

December 4, 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, December 4, 2017 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, Holly Palmer, Ken Wood, Maggie Lanthier, Floyd Lindholm, Ken Dillinger, Tina Erickson, Bob Goudreau, Kristin Gendron and Jeff Kujala.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the November 20, 2017 City Council Meeting minutes as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

At this time, Council Re-Organization began.

Mayor Groeneveld turned the meeting over to the clerk temporarily in order to request nominations for Mayor.

Councilmember Groeneveld nominated Tony Erickson for Mayor and was supported by Councilmember Flaminio. There were no further nominations.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Erickson assumed his position requesting nominations for Mayor Pro-tem.

Councilmember Dixon-Miller nominated Dennis Baldinelli for Mayor Pro-tem and was supported by Councilmember Erickson. There were no further nominations.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The Mayor recommended appointments to the following committees for the upcoming year:

- o Auditing Committee – Councilmembers Dixon-Miller & Mayor Erickson
- o Negotiations/Personnel – Councilmember Baldinelli & Mayor Erickson
- o MML Legislative Contacts – Mayor Erickson & Councilmember Flaminio (alt)
- o Planning Commission – Mayor Erickson & Councilmember Flaminio
- o Citizens Advisory/Park & Recreation/Decorations – Councilmembers Groeneveld & Baldinelli
- o Construction Code Commission – Councilmembers Baldinelli & Flaminio (alt)
- o Public Safety Committee – Councilmembers Flaminio & Baldinelli
- o IM-Kingsford Joint Sewage Authority – City Manager Edlebeck & Erik Dykhuis
- o Central Landfill Authority – City Manager Edlebeck
- o US-2/141/M-95 Corridor Committee – Councilmembers Baldinelli & Flaminio (alt)
- o Dickinson County Solid Waste Management Authority – City Manager Edlebeck & Mayor Erickson (alt)
- o Dickinson County Area Foundation Grant Committee – Councilmember Dixon-Miller
- o Northern Michigan Public Service Academy Board – Councilmembers Baldinelli and Flaminio (alt)

A motion was made by Councilmember _____ and supported by Councilmember _____ to approve the committee appointments as recommended.
_____ AYES. _____ NAYS. MOTION _____.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to authorize the purchase of a blanket position and treasurer's bond.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The Council annually authorizes the following banks as the depositories for all City Funds:

- FIRST BANK UPPER MICHIGAN – KINGSFORD BRANCH
- FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF IRON MOUNTAIN-KINGSFORD
- RANGE BANK – KINGSFORD OFFICE

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to authorize the above-mentioned banks as the depositories for all City funds.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2017/12/4.1 was presented for adoption as follows:

Whereas, there may be in and may hereafter, from time to time, come into the hands of Holly Palmer, Treasurer of the City of Kingsford, Dickinson County, Michigan, certain monies belonging to or held by the State, County, or other political units of the State, or otherwise held according to the law; and

Whereas, under the laws of the State of Michigan this board is required to provide by resolution for the deposit of all public monies, including tax monies coming into the hands of the treasurer, in one or more banks hereafter called bank(s) to be designated in such resolution.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that said treasurer, Holly Palmer, is hereby directed to deposit all such public monies, including tax monies now in or coming into her hands as treasurer, in the following bank(s): FIRST BANK UPPER MICHIGAN – KINGSFORD BRANCH, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF IRON MOUNTAIN-KINGSFORD, and/or RANGE BANK – KINGSFORD OFFICE.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to adopt Resolution No. 2017/12/4.1 as presented.

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

The City Council concluded the reorganization and continued with the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the agenda as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the invoices for November 21, 2017 through December 4, 2017 in the amount of \$188,566.37.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Works Report

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

There was no Public Comments.

The first item under Communications is the Annual Summer Tax Resolution from the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District requesting the City collect summer taxes from the school district.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the Annual Summer Tax Resolution from the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The second item under Communications is a letter from Lorna Carey, Dickinson County Treasurer re: a foreclosed parcel located at 125 Birch Street, Kingsford. The City of Kingsford has until December 30, 2017 to object in writing to the Dickinson County Treasurer or the property will be transferred, by quit claim deed, to the City of Kingsford. The City Attorney explained concerns regarding acquiring the property and obtaining title insurance without a clear title by that time, and recommends that the City Council submit in writing to the Dickinson County Treasurer that the City object to the transfer of this property at this time.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to have the City Manager send a letter to Dickinson County Treasurer, Lorna Carey, objecting to the property transfer to the City of Kingsford at this time due to the uncertainty of being able to obtain a clear title and title insurance.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

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

The Manager's Report was presented by Edlebeck.

