

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Special Council Meeting
Thursday, May 25, 2023**

Pursuant to a meeting notice posted on May 8, 2023, the meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Mark Ammel at 9:00 a.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.

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

PH-1 Second Reading, Public Hearing of Ordinance No. 1275, the Appropriations Ordinance, Including the Millage Rate of 17.442 Mills.

In accordance with Chapter VIII. General Finance of the City Charter, Section 9, Council was required by ordinance to levy taxes that are necessary to meet the appropriations made for the upcoming fiscal year.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Ammel asked if there was any public comment.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Ammel closed the public hearing and the following resolution was made:

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

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1275, the Appropriations Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and is hereby adopted and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter.”

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

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

Herewith Ordinance No. 1275 adopted by title:

**"AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND CORRESPONDING
REVENUES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024."**

Full text in Ordinance Record “M”

PH-2 Second Reading, Public Hearing of Ordinance No. 1276, the Tax Levy Ordinance.

In accordance with Chapter VIII. General Finance of the City Charter, Section 9, Council must approve a tax levy and authorize appropriations to implement the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Ammel asked if there was any public comment.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Ammel closed the public hearing and the following resolution was made:

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

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1276, the Tax Levy Ordinance setting the millage rate at 17.442 mills, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and is hereby adopted and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter.”

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

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

Herewith Ordinance No. 1276 adopted by title:

“AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY SUCH TAXES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO MEET APPROPRIATIONS MADE AND ALL SUMS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE RAISED TO DEFRAY THE DEBTS, EXPENDITURES, AND LIABILITIES OF SAID CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2024, AND REQUIRING AN AUTHORIZED LEVY ON THE JULY 2023, CITY TAX ROLL OF RETURNED UNPAID SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, TOGETHER WITH SUCH PENALTIES THEREON AS IS PROVIDED BY THE CITY CHARTER.”

Full text in Ordinance Record “M”

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Approval – CIPP Bid for Lining of Storm Sewer – Engineering/Public Works.

Bids for the 2023 CIPP Sewer Lining Project were solicited and were opened on May 16, 2023, which includes (Area 1) storm sewer pipe that runs along the alley east of South 22nd Street, from the alley north of 1st Avenue South to 3rd Avenue South and (Area 2) storm sewer pipe that runs from the intersection of 5th Avenue South and South 20th Street northwest to the alley north of 5th Avenue South. Administration sought City Council approval of the 2023 CIPP Sewer Lining Project bid (Area 1) from Tunnel Vision of Escanaba MI at a cost not to exceed \$193,212. The department has \$200,000 budgeted for the CIPP Lining Project.

NB-1 Moore moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve of the 2023 CIPP Sewer Lining Project bid (Area 1) and (Area 2) from Tunnel Vision of Escanaba MI.

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

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-2 Approval – Additional Items of Work – South 10th Street DWSRF Lead Service Line Contract – Engineering/Public Works.

Administration requested City Council approval to utilize the existing contract unit prices for the additional work described. Funding for the additional work was budgeted under the Major Street Fund.

NB-2 Moore moved, DuBord seconded, to approve to utilize the existing South 10th Street DWSRF Lead Service Line contract unit prices for the additional work described.

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

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-3 Approval – Additional items of Work – Stephenson Avenue DWSRF Lead Service Line Contract – Engineering/Public Works.

Administration requested City Council approval to utilize the existing contract unit prices for the additional work described.

NB-3 Moore moved, Flath seconded, to approve to utilize the existing Stephenson Avenue DWSRF Lead Service Line contract unit prices for the additional work described.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS – None

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

DuBord moved, Beauchamp seconded, to go into recess, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The time was 9:25 a.m.

DuBord moved, Flath seconded, to come back in session, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The time was 9:30 a.m.

NB-4 Closed Session – Discussion of Labor Contracts – HR Director/Treasurer.

Administration requested Council go into a closed session to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by statute under MCL 15.268(c), identified as negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement(s).

DuBord moved, Flath seconded, to go into Closed Session by statute under MCL 15.268(c), identified as negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement(s).

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

The time was 9:31 a.m.

DuBord moved, Moore seconded, to come back into Open Session.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

The time was 9:56 a.m.

No Council actions were taken during closed session.

NB-4(a) Flath moved, DuBord seconded, to approve the Clerical Contract as written.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-4(b) DuBord moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve the Public Safety Contract as written.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Action was taken today at the Special Meeting because Council wanted everyone to be present to vote. There are multiple scheduled absences at the next regular meeting.

Hearing no further public comment DuBord moved, Beauchamp seconded, Council adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mark Ammel, Mayor