

March 19, 2018

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 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the council room in City Hall.

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

Also present were City Manager Anthony Edlebeck, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Brian Metras, Public Works Superintendent Justin Wickman, Holly Palmer, Tanya Hiltonen, Maggie Lanthier, Floyd Lindholm, Melissa Lucas, Danielle Lucas, Michael Gatzow, Clifford Smith, Daniel Cram, Deb Weiszmann, Tony Baciak, Jr., Patrick Lobeck, Tom Gaucher, Logan Couillard, Galen Sleik, John Goupell, Don Lanthier, Julie Lanthier, Justin Lanthier, Logan Adam, Ryan Gaucher, Logan Smith, Zach Hanson, Nathan Johnson, Zack Bishop, Rob Garvaglia, Travis Garvaglia, Conner Hansen, Dylan Webb, Ben Goupell, Rich Goupell, Brad Sleik, Doug Sage, Brandon Dukes, Mike Adam, Kelly Hansen, and Riley Dukes.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the March 5, 2018 City Council Meeting minutes as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the March 6, 2018 Board of Review 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 March 12, 2018 Board of Review minutes as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the March 13, 2018 Board of Review 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 amended.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the invoices for March 6, 2018 through March 19, 2018 in the amount of \$228,303.84.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Safety Report
KPSD Request for Active Shooter Instructor Training May 4, 2018
KPSD Request for Active Shooter Instructor Training June 12-14, 2018
February Treasurer's Report
Treasurer's Memo re: MERS Statements of Fiduciary Net Position

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the consent agenda, to include approval of the KPSD training requests.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Public Comment.

The first item under Communications was the MDEQ 2017 UP Water and Wastewater Rate Survey Results. The City of Kingsford is listed as the 3rd lowest for the water rates and 14th lowest for the sewer rates of the Upper Peninsula Communities that took part in the survey.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to receive and place on file the MDEQ 2017 UP Water and Wastewater Rate Survey.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The second item under Communications was the CUPPAD Notice of Project Comment Period. The City of Norway is submitting an application for the purchase of a new police car with necessary equipment for

said car. CUPPAD asks that any comment be listed on the enclosed form and be returned to the CUPPAD Regional Clearinghouse.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the CUPPAD Notice of Project Comment Period.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The third item under Communications was the CUPPAD 2019 FY Membership Request. The informational letter outlines the latest changes taking place, the beneficial services offered by CUPPAD and included an invoice for FY 2019 in the amount of \$1027.00 [same as the prior FY].

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the CUPPAD 2019 FY Membership in the amount of \$1027.00 to be paid after July 1, 2018.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The last item under Communications was The Daily News request for ad for "Our Town Kingsford" section.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the 2"x5" ad for \$174.00 to list what types of local businesses the City has to offer [to use the same add as the Pine Mountain Music Festival Ad for the 2018 Program Guide].
3 AYES. 1 NAY. 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.

- For the Councilmembers' information, Edlebeck provided Senate Bill 741 [Introduced January 10, 2018] as it pertains to Specific Dog Breed Ordinances in the State of Michigan. Edlebeck has been in contact with Casperson's office as the City has had a Pit Bull Terrier ordinance in effect since May 1987. If this bill is passed into law, it would prohibit the City from enforcing our current ordinance. A brief discussion took place.
- The Parcel Mapping Project is progressing and is expected to be complete in May.
- Edlebeck was notified by the MDOT that the Woodward Avenue Project has been approved for Federal Funding and the bid letting for the project will be Friday, May 4th.
- Reminder that the City Hall and Public Works Facility will be closed on Friday, March 30th due to Good Friday and the Easter Holiday.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the March 19, 2018 Manager's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The first item under Old Business was the MDNR Passport Grant Public Comment and Resolution for Lodal Park. Edlebeck read the notice as it was published in The Daily News on March 8th, 2018. The proposed playground equipment was provided at the last City Council meeting on March 5th. In regards to the pickleball courts, Edlebeck received three letters of support [from KHS, IMK Community Schools and Bill Stephenson representing the IMK Pickleball Club] and three emails in support of constructing pickleball courts.

