

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, February 15, 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, 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.

City Clerk DeMay led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Beauchamp moved, Moore seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from February 1, 2024, 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 - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 Public Hearing – Citizen Participation – 2024-25 Fiscal Year Budget Preparation.

A public hearing was conducted to facilitate input from citizens for the City's next fiscal year budget. This was the second of five (5) scheduled public hearings.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Ammel asked for public comment.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Approval – 2024 Escanaba Aerial Photos - Engineering.

Administration sought City Council approval of the total price as quoted by State of Michigan Imagery and Lidar Program (MiSAIL) as quoted in the amount of \$12,210.90 to complete aerial photos of the City of Escanaba.

NB-1 DuBord moved, Moore seconded, to approve of the total price as quoted by State of Michigan Imagery and Lidar Program (MiSAIL) as quoted in the amount of \$12,210.90 to complete aerial photos of the City of Escanaba.

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

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-2 Approval – Caterpillar Inc. Model 310-07 Mini Excavator – Water Department.

Administration requested City Council approval to purchase a 2023 Caterpillar Inc. Model 310-07 Mini Excavator from Fabick CAT of Marquette, MI, (\$86,900.00) with a trade in of our present John Deere 60G Compact Excavator in an amount not to exceed \$89,000.00 including contingency money.

NB-2 Beauchamp moved, Moore seconded, to approve to purchase a 2023 Caterpillar Inc. Model 310-07 Mini Excavator from Fabick CAT of Marquette, MI, (\$86,900.00) with a trade in of our present John Deere 60G Compact Excavator in an amount not to exceed \$89,000.00 including contingency money.

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

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-3 Approval – Caterpillar Inc. Model 318-07 Wheel Excavator – Water Department.

Administration requested City Council approval to rent/purchase a 2023 CAT M318-07 Wheeled Excavator from Fabick CAT of Marquette, MI, at a cost not to exceed \$325,000 including contingencies.

NB-3 DuBord moved, Moore seconded, to approve to rent/purchase a 2023 CAT M318-07 Wheeled Excavator from Fabick CAT of Marquette, MI, at a cost not to exceed \$325,000 including contingencies.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-4 Approval – Investigation to Deregister from NERC – Electric Department.

Administration sought City Council approval to hire Power System Engineering to investigate whether the City is able to deregister from its current NERC responsibilities in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Funds were available and budgeted for Professional Services.

NB-4 Moore moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to hire Power System Engineering to investigate whether the City is able to deregister from its current NERC responsibilities in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-5 Approval – Purchase Renewable Energy Certificates – Electric Department.

Administration sought City Council approval to purchase Renewable Energy Certificates (REC's) at a cost not to exceed \$4.50/REC and a total not to exceed \$135,000. This item was not included in the current budget.

NB-5 Moore moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to purchase Renewable Energy Certificates (REC's) at a cost not to exceed \$4.50/REC and a total not to exceed \$135,000.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES – None

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Players de Noc opens February 29th with “Lumberjacks in Love”.
- Bonifas is partnering with the DDA and the Marketplace utilizing the commercial kitchen for their culinary cooking series.

Hearing no further public comment, Flath moved, DuBord seconded, the Council adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mark Ammel, Mayor