

January 19, 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 Tuesday, January 19, 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 Brian Metras, Public Works Superintendent Justin Wickman, Floyd Lindholm, Andy Paul, Kevin Metras, Scott Kenney, Dawn Thurston, Ken Thurston, Dennis Nelson, Dale Cook, Christina Martinson, Tim Olsen, Becky Trulock, Holly Palmer, Evan Reid, Rebecca Grider, and Kristen Gendron.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the January 4, 2016 City Council Meeting minutes.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the agenda as amended. City Manager Edlebeck asked that the council approve moving item 11. A under New Business (Revolving Loan Fund Application Notice—Dale Cook, Northern Initiatives) up after item 7 Public Comment.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Erickson to approve the invoices for January 4 through January 19, 2016 in the amount of \$190,075.50.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Safety Report for December 2015
November 2015 Treasurer's Report

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

There was no public comment.

City Manager Edlebeck reported to the council that there is a Revolving Loan Fund application in process from KAS Enterprises (Kubick Aviation Services). Dale Cook of Northern Initiatives addressed the council regarding this application. He asked the council to schedule a public hearing for February 1, 2016 on this matter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to schedule a public hearing for 6:45 p.m. on February 1, 2016.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

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

The first item under communications is the CUPPAD City of Norway Notice of Intent. City Manager Edlebeck explained that the City of Norway is seeking a loan for a new patrol car. CUPPAD has notified the City of Kingsford and other municipalities in the area to see if there are any concerns with this loan.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the CUPPAD City of Norway Notice of Intent dated January 5, 2016.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The next item under communications is the CUPPAD 2016 CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) Call for Projects. City Manager Edlebeck informed the council that this is an annual Call for Projects which are potentially for economic development and are potentials for EDA funding or another type of grant funding. The projects that were included for the city for the last two years are the water and sewer extension across M-95 to the former Town and Country car dealership property and the area that's been designated for business development south of Freeman's Convalescent Home and north of Evergreen Assisted Living. There's a city-owned strip of property in that area that's designated for B1 business. Those are the two projects that he will be submitting again this year.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to receive and place on file the letter from CUPPAD dated January 5, 2016 regarding the 2016 CEDS Call for Projects.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under the manager's report, City Manager Edlebeck reminded the council of the UP Assessors Association Board of Review School on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Breitung Township Hall. Any council members that haven't signed up but wish to attend, please let Assessor Dawn Thurston or Holly Palmer know by February 1st; informed the council that there will be a ribbon cutting at the Jon Lasater State Farm Insurance Agency at 333 S. Carpenter Ave. at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2016; reported to the council that he has been notified that Operation Action UP has selected Kingsford Broach and Tool as the winner of the 2015 Small Manufacturing Business of the Year award. The program will be held at Northern Michigan University at their annual meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. eastern time; advised the council that the Dickinson County Soil Conservation District Annual Meeting and Conservation Fair will be held at Fornetti Hall at Bay West College on January 23rd from 9 a.m. to noon CST, and the public is invited; informed the council that he has included with his report a copy of a memo from Director Metras regarding Lieutenants K-day hours. The Personnel Committee met on January 7, 2016 to once again discuss the hours for Lieutenants. The recommendation from the director as well as from the personnel committee is that the Lieutenants be allowed to work their K-days similar to what the officers are working now—the extra 104 hours. They're requesting that those hours be included as straight-time wages, which would be approximately a 5% increase on their wages.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to hold an executive session to further discuss this issue at the February 1, 2016 meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilmember Dixon-Miller, Baldinelli, Flaminio, Groeneveld and Erickson
Nays: None

Continuing with the manager's report, City Manager Edlebeck told the council that he included with his report another memo from Director Metras regarding training a new department firearms instructor. Cost for this training was not included in this year's budget. There is currently \$7,100 of forfeiture funds available to supplement the department's budget. If the city council wishes to use the forfeiture funds for this expenditure, he will draft a resolution for the council's consideration for the February 1, 2016 meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Erickson to have a resolution drawn up to approve the use of forfeiture funds in the amount of \$6,617.00 and authorize Sgt. Tim Olsen to attend firearms training school.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the Manager's Report for January 19, 2016.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The only item under old business is the 2014-2015 audit report. Scott Kenney, CPA, the city's auditor, provided presentation handouts and made an oral presentation to the council on the 2014-2015 audit. He also addressed the council on deficiencies and findings he noted in the report and provided recommendations. A discussion took place regarding his findings during this audit and his recommendations.

Under new business, the first item is the submittal of the DRAFT updated Recreation Plan for 2016-2020. The draft is on the city's website, and it has been advertised that the city is taking public comments. There will be an informational meeting at the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on February 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The city council will need to set a public hearing on February 16, 2016 (which is a Tuesday due to President's Day) at the regular city council meeting to accept the plan. The recommendations for changes to the plan will be considered at that time.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to schedule a public hearing on February 16, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. for the updated Recreation Plan for 2016-2020.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The final item under new business is a draft Resolution 2016/1/19.1 regarding Public Act 269. Public Act 269 was recently signed by the governor regarding discussing election content and expending public funds 60 days prior to an election. It was part of Senate Bill 571 which was acted on late in the evening of December 17, 2015 with approximately 42 pages included by the House at that time. The Michigan Municipal League has opposed this legislation and has asked its membership to pass resolutions asking the legislature to have it repealed. The Cities of Iron Mountain and Norway already acted on this and passed similar resolutions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve Resolution No. 2016/1/19.1.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There were no hearings or public comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Flaminio stated that the legislature and the senate may have had good intentions but he thinks they rushed things through and didn't think of all the ramifications involved in their bill. Hopefully it can be repealed.

Councilmember Baldinelli stated that in all his years on the council he has never heard of anyone using any of the funds or facilities of the City of Kingsford, and he doesn't know why they suddenly decided that they had to pass Public Act 269. There's already a law stating that you can't do it.

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


MAYOR


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