

December 7, 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, September 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the council room in City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Councilmember Baldinelli, Dixon-Miller, Flaminio, and Groeneveld
Absent: Councilmember Smeester

Also present were City Manager Anthony Edlebeck, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Brian Metras, Public Works Superintendent Justin Wickman, Floyd Lindholm, Mark Miller, Tara Blagec, Tina Erickson, Katherine Erickson, Debbie & Mike Floriano, Trisha Peterson, Evan Reid, Ken Wood, Holly Palmer, Thomas Bolda, Mike Youngberg, Sue Youngberg, Kristen Gendron, and Geri Hamlen.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the November 16, 2015 City Council Meeting minutes as amended (pg. 3, paragraph 2, "the borrow money" should be "borrow the money").
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

At this time, the council reorganization began.

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

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

The clerk asked for nominations for the position of Mayor.

Councilmember Flaminio nominated Councilmember Groeneveld for the position of Mayor.
Councilmember Dixon-Miller seconded the nomination.

There were no further nominations for the position of Mayor.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The Mayor assumed his position and requested nominations for the position of Mayor Pro-tem.

Councilmember Dixon-Miller nominated Councilmember Baldinelli for the position of Mayor Pro-tem.
Councilmember Erickson seconded the nomination.

Councilmember Flaminio nominated Councilmember Dixon-Miller for the position of Mayor Pro-tem.
Councilmember Dixon-Miller thanked Councilmember Flaminio for the nomination, but she respectfully declined.

There were no further nominations for the position of Mayor Pro-tem.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS.

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

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the committee assignments as presented.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Erickson to authorize the purchase of a blanket position and treasurer's bond, to designate the following banks as the depositories for all City funds: Northern Michigan Bank of Kingsford, First National Bank of Iron Mountain-Kingsford, and Range Bank-Kingsford Office.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2015/12/7.1 was presented for adoption as follows:

Whereas, there may be in and may hereafter, from time to time, come into the hands of Christina Martinson, 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, Christina Martinson, 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): NORTHERN MICHIGAN BANK OF KINGSFORD, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF IRON MOUNTAIN-KINGSFORD, and/or RANGE BANK-KINGSFORD OFFICE.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to adopt Resolution No. 2015/12/7.1.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the agenda with the addition of Treasurer's Report under the consent agenda as item 7B.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Erickson to approve the invoices for November 16 through December 7, 2015 in the amount of \$300,128.78.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the items in 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 the 2016 Pine Mountain Music Festival Ad. City Manager Edlebeck reminded the council that this is an annual request. This is their request for ads for their 2016 program. The prices for the ads are the same as last year. The city ran a ½ page ad last year, and a copy of that ad is included in the council packet.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to purchase a ½ page ad in the amount of \$225 less the 15% discount for the Pine Mountain Music Festival program.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The next item under communications is the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District Annual Summer Tax Resolution. It is to collect 100% of annual school property taxes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller 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 final item under communications is a November 23, 2015 letter from MDOT. City Manager Edlebeck explained that this letter pertains to the action on November 10, 2015 in which the Legislature passed and Governor Snyder signed nine bills into law which will raise \$1.2 billion for the new transportation revenue package. City Manager Edlebeck stated that the City of Kingsford is currently receiving

\$474,952.98, which will be ramped up between now and 2021. In 2021, the city will receive \$777,926.60.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the November 23, 2015 letter from MDOT.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under the manager's report, City Manager Edlebeck updated the council on the Deer Management Archery program. It is continuing with 32 hunters currently registered and 45 deer taken to date. The hunt will continue until January 1, 2016; informed the council that included in their packet is a copy of the City of Kingsford Citizens' Guide and Dashboard that has been submitted to the State of Michigan as required by the Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) and posted on the city's website; explained that a survey has been distributed with the tax invoices and is on the city's website in regard to the city's parks and recreation facilities. This survey data will be used in updating the city's Park and Recreation Plan. Breitung Township Schools will link the survey on the city's website to communication they send out for student families; notified the council that the Stronger Economies Together (SET) program is being sponsored by CUPPAD, USDA Rural Development and Purdue University Center of Regional Development. This program is being conducted to gather data for a report from throughout the Central UP to compile information and concerns of the region on economic development and to aid in developing an action plan. Councilmember Baldinelli and City Manager Edlebeck attended a meeting on the evening of November 30, 2015 in Escanaba; reminded the council that the December Board of Review meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2015 at 3:45 p.m. CST in the council chambers; requested permission from the council to complete specifications and request bid proposals for 2 late model used dump/plow trucks.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to authorize the city manager to complete specifications and request bid proposals for 2 late model used dump/plow trucks.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to receive and place on file the December 7, 2015 Manager's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no old business.

Under new business, the first item is the Salvation Army request for a non-conforming zoning continuation and change. City Manager Edlebeck explained to the council that the Salvation Army is interested in acquiring the former Kingsford Medical Clinic located at 145 Roseland Street. The building was originally built as a convent for the American Martyrs Church and purchased by Dr. Kadletz and Dr. Smith in 1971. It was operated as a medical clinic until February 2013. The Salvation Army is currently renting and would like to acquire the building as their local services unit and food pantry. As this building was grandfathered in as a non-conforming use in a R2 residential district, and the proposed use is also non-conforming, the Zoning Board of Appeals, after a public hearing may allow it to continue to be used as a non-conforming building per Ordinance Code 44-361 Section 5.

Sue Youngberg, head of the Salvation Army building committee addressed the council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to schedule a public hearing on this matter on January 4, 2016 at 6:45 p.m.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Also under new business is a request for Zoning Variance for 113 Lawrence St. City Manager Edlebeck explained that the resident at 113 Lawrence recently lost their garage to fire and wants to replace it. What was determined is that the existing garage is in non-compliance with the zoning setbacks from the alley, which is required to be 10 feet from the alley right-of-way for a detached garage. Currently the distance is 4 ½ feet from the alley right-of-way to the eave line. The resident would like to build the garage at the same location and potentially on the same foundation and slab. It has not yet been determined or approved that the existing foundation and slab was not damaged during the fire and that it can be used for the replacement of the garage.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to schedule a public hearing for 113 Lawrence on January 4, 2016 at 7:15 p.m.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There were no hearings or public comment.


Under councilmember's privilege, Councilmember Erickson said, "Thank you for having me here. I'd like to thank the people who voted for me and showed their support. I will not disappoint. I was asked many times why I was running. An agenda doesn't mean much to me. I am here for the people of Kingsford and the City of Kingsford at large. That's how my decisions will be based for the rest of my term."

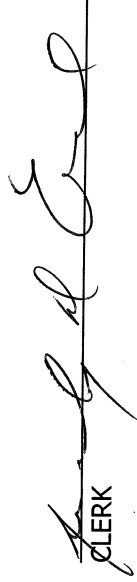
Councilmember Baldinelli stated that all of the councilmembers are here to do the best they can for the city.

Councilmember Dixon-Miller thanked Councilmember Flaminio for being mayor last year. She thinks he did a fine job.

Mayor Groeneveld welcomed Councilmember Erickson. He told him that if he has any questions, these three people are the people to ask (referring to Councilmembers Baldinelli, Dixon-Miller and Flaminio). He also thanked the council for their support (in appointing him as mayor), and "hopefully we'll have a good year this year."

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


MAYOR


CLERK