

March 20, 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, March 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the council room in City Hall.

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

Also present were City Manager Anthony Edlebeck, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Metras, Public Works Superintendent Justin Wickman, Treasurer Holly Palmer, Jim Anderson, Kristin Gendron, Ken Wood, Floyd Lindholm, Foz Burgoon, John Furno, Lisa Carollo, Jan & Melanie Groeneveld, Dave Brule, Tom Healy and Zack Forenza. The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the March 6, 2017 City Council Meeting minutes.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the March 7, 2017 Board of Review minutes.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the March 13, 2017 Board of Review minutes.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the March 14, 2017 Board of Review minutes.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the invoices for March 7, 2017 to March 20, 2017 in the amount of \$186,023.19.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Safety Report
February 2017 Treasurer's Report

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the February 2017 Treasurer's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under Public Comment, Melanie Groeneveld of 223 Easton Lane made a complaint against a Councilmember for entering her workplace and calling her a derogatory name. Foz Burgoon of 1665 Parkview Drive, Iron Mountain addressed the Council regarding the leasing of the Commemorative Field. She inquired what the leasing process will be and whether or not there would be a stipulation within the lease agreement to protect the other area organizations' use of the field. Zack Forenza of 615 East C Street, Iron Mountain also addressed the Council regarding the Commemorative Field. He is the acting Athletic Director for Iron Mountain, as well as a soccer coach. He reiterated Ms. Burgoon's concerns and stated he had spoken to Al Unger, Kingsford Athletic Director. He wants to be assured that Iron Mountain will have continued use of this field regardless of who leases it. He hopes there will continue to be a collaborative effort between schools and organizations. Dave Brule of 1203 Evergreen Drive, Iron Mountain showed support of Ms. Burgoon's and Mr. Forenza's comments and concerns. He is concerned that giving control to one party is not the best option and suggested opening bids to allow other parties the option to lease the field. He concluded with emphasizing this field is a "jewel" and is the only regulation-sized soccer field within Dickinson County.

The first item under Communications is a memo from the Public Works Superintendent requesting authorization to hire two summer college students. Historically, the City has hired two Kingsford high school graduates who are enrolled in a post-secondary college or university program.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to authorize the hiring of two summer college students.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The second item under Communications is a Public Safety Director Request Memo requesting equipment for the CIRT Team.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the purchase of a new headset for the CIRT Team.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The Manager's Report was presented by Edlebeck. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on March 27, 2017 at 6:45pm for the rezoning of the property that is proposed to be sold to Evergreen Heights Inc. We received approval from the MDEQ to submit an application for the Brownfield Grant for the property proposed for sale within the former Ford Plant property. The City is working with the engineers and with the proposed developer, and there is a 60-day time limit to complete the application. Coleman Engineering has completed the bid documents for the Breen Avenue Sewer repair/rehabilitation project. Bids will be opened at the April 17th City Council meeting. A draft of the SAW Grant Final Report will be completed by Coleman Engineering in the next couple of weeks. The engineers that are working with the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Wastewater Treatment Plant/Joint Sewage Board should be finalizing the plans and bid documents in April. The plan is to bid that project in May. The Joint Sewage Board has been approved to borrow up to \$5.4 million dollars for this project through the USDA Rural Development Program.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to receive and place on file the March 6, 2017 Manager's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The first item under Old Business is the LoDal Park Bid Report and Passport Grant Status. City Manager Edlebeck updated the City Council on the post-bid addendums received and recommended the City approve Bacco's post-bid addendum price of \$74,332. The only other price was from Northeast Asphalt in the amount of \$109,764. He provided a draft Resolution of Commitment for Resolution No. 2017.3.20.1 to amend the contract completion date. A request for an extension had been submitted to extend project completion through Sept 30th and was approved by the MDNR.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to adopt Resolution No. 2017.3.20.1 and to authorize City Manager Edlebeck to sign the Resolution on behalf of the City.

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

The last item under Old Business was the Well No. 1 Rehab Update and Recommendation. City Manager Edlebeck offered a brief history on Well No. 1. He provided a letter and report from Kleiman Pump & Well Drilling along with the original proposal. The recommendation would be to go with a larger pump and motor for a cost difference of approximately \$7000.00.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to authorize larger equipment for the Well No. 1 Rehab Project at the proposed cost difference.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The first item under New Business is the Charter Spectrum Franchise Agreement Renewal. This is a 10-year agreement, which was last signed in 2007. A copy of the agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney Brouillette and was also supplied to the Councilmembers along with a revenue report. The City Council is asked to indicate the franchise fee percentage Charter will collect from customers (currently 2%) and whether or not to operate a PEG channel on the cable system.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the Charter Franchise Agreement with the same terms as the 2007 contract (2% franchise fee and to decline the PEG channel).

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

The last item under New Business is the Habitat for Humanity Proposed 5K Walk/Run and Park Use Application. The Habitat for Humanity is requesting use of the Memominee River Pavilion on May 6th for the 2nd Annual 5K walk/run.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Erickson to approve the Park Use Application and Route for the Habitat for Humanity 5K walk/run event scheduled for May 6th.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There were no Hearings.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Erickson was pleased to see the large support of soccer within the community and is confident that a favorable agreement will be met. Mayor Groeneveld agreed with that statement and stated the City's intention is to accommodate everyone as best as possible. He also mentioned concern from an article he read on the Federal budget regarding the elimination of funding for rural airports and how this could possibly affect Ford Airport.

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



Mayor



Clerk