

March 1, 2010

Minutes of the regular meeting of the city council of the City of Kingsford, County of Dickinson, and State of Michigan.

A regular meeting of the Kingsford city council was held Monday, March 1, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the council room in City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Councilmember Baldinelli, Flaminio, Miller, and Pearson.
Absent: Mayor Novara.

Also present were City Manager Darryl Wickman, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Lieutenant Tim Gussert, Public Works Superintendent Anthony Edlebeck, Jim Anderson, Brian Smeester, and Nancy Roberts.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Miller to approve the agenda as presented.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Minutes of the regular council meeting held February 16, 2010
Bills Payable from February 16, 2010 to March 1, 2010 in the amount of \$102,925.95

A motion was made by Councilmember Pearson and supported by Councilmember Miller to approve the consent agenda as presented.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There were no public comments.

A copy of all communications are affixed to and made a part of the permanent record.

The Public Works Department report was read and included a request by the superintendent for authorization to send two certified water operators to the 61st Annual Water Works Institute training at a cost of \$75.00 per person.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to authorize two certified water operators to attend the 61st Annual Water Works Institute training on April 27 and 28, 2010 at a cost of \$75.00 per person.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive the February 2010 Public Works Department report and place it on file.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The city manager gave his report that included updates on the Kingsford Planning Commission, the budget, the upcoming Board of Review meetings, the meeting with Breitung Township officials regarding their plans for sewer services in the township, and an engineering proposal for stormwater in the Riverdale area.

Regarding the Kingsford Planning Commission, a second advertisement was placed in the Daily News and on the website for persons interested in serving on this committee. One application was received and it was from Mark Spencer.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pearson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to appoint Mark Spencer of 1000 Bluff Avenue to the Kingsford Planning Commission.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive the Manager's report and place it on file.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under old business, the council discussed the engineering concerning the stormwater outlet for Area "E" (Breitung area). Funding for the engineering work will be paid through the city's Land Development Fund. Option 1 would include project-ready bid specifications and accompanying permits. Option 2 will investigate stormwater drainage for the westernmost portion of the Breitung area. The ongoing separation of storm and sanitary sewers could require construction of drainage ponds at the berm location.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Pearson to accept the proposal submitted by U.P. Engineers & Architects for the lesser option – Option 2 in an amount not to exceed \$12,300.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilmember Baldinelli, Flaminio, Miller, and Pearson.
Nays: None.
Absent: Mayor Novara.
Carried.

Also under old business, the council read and discussed the proposed draft of a lease agreement with Breitung Township Schools for the Kingsford Commemorative Field.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Miller to authorize the city manager to forward the proposed lease and maintenance agreement for Kingsford Commemorative Field to Breitung Township Schools for their review and comment and their thoughts on final terms and conditions.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under new business, an explanation of a proposed water rate increase and a proposed resolution were considered. The manager recommended that, if approved, the increase be effective beginning with the April 2010 billing period. The proposed rate would increase the water rate from \$1.75/1000 gallons to \$2.17/1000 gallons.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and supported by Councilmember Pearson to adopt Resolution No. 2010/3/1.1 approving the water rate increase from \$1.75/1000 gallons to \$2.17/1000 gallons effective with the April 2010 billing period.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilmember Baldinelli, Flaminio, Miller, and Pearson.
Nays: None.
Absent: Mayor Novara.
Carried.

The 2010 assessment roll was submitted after which a motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to receive said roll and place it on file.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There were no hearings.

Under public comment, Brian Smeester addressed the council in regard to the water rate increase and the economic situation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Miller to recess to an executive session to discuss pending litigation with the city attorney and to discuss a collective bargaining issue.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

At 7:39 p.m. a motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Pearson to reconvene in open session.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Pearson to send the Public Works union grievance to the negotiating committee.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Miller to appoint Mayor Novara as an alternate negotiations committee member.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There were no comments under Council Member's Privilege.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.