

**City of Escanaba
Special Council Meeting
Monday, November 13, 2023**

Pursuant to Section 5, Chapter II, of the City Charter, and special meeting notice posted on November 8, 2023, the Council of the City of Escanaba convened in special session in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 410 Ludington Street, Room C101 at 7:30 p.m. on the above named date for the purpose of reorganization. City Clerk Phil DeMay, opened the meeting and called the roll.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Members of the audience and media.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Oath of Office to newly elected Council Members.

City Clerk Phil DeMay administered the oaths of office to newly elected Council Members Tyler DuBord and Karen Moore.

NB-2 Selection of Mayor.

Chapter II, Section 5 of the City Charter stated that following each municipal election the Council, shall elect, by ballot, one of its members Mayor, who shall be the presiding officer and executive head of the City, and perform such other duties as are, or may be imposed or authorized by the laws of the state or the City Charter.

Council Member Flath placed in nomination the name of Council Member Ammel for Mayor.

City Clerk DeMay called for any further nominations for Mayor.

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No further nominations for Mayor were heard.

Without objections, nominations for Mayor were closed.

NB-2 Council Members cast the following votes for Council Member Ammel to serve as Mayor for the City of Escanaba.

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

Ayes: Moore, Beauchamp, DuBord, Flath, Ammel

Nays: None

NOMINATION CARRIED.

At that time, since Council Member Ammel received a majority vote for Mayor, City Clerk DeMay presented the gavel to Mayor Ammel who then presided over the meeting.

NB-3 Selection of Mayor Pro-Tem.

Chapter II, Section 5 of the City Charter states that following each municipal election the Council, shall elect, by ballot, one of its members Mayor Pro Tem, who, during the absence or disability of the Mayor to perform his duties, shall act in the name and instead of the Mayor, and shall, during the time of such absence or disability exercise all the duties and possess all the powers of the Mayor.

Mayor Ammel called for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Flath placed in nomination the name of Council Member Moore for Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Ammel called for any further nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member DuBord placed in nomination the name of Council Member DuBord for Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Ammel called for any further nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

None were heard.

Without objections, nominations for Mayor Pro Tem were closed.

NB-3 Council Members cast the following votes for Council Member Moore to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Escanaba.

Ayes: Flath, Moore, Mayor Ammel

Nays: DuBord, Beauchamp

NOMINATION CARRIED.

NB-4 Appointments to Board of Equalization and Review.

The Board of Review hears appeals from all property owners who feel their property tax has been inaccurately assessed and has the power to make the appropriate corrections in the tax roll. The Board of Review consists of the Mayor and four tax-paying electors of the City. City Clerk DeMay advised the current members Dennis J. Pearson, Judith Schroeder, and Jason Neumeier wished to be reappointed.

NB-4 DuBord moved, Moore seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to reappoint Dennis J. Pearson, Judith Schroeder, Jason Neumeier, and Mayor Ammel to the Board of Equalization and Review.

NB-5 Selection of Boards and Commission Liaison Assignments.

Mayor Ammel, with consensus of Council, continued with the current Council liaisons to Boards and Commissions of the City. The purpose of the liaison program was to ensure maintain effective communications between the Council and Boards and Commissions.

- Council Member DuBord to the Board of Library Trustees;
- Council Member Flath to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority;
- Council Member Beauchamp to the Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Board;
- Council Member Beauchamp to the Electrical Advisory Committee;
- Council Member Moore to the Harbor Advisory Committee;
- Council Member Moore to the Historic District Commission;
- Council Member DuBord to the Housing Commission;
- Council Member Beauchamp to the Planning Commission;
- Council Member DuBord to the Public Safety Retirement Board;
- Council Member Moore to the Recreation Advisory Board;
- Council Member Ammel to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee;
- Council Member Beauchamp to the Zoning Board of Appeals;
- Council Member Flath to the Delta County Solid Waste Management Authority;
- Council Member Flath to the 911 Authority.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Clerk DeMay said that the election went very well with no issues. Thanked his election inspectors along with Deputy Clerk Weissert.
- Council Member Moore encouraged more people to turn out for all elections.
- Escanaba High School production “Big Fish” opens Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday at 7:30pm. Sunday at 2:30pm. Tickets are available for purchase at the High School office and Babaloons.

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Hearing no further Council business or public comment, Flath moved, Moore seconded, the Council adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mark Ammel, Mayor