

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Special Council Meeting
Thursday, June 5, 2023**

Pursuant to a meeting notice posted on May 22, 2023, the meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Mark Ammel at 9:02 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, and Karen Moore

Absent: Council Member Todd Flath

Also Present: City Manager James R. McNeil, City Clerk Phil DeMay, Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

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

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Beauchamp moved, Moore seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as submitted.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Escanaba City Charter requires the Council to pass electric, water, wastewater and solid waste utility rate ordinances on the first Monday of June, for the upcoming fiscal year 2023-24.

PH-1a Second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1277, the Electric Rate Ordinance. A 1.75 percent rate increase is being recommended.

Annually, the City Council set electric utility rates for the next fiscal year. Administration recommended approval of the electric rates as provided. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1277.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Ammel asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Electric Rate Ordinance No. 1277.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Ammel then closed the public hearing.

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

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1277, the Electric Rate Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter.”

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

Ayes: DuBord, Moore, Beauchamp, Mayor Ammel

Nays: None

Absent: Flath

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

Herewith Ordinance No. 1277, adopted by title:

“AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR ELECTRIC ENERGY DEMAND AND AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE, TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED AFTER JUNE 30, 2023, AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE COUNCIL.”

Full text in Ordinance Record “M.”

PH-1b Second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1278, the Water Rate Ordinance. A 4 percent rate increase is being recommended.

Annually, the City Council set water utility rates for the next fiscal year. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1278.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Ammel asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Water Rate Ordinance No. 1278.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Ammel then closed the public hearing.

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

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1278, the Water Rate Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter.”

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

Ayes: Beauchamp, DuBord, Moore, Mayor Ammel

Nays: None

Absent: Flath

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

Herewith Ordinance No. 1278, adopted by title:

“THE ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION, TREATMENT, AND AVAILABILITY TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED AFTER JUNE 30, 2023, AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE COUNCIL.”

Full text in Ordinance Record “M.”

PH-1c Second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1279, the Wastewater Rate Ordinance. A 3 percent rate increase is being recommended.

Annually, the City Council set wastewater utility rates for the next fiscal year. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1279.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Ammel asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Wastewater Rate Ordinance No. 1279.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Ammel then closed the public hearing.

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

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1279, the Wastewater Rate Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter.”

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

Ayes: DuBord, Moore, Beauchamp, Mayor Ammel

Nays: None

Absent: Flath

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

Herewith Ordinance No. 1279, adopted by title:

“AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE CHARGES TO BE ASSESSED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT AND THE AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED AFTER JUNE 30, 2023, AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.”

Full text in Ordinance Record “M.”

PH-1d Second reading, public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1280, the Solid Waste, Recycling, Yard Waste and Litter Ordinance. No rate increases are recommended.

Annually, the City Council set solid waste rates for the next fiscal year. Council was asked to consider this the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1280.

Inasmuch as this was a public hearing, Mayor Ammel asked for comments from the Council and audience relative to the setting of the Solid Waste, Recycling, Yard Waste and Littering Ordinance No. 1280.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Ammel then closed the public hearing.

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

Resolved, That Ordinance No. 1280, the Solid Waste, Recycling, Yard Waste and Littering Ordinance, given its second reading and public hearing at this meeting, be and it is hereby adopted, and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of State law and the City Charter.”

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

Ayes: DuBord, Beauchamp, Moore, Mayor Ammel

Nays: None

Absent: Flath

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”

Herewith Ordinance No. 1280, adopted by title:

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, FIXING THE CHARGES TO BE ASSESSED BY THE CITY OF ESCANABA FOR SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING, YARD WASTE AND LITTERING, TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON THE BILLINGS PROCESSED AFTER JUNE 30, 2023 AND ALL BILLINGS THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER AMENDED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ESCANABA.”

Full text in Ordinance Record “M.”

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kruisin Klassics had a great turnout and parade!
- Enhanced Escanaba will plant their “annuals” Wednesday June 6th.
- Mayor Ammel read a proclamation at the new “Abrahamson Courts tennis complex at the Escanaba Junior and Senior School. The tennis complex was made possible by generous donations, including significant contributions from Patricia Abrahamson and her son, Jeff.

Hearing no further public comment DuBord moved, Beauchamp seconded, Council adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mark Ammel, Mayor