

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, February 1, 2024**

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, 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.

City Clerk DeMay led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Moore moved, DuBord seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from January 18, 2024, as submitted.

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 – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Approval – Escanaba WWTP Modine Heater Replacement – Wastewater.

Administration requested City Council approval to hire and retain the services of Berger and King (\$22,900.00) and Roy Ness Contracting & Sales (\$20,100.00 of Escanaba, Michigan for three Wastewater Treatment Plant Modine Heater Replacements and Mezzanine platform for a total not to exceed \$45,000.00 including contingency monies. This money was available and budgeted for this in the current fiscal year.

NB-1 DuBord moved, Moore seconded, to approve to hire and retain the services of Berger and King (\$22,900.00) and Roy Ness Contracting & Sales (\$20,100.00 of Escanaba, Michigan for three Wastewater Treatment Plant Modine Heater Replacements and Mezzanine platform for a total not to exceed \$45,000.00 including contingency monies.

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

Ayes: DuBord, Moore, Beauchamp, Mayor Ammel

Nays: None

Absent: Flath

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-2 Approval – Professional Services – Cross Connection Inspections @ Commercial Accounts – Water.

Administration requested City Council approval to retain and renew the services of HydroCorp, of Troy, MI, to perform work as outlined in the attached proposal in a sum not to exceed \$70,968.00 during the 24-25 and 25-26 fiscal year. Money was available and allotted for this type of work within the current budget.

NB-2 Moore moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to retain and renew the services of HydroCorp, of Troy, MI, to perform work as outlined in the attached proposal in a sum not to exceed \$70,968.00 during the 24-25 and 25-26 fiscal year.

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

Ayes: Moore, Beauchamp, DuBord, Mayor Ammel

Nays: None

Absent: Flath

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Council made the following appointment:

Paul Harvey appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, expiring June 1, 2024.

City Manager McNeil, with Council Consensus made the following appointment:

Lorne Watson appointed to the Recreation Advisory Board, expiring June 1, 2024.

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- Craig Woerpel – DDA Administrator – Thanked Escanaba Public Safety for their response to the fire on Ludington Street. Also, recognized all other agencies that responded to the fire.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Water / Wastewater will be holding Infrastructure Informational Meetings every 1st Wednesday of the month to update everyone on their upcoming plans with their big projects.

Hearing no further public comment, DuBord moved, Moore seconded, the Council adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mark Ammel, Mayor