recognizing them as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a Charitable Gaming License from the State of Michigan.

“**NB-8** By Council Member DuBord, seconded by Council Member Flath:

Resolution 23-24

LOCAL GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSES

(Required by MCL.432.103(k)(ii))

At a regular meeting of the City of Escanaba
REGULAR OR SPECIAL TOWNSHIP, CITY, OR VILLAGE COUNCIL/BOARD

called to order by Mayor Mark Ammel on 11/02/2023
DATE

at 7:00 p.m. a.m./p.m. the following resolution was offered:
TIME

Moved by DuBord and supported by Flath

that the request from Patrons of Escanaba Schools Performing Arts of Escanaba,
NAME OF ORGANIZATION CITY

county of Delta, 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: DuBord, Flath, Moore, Mayor Ammel
Nays: None
Absent: Beauchamp

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

NB-9 First Reading of Ordinance No. 1284, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26 – Taxation of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Escanaba, and Setting the Date of Thursday, November 16, 2023, for the Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption - Manager.

Administration requested the City Council to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 1284, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26 – Taxation of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Escanaba – Meadowbrook Apartments. Administration requested that the City Council set November 16, 2023, for the second reading, public hearing adoption of Ordinance No. 1284.

NB-9 Moore moved, DuBord seconded, to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 1284, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26 – Taxation of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Escanaba – Meadowbrook Apartments and to set November 16, 2023, for the second reading, public hearing adoption of Ordinance No. 1284.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-10 First Reading of Ordinance No. 1285, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26 – Taxation of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Escanaba, and Setting the Date of Thursday, November 16, 2023, for the Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption - Manager.

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

requested that the City Council set November 16, 2023, for the second reading, public hearing adoption of Ordinance No. 1285.

NB-10 DuBord moved, Flath seconded, to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 1285, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26 – Taxation of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Escanaba – Willow Grove Townhomes and to set November 16, 2023, for the second reading, public hearing adoption of Ordinance No. 1285.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-11 Approval – Mutual of Omaha Life and Disability Benefits – HR Director/Treasurer.

Administration requested City Council approval to contract with Mutual of Omaha for life and disability benefits. The proposed contract will save the city \$764.28 annually.

NB-11 DuBord moved, Flath seconded, to approve to contract with Mutual of Omaha for life and disability benefits.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-12 Approval – Purchase of Fuel System – Public Works.

Administration requested City Council approval to purchase Smart-Fill Gen 3 Fuel System and Keyfobs from Great Lakes Petroleum in the amount of \$15,900.

NB-12 DuBord moved, Moore seconded, to approve the purchase Smart-Fill Gen 3 Fuel System and Keyfobs from Great Lakes Petroleum in the amount of \$15,900.

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

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

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 – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tuesday November 7th Election Day! Make sure to get out and vote!
- Trick or Treating was a great turnout!
- Mayor Ammel thanked all council members for being a very positive and functional Council as the legislative body for the City of Escanaba.

Hearing no further public comment, Flath moved, DuBord seconded, the Council adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mark Ammel, Mayor