

February 2, 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, February 2, 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, Public Works Superintendent Justin Wickman, Tina Martinson, Floyd Lindholm, Ken Thurston, Dawn Thurston, Scott Kenney, Evan Reid, Holly Palmer, Ken Wood.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the January 20, 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 Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the invoices for January 16 through January 29, 2015 in the amount of \$168,076.78.
FOUR AYES. ONE NAY. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Works Department Report for January 2015

A motion was made by Councilmember Smeester and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller 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 only item under communications is a letter from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation dated January 13, 2015 regarding the CDBG Revolving Loan Fund. MEDC did a desk review of the CDBG Revolving Loan Fund, and they support the subrecipient agreement which the city entered into with Northern Initiatives. No findings or concerns were noted during the review.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to receive and place on file the letter from MEDC dated January 13, 2015.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under the manager's report, City Manager Edlebeck informed the council that he was contacted by the Kingsford Athletic Booster Club following the public hearing regarding their fence and sidewalk project. They propose working with the city to have a curb buffer installed on the west side of Ripley Street south of Hamilton Avenue to address a concern brought up by an adjacent property owner during the public hearing; advised the council that he has had an number of inquiries from former POLC union-affiliated retirees under 65 years old requesting that they be allowed to purchase health insurance from another provider and receive the stipend for the retiree's portion of the insurance cost up to the amount specified when they retired. This is now allowed under the change in the 2014-2017 POLC contract. Currently the retirees of the POLC contract are required to enroll in one of the city's plans in order to receive the stipend amount and be under the city's health insurance plan. The administrative and public works retirees can acquire insurance elsewhere, provide proof of insurance and be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$400/month of the cost to insure the retiree; told the council that he would like to move forward with requesting engineering proposals for the Breen Avenue Small Urban Project engineering. He would like to have the engineering completed so that all options can be considered for budgeting and so that we are ready for when the funds become available.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Smeester to proceed with requests for engineering proposals for the Breen Avenue Small Urban Project.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Continuing with the manager's report, City Manager Edlebeck asked the council for permission to go out for bids for a pickup truck for the public works department. This was included in the current year's budget.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to put together the specifications and go out for bids for a new pickup truck for the public works department. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

City Manager Edlebeck reminded the council that the next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 due to Presidents' Day falling on Monday, February 16, 2015.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to receive and place on file the February 2, 2015 manager's report. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The only item under old business is the 2013-2014 audit report. Scott Kenney, CPA, the city's auditor, prepared a power point presentation for the council for the 2013-2014 fiscal year as well as the past several years as a comparison for revenue and expenditures. 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 only item is televising city council meetings. Councilmember Smeester researched this with the personnel at our local Charter office. The channel is called a "PEG" (Public Education and Government) channel. The committee will look into the cost and equipment needed in order to televise the council meetings and report back to the city council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smeester and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to form a PEG channel committee consisting of Councilmembers Smeester and Groeneveld and City Manager Edlebeck. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

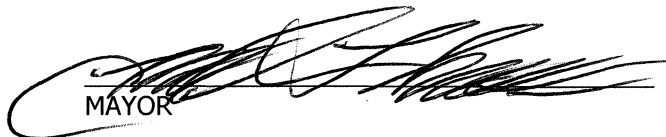
There were no hearings or public comment.

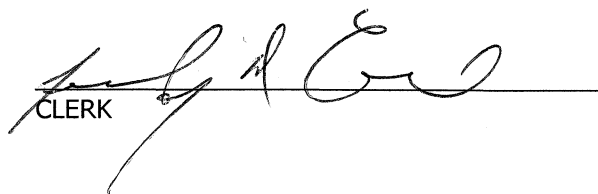
Under councilmember's privilege, Councilmember Groeneveld thanked Scott Kenney for providing the audit presentation to the council.

Councilmember Smeester thanked the treasurer for working late hours lately to catch up on all of the items recommended by Mr. Kenney in his audit.

Councilmember Baldinelli stated that some people think that you can just take an employee and place them in a spot and they know the job. "I guess we're seeing what happens when we have a major change in personnel. It does take time to train."

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


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