

January 20, 2015

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, January 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the council room in City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Councilmember Baldinelli, Dixon-Miller, Flaminio, Groeneveld, and Smeester.
Absent: None.

Also present were City Manager Anthony Edlebeck, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Tim Gussert, Floyd Lindholm, Brian Metras, Tim Olsen, Richard Messer, Jim Anderson, Mike Stelmaszek.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the January 5, 2015 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 as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the invoices for December 31st through January 15, 2015 in the amount of \$236,869.42.
FOUR AYES. ONE NAY (Smeester). MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Safety Department Report for December 2014

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

There was no public comment.

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

The first item under communications is a letter from KPSD former military servicemen. They are requesting to meet regarding the purchase of military service time. This issue is at the personnel committee level right now. Information will be received shortly from the city's labor attorney, and once that is received, the personnel committee will meet again.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to receive and place on file the letter from KPSD former military servicemen.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under the manager's report, City Manager Edlebeck informed the council that Brian Metras has been promoted to the position of Lieutenant, and the action has moved forward with the posting of a Sergeant position. Edlebeck received word from the committee that has reviewed the promotions that Tim Olsen has been recommended for the position of Sergeant. Both of these gentlemen are in attendance this evening. "Congratulations to both of you," Edlebeck stated; advised the council that there is a memo from the Lieutenants requesting that they be assigned to work their additional 104 hours per year of shift hours (42 regular per week) at straight time and that their salary be adjusted to reflect this 5% increase. The Public Safety Committee has reviewed this and has made a recommendation that this be considered. The Lieutenant's salary is currently based on approximately 220 hours annually in addition to their normal shifts, which is used for emergencies, training duties, investigations, etc. that arise during the course of their duties as an administrative officer. The council can refer this matter to the personnel committee for further review.

A discussion took place on this matter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to refer this matter of Lieutenants and their salaries to the personnel committee.
FOUR AYES. ONE NAY. MOTION CARRIED.

Continuing under the manager's report, Edlebeck reported to the council that the Citizen's Advisory Parks and Recreation Committee met on January 12, 2015. This year is the final year of the five-year plan. The committee has been concerned about replacement of playground equipment both due to the age of

the equipment and the new guidelines regarding playground equipment. The committee discussed the potential of having an annual family fun day at Lodal Park during the summer as a way to generate revenue for the parks or matching grant funds for the parks. The suggestion was to provide a day of entertainment, recreation, food and refreshments for the family, similar to the event held at Iron Mountain City Park in recent years. The committee asked that the city council take this under consideration and provide guidance to the Citizens Advisory Parks and Recreation Committee or form a Special Event Committee; explained to the council that he has been in contact with the Iron Mountain city manager in regard to their city council wishes to further discuss a local land bank or the possibility of having a local auction for properties delinquent on property taxes with the cities of Kingsford and Norway. Edlebeck recommends that the council meet on this issue, as it has been a number of years since this was last discussed. Unless the council would like to designate a special committee to meet on this issue, he would recommend the negotiating committee be authorized to meet on the city's behalf.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smeester and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to have the negotiating committee address this issue and hold meetings with the other communities.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The final item under the manager's report is the weather. The recent weather reports from the IM-K WWTP indicate that Kingsford and Iron Mountain have received 40 inches of snow for the months of November and December 2014. The DPW crew has used approximately half of our salt stores as have the neighboring communities. The crew has repaired two leaking water services in the last two weeks—one on Maple Street and the other on Hoadley Avenue. The current frost level in the streets is at approximately 4 feet. The DPW Supt. has ordered about 6 let runs for chronic service freeze ups, and we are watching the frost levels closely.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Smeester to receive and place on file the January 20, 2015 Manager's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under old business, the only item is the UPEA Amendment to the 2012 Lodal Park Engineering Agreement. City Manager Edlebeck found that the city did request engineering proposals for the Lodal Park Tennis Court project in January 2012. Proposals were received from CHM for \$9,890.00, Coleman Engineering for \$9,310 and UP Engineers and Architects provided the low proposal of \$3,260 which was approved February 6, 2012. UPEA completed the first application for the grant in the spring of 2012 for a cost of \$588.00 and provided grant application services in the spring of 2013 and 2014 at no cost. UPEA's original proposal for the design and construction engineering work was for \$2,760.00, and they are requesting an adjustment be made of \$215 to bring their fees to the 2015 rates, making the design and construction engineering for this project at \$2,975. Edlebeck recommends that the council approve an amendment to the 2012 contract.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the contract with UPEA for the engineering on the Lodal Park project.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under new business, the only item is the 2013-2014 audit report. City Manager Edlebeck provided a memo regarding this to the council members in their packet. Edlebeck explained that the audit was submitted to the state one week later than required. A request was made for an extension which was denied by the state. It has been submitted and was posted on the state's website as of January 12. Each council member was provided a copy of the audit. Scott Kenney, CPA will be available for the next council meeting on February 2, 2015 to speak to the council regarding the audit. Edlebeck highlighted important areas of the audit. Financially the city is in good shape.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to receive and place on file the fiscal year 2013-2014 audit report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There were no hearings.

Under public comment, Richard Messer addressed the council. He indicated that he is still interested in purchasing his military time.

Under councilmember's privilege, Councilmember Groeneveld congratulated the new Lieutenant and the new Sergeant.

Councilmember Smeester stated that he's interested in having the council meetings aired on the local TV channel. He discussed the 3 percent franchise fee that Charter charges its customers which goes to the city, and stated that "The public's paying for it. Maybe they should see what they're getting."

Councilmember Baldinelli congratulated the new Lieutenant and the new Sergeant.

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


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