

April 4, 2016

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, April 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the council room in City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Councilmember Baldinelli, Dixon-Miller, Erickson, 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, Floyd Lindholm, Brian Conery, Jennifer Beauchamp, Tim Olsen, Ken Wood, Holly Palmer, Thomas Bolda, and Evan Reid. The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the March 21, 2016 City Council Meeting minutes.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the agenda with an additional request from Director Metras under Communications Item A.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the invoices for March 21 thru April 4, 2016 in the amount of \$238,283.01.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Works Report for March 2016

City Manager Edlebeck commented that Spring Clean- up is scheduled for April 18 and it is advertised in the Daily News, the Advertiser, and is on the city's website. The compost site is also scheduled to be opened to the residents during the week and on Saturdays starting April 9th.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the Public Works March 2016 Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under Public Comment resident Jennifer Beauchamp at 2000 W Breen is requesting a pool be allowed in the side yard as she does not have a backyard. City Manager Edlebeck advised that he will look into a possible variance and contact her.

The first item under Communications is a letter from Director Metras dated March 24, 2016 requesting replacement of the service pistols. The total cost of weapons after trade in is \$2,177.00. Director Metras is also requesting to purchase 5000 rounds of 45 Auto ammunition for a total cost of \$2,700.00. City Manager Edlebeck advised the funds have already been accounted for in the budget.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to purchase the weapons and ammo for a total cost of \$4,877.00.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The next item under Communications is a letter from Director Metras dated March 24, 2016 requesting approval to attend the annual Upper Peninsula Law Enforcement Criminal Justice Administrators Conference. The conference is in Escanaba and the total cost would be \$160.00 for Director Metras and Lieutenant Bolda to attend.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the funds for the Upper Peninsula Law Enforcement Criminal Justice Administrators Conference in the amount of \$160.00.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The next item under Communications is an email notice from the Michigan Treasury dated March 29, 2016 re: Personal Property Tax. City Manager Edlebeck read the first part of the email: "Cities with a positive small taxpayer exemption loss are eligible to be reimbursed for their 2014 and 2015 personal property tax loss from operating millage not used to pay debt. In October 2015, most Michigan cities received a partial Personal Property Tax (PPT) distribution check/EFT from the Local Community Stabilization Authority (LCSA). This distribution reflected reimbursement of 2014 and 2015 operating millage less amounts previously reimbursed to cities for debt loss from debt and operating millage and amounts reimbursed to TIF plans for all city millages (per LCSA Act, 2014 PA 86)". The City Manager

stated that the city did receive a reimbursement check on October 24, 2015 in the amount of \$15,913. The email continued, "In April 2016, the LCSA will be processing an additional payment to cities for their 2014 and 2015 operating millage loss". The City Manager has verified per the Treasury's request to confirm the millage rates for 2014 and 2015 provide in the email for consideration of further reimbursements.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the notice from the Michigan Treasury re: Personal Property Tax.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The next item under Communications is an Ad request for the UP Track Finals. The city has purchased this ad in the past. The ad is in the amount of \$275.00.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Erickson to purchase the same ad as used previously which lists local area businesses in the amount of \$275.00 for the Upper Peninsula Track meet.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The last item under Communications is a Notice of Hearing for the Natural Gas Customers of DTE Case No. U-17998. A public hearing in this matter will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the Notice of Hearing DTE Case No. U-17998.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The Manager's Report dated April 4, 2016 was presented by Edlebeck. The Lodal Park Tennis Court Project will be rebid soon. The specifications have been revised and have been resubmitted to the MDNR for comment and/or approval. The Planning Commission has set a Public Hearing for April 25, 2016 at 6:45 pm CST to accept comments on request to rezone Lots 1 and 2 of Block 2 of the Ford's Addition from R-1B One Family to B1 Community Business. City Manager Edlebeck has started working on the 2016-17 fiscal year budget. There will need to be a discussion pertaining to the revenue loss due to DAV exemptions and personal property tax elimination. This amount equates to approximately 0.7 mills.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Mick Flaminio to send a letter to the Governor, signed by the Mayor and Manager opposing the reappointment of Mr. Marcus Abood to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the Manager's Report dated April 4, 2016.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under Old Business the Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 28, 2016 in regard to a Zoning Amendment pertaining to 17.8 Acres at the southeast corner of Pyle Drive and Evergreen Court to change from R-1A residential to R-2 Residential. The Planning Commission has recommended this area be rezoned.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Erickson to set a Public Hearing for May 2, 2016 at 6:45 pm for the 17.8 Acres Zoning Recommendation for the southeast corner of Pyle Drive and Evergreen Court from R-1 residential to R-2 Residential.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The last item under old business is the Bid Opening for Parking Lot Crack Sealing and Painting. The bids are as follows:

Midwest Asphalt & Gravel	\$7501.00
Dun-Rite Asphalt	\$7780.00

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli that as long as the bid does meet specs to award the contract to Midwest Asphalt & Gravel.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The first item under New Business is a request to amend the Utility Easement on 808 John McNeil Drive. The City maintains a 30 foot wide utility easement along the east side of the property for water and sewer service to 809 Pyle Drive. Mr. Tom Dudek, President of Bauman Engaving would like easement modified to allow him to construct an access drive for his proposed addition. City Manager Edlebeck has recommended we amend this easement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to amend the Utility Easement for 808 John McNeil Drive and for resident to pay any legal fees incurred. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The last item under New Business is NMPA MIOSHA Safety Training. City Manager Edlebeck has requested approval to send Public Works Superintendent Wickman to the training on April 25, 2016 in Marquette.


A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Erickson to send Superintendent Wickman to the MIOSHA Safety Training in Marquette. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

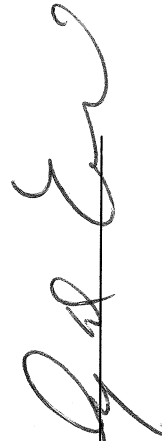
There was no public comment.

Under Council Member's Privilege Councilmember Erickson has requested to start a conversation about the need for a new fire truck. He requested that the Public Safety Committee meet on this issue. Councilman Baldinelli noted that the old fire truck is a 1980 model that is 36 years old and showing its age. City Manager Edlebeck has advised this matter should be looked at by a Finance Committee. A Finance Committee will be organized and a meeting scheduled.

Also under Council Member's Privilege Councilmember Groeneveld has advised that numerous residents have been requesting a dog park. The matter will be forwarded to the Parks & Recreations Committee.

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


MAYOR


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