

April 17, 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, April 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the council room in City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Councilmember Baldinelli, Erickson, Dixon-Miller and Groeneveld
Absent: Flaminio

Also present were City Manager Anthony Edlebeck, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Metras, Public Works Superintendent Justin Wickman, Treasurer Holly Palmer, Tom Bolda, Jim Anderson, Kristin Gendron, Adam Olson, L. Phillip Peterson, Gary Swanson, Don Dabb, Roland Anderson, Gene Peterson, Tracy Lafleur, Jeramiah Butterfield, Mike Plourde, Barry O'Brien, Jerome Hendricks, Ashley Hendricks, David Beaudoin, Russell Kenny, Edward Sundquist, Shelby Dixon, Joe Mitchelson, Brian Lequia and Brian Smeester. The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the April 3, 2017 City Council Meeting minutes.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the invoices for April 4, 2017 to April 17, 2017 in the amount of \$173,968.73.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Safety Report
March 2017 Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the consent agenda.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under Public Comment, Phil Peterson of 425 Grant Street addressed the Council again requesting the use of ORV's on the city streets. Brian Smeester of 380 Cass Avenue spoke about the collective bargaining FOIA request he submitted to the City Manager last month. Dave Beaudoin of 529 Lawrence Street continued on the ORV topic and asked the City Council what is needed in order to get this accomplished. Mayor Groeneveld requested from those attending the meeting to supply information on what they would specifically like to see accomplished by allowing ATV/ORV access to city streets.

The only item under Communications is a letter from Breitung Township Schools requesting closure of the 600 block of Hamilton Avenue and the alley that goes behind the Flivver Concession Stand and the alley behind the 700 block of Hamilton Avenue for the UP Track Meet scheduled for June 3, 2017 from 6:00am – 6:00pm. Historically, this has been approved by the City Council on a yearly basis for this event.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Erickson to approve the closure of the requested street/alleyways on June 3, 2017 from 6:00am – 6:00pm for the UP Track Finals.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The Manager's Report was presented by Edlebeck. Well No. 1 has been disinfected and satisfactorily tested and has been placed back into service. Spring cleanup throughout the City began today. A notice has been run in the Daily News, Advertiser and the City's website. Edlebeck, along with staff are working on the 2017-2018 Budget. Tax revenues for the upcoming year, if the millage rate remains at 18,000 is anticipated to be up approximately 2.1% and state revenue sharing is anticipated to be up 1.7% this coming year. This will provide an anticipated \$56,000 in additional revenue for the next year or a 2% increase. The Dickinson County Economic Development Alliance (DCEDA) will be voting soon to hire a new director and potentially contract with the Lake Superior Community Partnership to provide collaborative services for economic development in Dickinson County and with the vision of strengthening the economic development of the Central Upper Peninsula Region. A number of the larger Dickinson County businesses have been meeting for the past several months with the local DCEDA and are committed to joining and financially contributing to making this change. The goal is to make the DCEDA 80% funded by private industry and businesses and 20% publicly funded. Breitung Township School Board has had a number of discussions in regard to leasing Commemorative Field. A DRAFT of the 2009 lease agreement and Consent Agreement between the City and Ford/KPC in regard to the property have been provided to Breitung Township Schools. Edlebeck anticipates a negotiating committee meeting with school committee within the next week. Kingsford and Iron Mountain are currently utilizing Commemorative Field. Lodal Park is being used by Kingsford girls softball and Kingsford boys baseball.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the April 17, 2017 Manager's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The first item under Old Business is Bid Opening for Breen Avenue Sewer Rehab/Repair. The first of two bids received was from Insituform of Howell, Michigan with Option A & Option B both in the same amount of \$62,227.30. The second of the two bids is from Tunnel Vision of Escanaba, Michigan with no bid given for Option A and Option B in the amount of \$94,702.50.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Erickson to refer the bids to Coleman Engineering for review and to make recommendations.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The second item under Old Business is Resolution 2017.4.17.1 Property Sale to Evergreen Heights, Inc.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to adopt Resolution 2017.4.17.1 Property Sale to Evergreen Heights, Inc.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Baldinelli, Erickson, Dixon-Miller and Groeneveld
Nays: None
Absent: Flaminio
MOTION CARRIED.

The only item under New Business a request to purchase a lot within the City. Mr. Jason Gendron owns Extreme Fitness Gym on Breen Avenue. He also owns the parking lot to the east. He is requesting to purchase the next lot to the north which is Lot 70 to build a gym equipment repair facility. The Assessor has valued this lot at approximately \$3500 and because this lot was previously released from a reverter clause with the State of Michigan, any proceeds of the sale are required to be split between the City, Schools and the County.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to authorize the City Manager to continue negotiations with Mr. Gendron regarding the purchase of Lot 70 on Balsam Street.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Baldinelli stated a person should use Bluetooth or speaker phone when driving to help limit distraction.

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