

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, October 6, 2022**

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 Patrick S. Jordan, 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 approve Regular Meeting minutes from September 15, 2022, as submitted.

Moore moved, DuBord seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Special Meeting minutes from September 26, 2022, 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

- Jarred Drown – discussed the jail site development and waterfront.
- Aaron Kadish – discussed the waterfront parcel for sale that Northshore Marine is interested in purchasing.
- Claude Kobasic - discussed the waterfront parcel for sale that Northshore Marine is interested in purchasing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UB-1 Discussion – Progress Regarding Sale and Development of Jail and Chamber Sites – Administration.

Administration updated City Council on the progress regarding the sale and

development of the Jail and Chamber properties.

James McNeil updated council on the status of the progress regarding the sale and development of the Jail and Chamber properties. Mr. McNeil gave a detailed presentation on the appraised values of the parcels that are involved with the development of the Jail and Chamber properties.

Moore moved, Flath seconded, to agree to the purchase price for the properties regarding the sale and development of the Jail and Chamber properties be sold for the appraised value from the current appraiser. Also, the issues with the storm sewer be kept out of the purchase agreement and settled at a later date when more information is available.

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

Ayes: Moore, Flath

Nays: Beauchamp, DuBord, Mayor Ammel

MOTION FAILED.

UB-2 Approval – US Coast Guard Lease of Municipal Dock – Administration.

The U.S. Coast Guard has requested to continue their priority lease with the City of Escanaba for the use of the Municipal Dock. This will be a one-year lease that allows for annual extensions through 2042. Administration recommended approval.

Flath moved, DuBord seconded, to continue their priority lease with the City of Escanaba for use of the Municipal Dock. This will be for a one-year lease that allows for annual extension through 2032.

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

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Discussion – City Council and City Manager Discussion on Contract Presented by Contract Committee.

City Council and City Manager discussed and finalized the draft of the City Manager's contract that was presented by the contract committee, followed by submittal of the contract to the City Manager for consideration.

DuBord moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to go into recess at 8:17 p.m.

DuBord moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to come back into open session at 8:23 p.m.

Council member Beauchamp updated council of the draft contract revised by the contract committee.

NB-1(a) DuBord moved, Beauchamp seconded, to accept the amended contract submitted by the contract committee.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-1(b) Beauchamp moved, DuBord seconded, to submit the completed contract for the City Manager's consideration and allow him (Mr. Jordan) time to consider or renegotiate the contract on or before the next City Council meeting of October 20, 2022.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Council member Flath suggested that the submitted contract be reviewed by the committee attorney along with Mr. Jordan's attorney (no official motion was made).

NB-2 Approval – Wastewater Treatment Plant Asset Management Plan – Wastewater.

Administration requested City Council approval to retain C2AE from Escanaba, MI, for professional services with regard to the Wastewater Treatment Plant's Asset Management Plan in an amount not to exceed \$29,750.00.

NB-2 DuBord moved, Moore seconded, to approve to retain C2AE from Escanaba, MI, for professional services with regard to the Wastewater Treatment Plant's Asset Management Plan in an amount not to exceed \$29,750.00.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-3 Approval – DWSRF/CDBG Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Construction Services – Water.

Administration requested City Council approval to retain professional services from C2AE of Escanaba, MI, to do engineering for construction of the DWSRF/CDBG WTP Project in an amount not to exceed \$267,200.00 for DWSRF and \$172,000.00 for CDBG for a total amount not to exceed \$439,200.00.

NB-3 Moore moved, DuBord seconded, to approve to retain professional services from C2AE of Escanaba, MI, to do engineering for construction of the DWSRF/CDBG WTP Project in an amount not to exceed \$267,200.00 for DWSRF and \$172,000.00 for CDBG for a total amount not to exceed \$439,200.00.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-4 Approval - Approval - Closure of Ludington Street for Christmas Parade - Administration.

Administration requested Council's approval for the closure of Ludington Street for the annual Christmas Parade scheduled for December 2, 2022, at 7:00pm.

NB-4 Moore moved, Flath seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the closure of Ludington Street for the annual Christmas Parade scheduled for December 2, 2022, at 7:00pm.

NB-5 Approval – North 30th Street Bypass Lane Construction – Anderson Excavating – Engineering/Public Works.

Administration requested City Council approval to contract with Anderson Excavating at the submitted unit prices for the work necessary to construct the road base of the North 30th Street Bypass Lane.

NB-5 Flath moved, Moore seconded, to approve to contract with Anderson Excavating at the submitted unit prices for the work necessary to construct the road base of the North 30th Street Bypass Lane.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Council Consensus along with City Manager made the following appointment:

Cheryl Ohman recommend by Council to be reappointed to the County Data Board.

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Members reviewed City Board and Commission meetings each attended since the last City Council Meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- Rick Elrod – discussed the sale and development of the jail and chamber site.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- UPtoberfest Saturday down at the park.
- December 2nd Christmas Parade.

Hearing no further public comment DuBord moved, the Council adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mark Ammel, Mayor