Mayor Erickson asked if anyone would like to address the City Council. Debbie Weiszmann, of N3688 Turner Grade, Iron Mountain, addressed the council to show pickleball equipment (racket and ball), provided an explanation of the activity and expressed her support of the project. Dan Cram, of 533 North Riverhills Road, Kingsford, [also representing as Vice-President of the Softball League for the Local Little League] questioning how the City Council can bring in new facilities when the current Baseball/softball fields are in such poor condition. He referenced the 5-year Master Plan where it states the focus is upgrading existing facilities, not creating new ones. He continued explaining some problem areas [the dugouts fill with water any time it rains, bathroom facilities, concession stands]. The City Council will look into these concerns and do their best to address them. City Manager Edlebeck praised the volunteers and local contractors that have provided work, materials and manhours throughout the years maintaining and upgrading Lodal Park. Mayor Erickson explained that the majority of the grant funds will be used to replace antiquated playground equipment.

The Mayor asked three times if there were any additional comments. Hearing none, the Public Information Hearing was concluded.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to adopt Resolution 2018/3/19.1 re: Resolution of Commitment to submit an application for funding through the

MDNR Recreational Passport Grant Program in the grant amount of \$120,000 to construct four new pickleball courts and upgrade playground equipment at Lodal Park [due April 1st].

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

The second item under Old Business was RFP's for M95/Carpenter Avenue Water and Sewer Engineering. In anticipation of the MDOT upgrading that section of highway within the next 5 years, three bids were received for engineering for the water mains & services and sanitary sewer mains & services from Hamilton Avenue N to Woodward Avenue. The proposals were as follows:

- UP Engineers & Architects, Inc. – Iron Mountain, MI – \$40,360.00
- GEI Consultants, Inc. – Iron Mountain, MI – \$43,500.00
- Coleman Engineering, Inc. – Iron Mountain, MI – \$39,602.00

The City Manager's recommendation would be to review each bid and its specifications with Supt. Justin Wickman and return with a final recommendation at the next City Council Meeting scheduled for April 2, 2018.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to have the City Manager and Supt. of Public Works review the bid specifications and return with a final recommendation at the next City Council meeting on April 2, 2018.

The last item under Old Business was Pre-Personnel Manual Administrative Employee Benefit Suffixes. The City Manager provided 5 suffixes that were developed by the Personnel Committee prior to the 2011 Personnel Manual for existing positions and existing employees' benefits outside of the finalized Personnel Manual that had been completed. These have all been implemented.

City Manager is requesting the City Council affirm the suffixes to incorporate into the Personnel Manual [which include the City Manager, Supt. for Dept. of Public Works, Public Safety Director, and two Public Safety Lieutenants].

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to adopt the 5 administrative benefit suffixes into the Personnel Manual as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

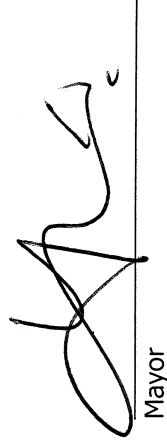
The only item under New Business was a request by Justin Lanthier, Life Scout of Troop 510 for Eagle Scout Project approval. Justin Lanthier has been working with City Manager Edlebeck and Public Works Supt. Justin Wickman on a proposed Eagle Scout project to assist the City of Kingsford with some maintenance throughout the parks. Outlined in his proposal, he would like to repair and install spring toys animals at Triangle Park and Lodal Park along with wood mulch and boundaries around spring toys located at Triangle Park, Lodal Park, Menominee River Park and Olympic Street Tot Lot. In addition, he would like to replace multiple rusted grill tops at Cowboy Lake. He will be responsible for coordinating the project, including volunteers and obtaining materials. He anticipates a completion date of early July.

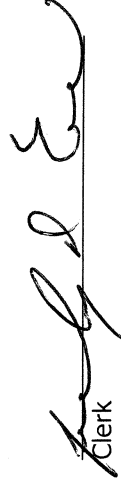
A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to authorize Justin Lanthier's Eagle Scout Project while under the supervision of Supt. Justin Wickman and City Manager Edlebeck.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Groeneveld thanked the Eagle Scouts for attending the meeting and thanked Public Safety Director Brian Metras for being proactive on having the officers trained for Active Shooter situations. Mayor Erickson also thanked the Eagle Scouts for attending.

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.


Mayor


Clerk