

November 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, November 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 Brian Metras, Public Works Superintendent Justin Wickman, Tom Bolda, Tony Erickson, Evan Reid, Ken Wood, and Tanya Hiltonen.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the October 19, 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 Flaminio to approve the invoices for October 16th through October 29, 2015 in the amount of \$352,160.27.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Works Department Report for October 2015
September 2015 Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Smeester 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 Wisconsin Electric Case No. U-17912 for a power supply and cost recovery factor. It would take effect January, 2016 through December, 2016. The hearing is Friday, November 20, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Lansing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the Notice of Hearing for WE Energies Case No. U-17912
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The next item under communications is an MPSC survey regarding video competition in Michigan. City Manager Edlebeck explained to the council that they could take this survey individually if they desire. The website address is provided on the letter. The survey has to be taken by November 20, 2015.
A motion was made by Councilmember Smeester and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to receive and place on file the October 22, 2015 letter from the MI Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under the manager's report, City Manager Edlebeck reported to the council that Bacco Construction Company has been delayed due to weather on paving projects during the past 2 weeks. They plan to complete alleys and the public safety parking lot this week; updated the council on the SAW grant project. Great Lakes TV & Seal of Green Bay has completed all of their cleaning and televising. Following review of the overall evaluation by the engineers, additional televising and/or manhole evaluation may be required; advised the council that the deer management program continues and 22 antlerless deer have been taken as of today. Thirty-two hunters are currently registered; informed the council that the mower that was donated by Toro/Boss Inc. was delivered on Wednesday, October 28th. He will be sending a thank you letter to them on behalf of the city council; reported to the council that the playground equipment for Triangle Park has been delivered and is stored for the winter. The city will work with the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Rotary Club to install it as soon as possible in the spring; told the council that a CUPPAD staff member recently met with the Planning Commission in regard to the update of the Comprehensive Plan, and a staff member will be meeting with the Citizens' Advisory Committee on November 9th in regard to the update of the Parks and Recreation Plan; notified the council that Prime

Pasty King has relocated to 1160 S. Carpenter Avenue and opened for retail business on Monday, October 26th. Mr. Stafford anticipates being ready for wholesale distribution by approximately December 1st.

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

Under old business, the first item is a draft resolution approving incorporation of the IM-K Joint Sewer Authority. City Manager Edlebeck following up from the October 16, 2015 meeting introduction explaining to the council that the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Joint Sewage Board made the recommendation to move forward with forming an authority after conversations with Attorney Steve Mann of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone in order to provide potential upgrades to the 58 year old plant and obtain funding per PA 233 of 1955. A draft copy of the articles of incorporation has been provided to the council members for their review, along with a draft resolution to be passed by the city council after review. Also, a copy of an email from Mr. Mann to Gary Lessard, Superintendent of the Wastewater Treatment Plant which was forwarded to the city managers of both Iron Mountain and Kingsford has been provided to the council members. Both Iron Mountain and Kingsford city councils have raised some questions regarding revenue bonds, negotiable bonds and rate-setting authority. Mr. Mann has addressed these questions on page 7 of the Articles of Incorporation and his email. Currently the plant is generating approximately \$125,000 per year for capital improvements through its current rates. That's above and beyond operations and periodic maintenance. The plant is 58 years old, and there are a number of large capital improvements that need to be addressed

Councilmember Smeester expressed concern over who is going to control the rates. City Manager Edlebeck explained that Mr. Mann addressed this in the last paragraph of his email to Gary Lessard. He states that "It's not an appropriate item for the articles of incorporation, but will be addressed in each city's ordinances." The current City of Kingsford ordinance states, "Rates to be charged for the sewage services shall be currently established or as hereby adopted by resolution of the city council from time to time." This is from Ordinance 166 passed on January 16, 1979.

A lengthy discussion took place.

City Manger Edlebeck stated that it was his intention only to introduce the articles of incorporation for the IM-K Sewer Authority tonight then to hopefully have them approved fairly soon after all of the councilmember's questions have been addressed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Smeester to introduce both the articles and a resolution in regard to forming a joint authority for the wastewater treatment plant.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under new business, the only item is an NMPSA seminar on records management to be held Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at the Citizens' Forum at Lakeview Arena in Marquette. City Manager Edlebeck advised the council that he's recommending that the city send two members of the office staff to that seminar.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Smeester to authorize sending a minimum of 2 members of the office staff to the NMPSA seminar on records management on Wednesday, November 11, 2015.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There were no hearings or public comment.

Under councilmember's privilege, Councilmember Groeneveld wished the three members of the current council who are running for re-election as well as Tony Erickson good luck tomorrow. He feels confident that whoever is elected, he/she will be a good council person.

Councilmember Baldinelli wished Councilmember Dixon-Miller a Happy Birthday and stated that he brought a cake in for her, and if anyone would like to stay for cake, they are welcome to do so.

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.



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