

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, April 4, 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, Deputy City Clerk Tammy Weissert, Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

Deputy City Clerk Weissert led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

DuBord moved, Moore seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from March 21, 2024, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Beauchamp moved, to add New Business #6 – Discussion on Adjusting Monday's Budget Schedule due to Solar Eclipse.

Beauchamp moved, DuBord seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as amended.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Presentation – 2023 Planning Commission Annual Report – Planning & Zoning.

During a regular meeting of the Planning Commission on March 14, 2024, a motion was made to approve the Planning Commission Annual Report and Work Plan as presented before them and submit to City Council for review in accordance with the

Michigan Planning Enabling Act, PA 33 of 2008, Section 125.3819.

NB-1 DuBord moved, Moore seconded, to accept the Planning Commission Annual Report and Work Plan.

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 – Annual Chemical Bids – Water/Wastewater.

Administration sought City Council consent to accept the following annual chemical bids:

- a. Hawkins, Inc., Roseville, MN to furnish approximately 35,000 pounds of Hydro-Fluosilicic acid for use in drinking water treatment of \$46.90 / hundred in totes.
- b. Aquachem of America, Inc., Appleton, WI to furnish approximately 100 net tons of Aluminum Sulfate liquid in the amount of \$450.00 per dry ton.
- c. Thatcher Co., Salt Lake City, Utah to furnish approximately 95 tons of Dense Soda Ash in 50-pound bags for use in drinking water treatment in the amount of \$26.49 / cwt 50-lb bags.
- d. Kemira Water Solutions, Lawrence, KS to furnish approximately 50 tons of dry weight Ferric Chloride in the amount of \$1,394.00 / dry ton.
- e. Hawkins, Inc., Roseville, MN to furnish approximately 10 tons of liquid Chlorine in amount of \$165.00 per cwt in 150-pound cylinders.

NB-2(a-e) DuBord moved, Moore seconded, that the Chemical Bid agenda items be approved as proposed in the unit prices as stated.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-3 Approval – Live Dive WW Outfall Inspection – Wastewater.

Administration requested City Council approval to retain Underwater Construction Corporation of Racine, WI, for underwater inspection services of the wastewater outfall in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00. Money was available and budgeted for this type of activity with the current FY.

NB-3 Moore moved, DuBord seconded, to approve to retain Underwater Construction Corporation of Racine, WI, for underwater inspection services of the wastewater outfall in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-4 Approval – Additional Engineering Required for Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF) – Wastewater.

Administration requested City Council approval to compensate C2AE from Escanaba, MI, for additional engineering services with regard to the work within the expended scope of the Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF- APRA Grant) in an amount of \$251,505.00.

NB-4 DuBord moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to compensate C2AE from Escanaba, MI, for additional engineering services with regard to the work within the expended scope of the Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF- APRA Grant) in an amount of \$251,505.00.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-5 Approval – Engineering for the MDOT US-2 Reconstruction Project – Water.

Administration requested City Council approval to retain C2AE from Escanaba, MI, for engineering services for the 30% base plans with regard to the MDOT US-2 Reconstruction Project in an amount not to exceed \$19,250.00. Money for this type of activity was budgeted and available within the current Water Department's fiscal year.

NB-5 Moore moved, Beauchamp seconded, to approve to retain C2AE from Escanaba, MI, for engineering services for the 30% base plans with regard to the MDOT US-2 Reconstruction Project in an amount not to exceed \$19,250.00.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NB-6 Discussion – Adjusting Monday’s Budget Work Session Schedule due to the Solar Eclipse.

Council held a discussion on adopting an alternate Budget Work Session schedule for Monday, April 8, 2024, so people could witness the solar eclipse.

NB-6 Moore moved, DuBord seconded, to adopt the alternate Budget Work Session schedule for Monday, April 8, 2024.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

Monte Morrison reappointed to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, expiring April 1, 2027.

Charles Vader reappointed to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, expiring April 1, 2027.

Richard Clark reappointed to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, expiring April 1, 2027.

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

Steven Sager appointed to the Harbor Advisory Committee, 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

- Kelli van Ginhoven – Discussed training programs for Planning Commissioners.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kudos to the City Workers that were out during the storm.
- Watch out for Construction Workers.

Hearing no further public comment, DuBord moved, the Council adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Weissert, CMC/MiPMC
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mark Ammel, Mayor