

February 21, 2017

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, February 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the council room in City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Councilmember Baldinelli, Erickson, Dixon-Miller, Flaminio and Groeneveld
Absent: none

Also present were City Manager Anthony Edlebeck, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Metras, Public Works Superintendent Justin Wickman, Treasurer Holly Palmer, Jim Anderson, Kristin Gendron, L. Phillip Peterson and Becky Trulock. The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the February 6, 2017 City Council Meeting minutes.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the agenda.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the invoices for February 7, 2017 to February 21, 2017 in the amount of \$60,679.78.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Safety Report
January Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve LT Bolda, LT Stelmaszek and KPS Director Metras to attend the Upper Peninsula Law Enforcement Administrator Conference on April 25th and 26th in Escanaba, including the conference costs, lodging and meals, estimated at \$430.00.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve Sgt. Rutter and Officer Thelander to attend training for Threat Pattern Recognition Use of Force at NMU on April 24th-28th including the training costs, lodging and meals, estimated at \$1700.00.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve LT Bolda to attend Taser Recertification on March 24th including class fees, lodging and meals, estimated at \$397.00.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve Sgt. Menghini and Officer Maki to attend a Clandestine Lab Recognition and Safety for First Responders course on February 27th at the Alger County Sheriff Dept. including class fees, lodging and meals, estimated at \$397.00.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to receive and place on file the consent agenda.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under Public Comment, Phillip Peterson of 425 Grant Street again addressed the council as he did at the February 6th meeting with regards to the City permitting the use of ATV's and side-by-sides on certain city streets and alleys. He went on to explain how most side-by-side owners carry vehicle insurance coverage and, if this was permitted, it would allow people to travel into Wisconsin to utilize more trails.

The first item under Communications is a notice from the Michigan Public Service Commission re: Case No. U-18224. Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation (EMERC) requests Michigan Public Service Commission approval of a Certificate of Necessity pursuant to MCL 460.6s for two Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine electric generation facilities located in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. A hearing will be held on March 6th at 9am in Lansing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Erickson that a letter be sent indicating the City of Kingsford supports the endeavor of new power plants.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the letter from Michigan Public Service Commission.
ALL AYES. NO NAYES. MOTION CARRIED.

The second item under Communications is a letter from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) re: 2017 UP Water Works Institute announcing the 68th Annual Upper Peninsula Water Works Institute being held on April 18th and 19th in Gladstone. In the past, we have sent two of our four water operators to this training.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve two licensed water system operators to attend this training.
ALL AYES. NO NAYES. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to receive and place on file the letter from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) re: 2017 UP Water Works Institute.
ALL AYES. NO NAYES. MOTION CARRIED.

The third item under Communications is a letter from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) re: Lead/Copper Monitoring Results for the tap monitoring conducted during 2016. City Manager Edlebeck provided a memo stating comparisons of the last 4 cycles of this monitoring and followed with a brief explanation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the letter from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) re: Lead/Copper Monitoring Results.
ALL AYES. NO NAYES. MOTION CARRIED.

The last item under Communications is an email response from Michigan Department of Transportation re: Category F Application. MDOT received applications requesting over \$13.1 million from an appropriation of \$2.5 million. Even though our project was eligible, our application was not approved, since the current available funding limits the number of grants they were able to award.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the email from MDOT.
ALL AYES. NO NAYES. MOTION CARRIED.

The Manager's Report was presented by Edlebeck. The Board of Review will be held in March. The organizational meeting will be held March 7th at 4pm and the BOR will be March 13th from 9am-noon & 1:30pm-4:30pm and March 14th from 1:30pm-4:30pm & 6pm-9pm. A quorum of the City Council is required for each meeting. Two seats on the City Council will be up for election this year. Petitions are available and an advertisement will be published in the Daily News. Deadline for petitions is April 25th. Edlebeck recommends that the City Council requests the Planning Commission consider the rezoning of the property to be sold to Evergreen Heights Inc. from R-2 Two-Family & B-1 Community Business to RM-1 Multi-Family Residential Units.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to forward the recommendation to the Planning Commission.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The Manager's Report continued. Discussions are continuing with the Wisconsin Company interested in purchasing property within the Former Ford Plant Area. The City is planning on submitting a Brownfield Grant Proposal on behalf of the interested party to the MDEQ by the end of the month. Coleman Engineering is hosting a Confined Space Entry Class at Bay West Campus on Friday, February 24th from 8am-noon. Supt. Wickman is requesting, weather permitting, that he be permitted to send up to 5 of the Public Works crew to this training at a cost of \$30.00/person.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve up to 5 employees of Public Works to attend the Confined Space Entry Class.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to receive and place on file the February 21, 2017 Manager's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The only item under Old Business is the Recommendation for Well No. 1 Equipment Replacement and Rehabilitation. Edlebeck and Public Works Supt. Wickman reviewed the proposal and have had discussions with Kleiman Pump & Well Drilling and the DEQ. The recommendation is to have the well televised, have it rehabilitated as anticipated and do a pump test. Once the pump test is completed, we can discuss with Kleiman and DEQ's engineer any recommendation to change the size of this pumping equipment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to move forward with the rehabilitation of Well No. 1, complete the pump testing and meet with the DEQ engineer to decide whether or not to make modification to pumping equipment specifications.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

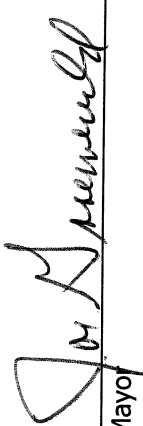
There was no New Business.

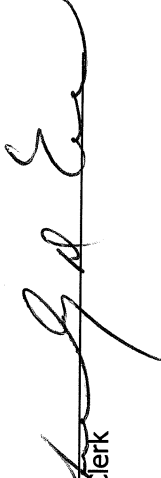
There were no Hearings.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Flaminio mentioned how grateful he is for the water in Kingsford. Mayor Groeneveld mentioned he will be absent from the next Council meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to adjourn the meeting.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.


Mayor


Clerk