- The updated City of Kingsford Citizens Guide and Dashboard has been submitted to the State of Michigan as required by the Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) and has been posted on the City's webpage as well. A copy was supplied to the Councilmembers.

- The Christmas tree on display in the front of City Hall was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis and Kathy Povolo of 340 Grant Street.
- There has been further discussion between City Manager Edlebeck, the City Attorney, Arcadis project manager and the attorneys of Ford and Kingsford Products Corp. pertaining to 13 access agreements for monitoring and venting locations on city properties along with transferring property to the city for a street right-of-way and utility access that would potentially extend Maule Drive from Knudsen Drive to Balsam Street. It is anticipated that agreements will be introduced to the City Council in early 2018.
- The Dickinson Area Economic Development Alliance Board of Directors has hired its director after a diligent search. Ms. Lois Ellis will begin her new role today, December 4th, and will be located in the Leeds Realty Building. A copy of Lois's resume was distributed for the Council's review.
- The December Board of Review will be held Tuesday, December 12th at 4:00pm.
- In observance of the upcoming holidays, the City Hall and Public Works Facility will be closed on Friday, December 22nd and Monday, December 25th for Christmas and Friday, December 29th and Monday, January 1st for New Years. Garbage normally collected on Monday, December 25th will be collected on Tuesday, December 26th; garbage collected the week after New Year's Day will be one day later than normal.
- Councilmembers received cards from the Kiwanis Ski Club announcing the town hall meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at Pine Grove Country Club to discuss the proposed project for updating the Pine Mountain ski jump. The City Manager was asked by a Kiwanis Ski Club member to provide a reminder.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to receive and place on file the December 4, 2017 Manager's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Old Business.

The first item under New Business is the BCBS Health Care Plan change. The unions have elected to request a change to the BCBS Simply Blue Plan with deductible amounts of \$2700.00/single and \$5400.00/two-person or family. The 80%/20% premium cost share will apply, and the City will provide the 80% HSA contribution based on applicable deductible amount for those enrolled in the plan for year 2018.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to sign letters of understanding to change the healthcare plan to the BCBS Simply Blue Plan with increased deductibles as stated above and to approve the City contribution of 80% of the deductible to be deposited into the employees' health savings accounts.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

At this time, a Public Hearing was scheduled for 7:00pm re: Zoning Board of Appeal Variance Request at 401 Beech Street.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting and reconvene as the Zoning Board of Appeals.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Edlebeck read the Notice of Public Hearing as it was published in The Daily News on November 16, 2017. There were 37 notices sent out. Edlebeck did not receive any written replies; he did have one phone call from a resident who did not oppose the variance.

The Mayor asked three times if there were any comments. Hearing none, a motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the requested variance at 401 Beech Street.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to adjourn the Zoning Board of Appeals and reconvene as the regular City Council meeting.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The second item under New Business is the Architects Proposed Plan – Birchwood Mall Redevelopment Project. Ken Dillinger of UP Engineers & Architects was in attendance to provide an explanation of the preliminary residential development plan for the existing Birchwood Mall. The proposed project will consist of multiple phases of residential apartments and townhouses. The plans were provided to the

councilmembers for review, and a brief discussion took place. Zoning will need to be addressed since the current zoning is B-1 Community Business only allows [under dwellings] efficiency or one-bedroom units, but does not address two-bedroom units. Edlebeck recommends the City Council submit this project to the Planning Commission to explore the possibility of amending the current zoning language in a B-1 Community Business zone to include two-bedroom units.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to submit the proposed Birchwood Mall Redevelopment Project plan to the Planning Commission to address the zoning of the property.


ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

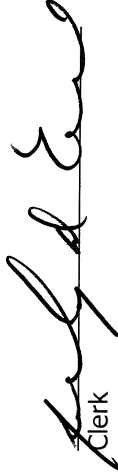
There was no further public comment.

Under Councilmembers Privilege, Councilmember Groeneveld wished Mayor Erickson good luck with his new position as Mayor. Councilmember Dixon-Miller thanked the Povo's for donating the Christmas tree to City Hall. Mayor Erickson thanked the councilmembers for nominating and selecting him to the position of Mayor.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to adjourn the meeting.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.



Mayor

Clerk