

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

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

Also present were City Manager Anthony Edlebeck, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Lieutenant Tom Bolda, Public Works Superintendent Justin Wickman, Holly Palmer, Jim Anderson, State Representative Beau LaFave and Danielle Branz

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Erickson to approve the November 6, 2017 City Council Meeting minutes as presented.
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 Erickson and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the invoices for November 7 through November 20, 2017 in the amount of \$223,798.46.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Safety Department Report
Treasurer's Report October 2017

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

State Representative Beau LaFave introduced himself, stating that he was in attendance to observe and to field any questions that the City Council may have for him. Mr. LaFave addressed his stance in regard to car insurance legislation in Michigan and said that he will continue to fight to lower car insurance. Councilman Baldinelli asked him about the "Dark Store" legislation. Mr. LaFave stated that work continues to be done to favorably settle this issue. The Council Members thanked Mr. LaFave for attending the meeting.

The only item under Communications is a copy of the October 31, 2017 letter sent to Lakeshore Systems, Inc. advising them that their request to revise the Industrial Facility Tax Exemption Certificate 2008-476 was issued on October 30, 2017.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the October 31, 2017 letter to Lakeshore Systems, Inc. regarding the transfer of the Industrial Facility Tax Exemption Certificate on October 30, 2017.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

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

The Manager's Report was presented by Edlebeck.

- o The eight exterior lights at the public safety department facility have been installed.
- o The Brownfield Redevelopment Phase II Environmental Assessment field work has been completed. The engineers are reviewing and compiling data and completing the reports.
- o Has been informed that the inspections for the 51st State Brewing Company project have been completed by the State of Michigan, and Mr. Brickey is waiting on the approval of the licenses.
- o Received documentation from the State of Michigan that the reverter clauses have been released on Lots 171 and 172 of the Plat of the Village of Breitung on 200 Block of Balsam Street and Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Block 4 of the Plat of Skidmore Addition to the Village of Breitung on the 300 Block of Beech Street. As soon as this deed is recorded, the lots will be available for the City to sell, if so desired.

- o The election of November 7th went very well in Kingsford. The Deputy Clerk and Administrative Assistant along with all of our dedicated election workers did an outstanding job. The results of the City Council election: Incumbent Joseph Groeneveld 631 votes, Incumbent Dennis Baldinelli 443 votes and Brian Smeester 242 votes. The election results have been accepted and Mr. Groeneveld and Mr. Baldinelli have been sworn in.
- o The City Council Reorganization Meeting will be held during the Council Meeting of December 4th. Included please find a list of the current committee appointment for your review.
- o Reminded the City Council that the boot, clothing and work-related equipment allowance amount in the two labor contracts were increased for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. In the past, the administrative employees in these two departments were provided the same respective amounts. Recommended that this allowance be modified for the administrative employees in Public Works and Public Safety Departments to reflect the amounts listed in the respective labor contracts for the same period.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to adjust the allowances for boots, clothing and work-related equipment for the administrative employees in the Public Safety Department and Public Works Department to reflect the amounts in the respective departments recently approved labor contracts.
 ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- o Reminded the City Council that the December Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, December 12th at 4:00 p.m.
- o The City Hall and Public Works Department Facility will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving. Regular garbage collection for Thursday, November 23rd will be collected on Wednesday, November 22nd.
- o Asked the City Council if they would like to continue the tradition of providing the Annual \$20.00 Gift Certificates for Hams or Turkeys to the regular employees for Christmas.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the traditional \$20.00 gift certificate to the regular employees from one of the two Kingsford grocery stores for a Christmas Ham or Turkey.
 ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- o Informed the City Council that he was notified via email on November 17, 2017 that the City is eligible for \$16,000 in USDA grant funds for replacing a 2013 public safety department patrol vehicle with 135,800 miles. A notice in the Daily News and a public information meeting is required by the USDA now prior to the loan approval. I recommend setting a public meeting for December 18th.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Erickson to schedule a public information meeting on December 18, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. CST in regard to the application to the USDA for a grant fund eligibility for a patrol vehicle.
 ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the November 20, 2017 Manager's Report.
 ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under Old Business, proposed Ordinance No. 282 to amend section 44-362 (7) and to renumber section 38-31(b) and to create new sections 38-31 (b) and 38-33 of the code of ordinances, City of Kingsford, Michigan which was introduced at the October 16, 2017 meeting was brought up for consideration. The City Manager and Mayor both stated that they had received only positive comments in regard to the proposed changes. A short discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve Ordinance No. 282 amending section 44-362 (7) and to renumber section 38-31(b) and to create new sections 38-31 (b) and 38-33 of the code of ordinances, City of Kingsford, Michigan.

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

The first item under New Business was a site plan from T & C Real Estate LLC. for a new Truck Storage Garage and Office to be located at 437 N. Balsam Street. Tim Hanley is an owner operator of a semi-truck and needs a location to store his truck when not on the road. He states in a letter that he is not allowed to park this vehicle at his residence in the city. The office portion of the building is planned to be leased/rented to an accounting firm. The City Manager stated that the current zoning allows these type

of uses and stated that he has reviewed the site plan and it meets the requirements as stated in the zoning ordinance. A short discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the site plan submitted by T&C Real Estate LLC.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The second item under New Business was a request by the IM-K Joint Sewage Authority to abandon the undeveloped portion of Balsam Street located in the Plat of River View Addition to the Village of Kingsford No. 2. This undeveloped portion of Balsam Street is located in the current IM-K Joint Sewer Authority properties and its abandonment is a requirement of the loan from the USDA Rural Development.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Erickson to advertise and set a Public Hearing as required for December 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. CST in regard to this request to abandon the requested portion of Balsam Street by the IM-K Joint Sewer Authority.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The third item under New Business was proposed resolution certifying that the City of Kingsford is in compliance with P.A. 152 of 2011 for calendar year 2018 as it pertains to health insurance benefits for its employees.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approved Resolution 2017/11/20.1 approving an 80% contribution to the health benefits of the full-time employees of the City of Kingsford.

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

The fourth item under New Business was the ballot for the Dickinson County Chamber Alliance Board of Directors for 2018 -2020. A resume of each candidate was provided to the Council. The Councilmembers voted by a show of hands for each candidate to select the top five. They selected Craig Allen – Breitung Twp. Schools, Adrien Brzoznowski – Bishop Baraga Schools, Matthew Lutz – First National Bank, Jean O'Dette – First National Bank and Teresa Schettler – Dickinson County Healthcare System

The City Manager will submit the ballot on behalf of the Kingsford City Council.

The fifth and final item under New Business was a proposed resolution regarding placing delinquent water and sewer bills on the tax roll. A proposed resolution along with a list of delinquent water and sewer accounts over 6 months was provided to the City Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Erickson to approve resolution 2017/11/20.2 to approve placing the provided list of delinquent water and sewer bills on the tax roll.

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

There was no further public comment.

Under Councilmembers Privilege, Councilmember Flaminio congratulated Councilmember Groeneveld and Baldinelli on their re-election to the City Council; Councilmember Erickson stated that he was happy to see the voter turnout for the recent election; Councilmember Baldinelli wished to thank all of those that voted for Councilmember Groeneveld and himself and congratulated the Trojans on their State Championship in 8 man football; Councilmember Dixon-Miller wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Mayor Groeneveld wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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


Mayor


Clerk