

August 20, 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, August 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the council room in City Hall.

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

Also present were City Manager Anthony Edlebeck, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Brian Metras, Holly Palmer, Floyd Lindholm, Ryan Soucy [CUPPAD], Bryan Reiter [Dickinson Conservation District], Amanda Nelson [Dickinson Conservation District], Betsy Bloom [The Daily News], Mark Shanks and Alexander Erickson.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the August 6, 2018 City Council Meeting minutes as presented.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the August 14, 2018 City Council Special 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 Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the invoices for August 7, 2018 through August 20, 2018 in the amount of \$251,582.81.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Safety Report  
July Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the consent agenda.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Public Comment.

The first item under Communications was a request from the Dickinson Area Chamber Alliance for the 2018-2019 Chamber Directory Ad and Resource Guide. The City has participated in the past with a ¼-page ad in the amount of \$250.00.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the ¼-page ad for the 2018-2019 Chamber Directory in the amount of \$250.00.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The second item under Communications was a Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing for the Natural Gas Customers of DTE Gas Company Case No. U-20189 to be held on August 20, 2018 at 9:30am in Lansing, Michigan re: to consider DTE Gas Company's June 30, 2018 application to address the impacts of federal corporate tax reduction arising from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA) on its natural gas general base rates from January 1, 2018 until June 30, 2018.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to receive and place on file the Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing Case No. U-20189.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The third item under Communications was a Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing for the Electric & Natural Gas Customers of Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation (UMERC) Case No. U-20183 to be held on August 21, 2018 at 9:30am in Lansing, Michigan re: to consider UMERC's July 26, 2018 application to address the impacts of federal corporate tax reduction arising from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA) on its electrical and natural gas general base rates from January 1, 2018 until June 30, 2018.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing Case No. U-20183.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The last item under Communications was a letter from the Michigan Municipal League re: Liability and Property Pool Dividend Check. At the MML Liability & Property Pool Board of Directors meeting held on September 7, 2017, the Board voted to return \$2.1 million in member equity to current members of the program who renew during 2018. Since the City of Kingsford renewed with the Pool as of July 1, 2018, we received a refund in the amount of \$7,388.00.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the letter from the MML re: Dividend Check.  
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.

- Breitung Township recently opened bids for the Skidmore Area water meter pit relocations. Those bids will be reviewed and acted upon at their meeting held this evening. The City of Kingsford has proposed a cost share for this project in order to have this meter pit upgraded to accommodate larger size pit, safer conditions and with a bypass for uninterrupted service. They have also been provided the service agreement that was discussed earlier by the City Council, which is very similar to the East Kingsford Service Agreement.
- Bacco Construction Co. has been delayed on the start of the Woodward Avenue project. They will be installing construction signs the week of August 20<sup>th</sup> and begin concrete work on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Cold milling and paving will follow.
- A request to bid a quantity of road gravel stock was made by Edlebeck.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to authorize the City Manager to request bids for road gravel.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- Winter Salt prices for this year have been increased by 50% from a year ago. This is the highest unit price Edlebeck has seen in 32 years.
- Joe Zawada is planning to start his fourth duplex soon. Evergreen Heights will be extending its utilities this fall in anticipation of starting their next three 4-plex units.
- The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day. The City Hall and Dept of Public Works will be closed Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Garbage collection for the week of Labor Day will be one day later than normal [Tues-Fri rather than Mon-Thur].

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the August 20, 2018 Manager's Report.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The first item under Old Business was a Presentation by Ryan Soucy of CUPPAD re: CIP Development Program. Mr. Soucy distributed an information packet and explained the steps needed to accomplish the Capital Improvement Planning process. The CIP Purpose is a multi-year planning and budgeting tool that connects the master plan and annual budget. The City of Kingsford is interested in preparing the CIP Program with CUPPAD's assistance. Ryan fielded any questions from the councilmembers. A brief discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to sign the service agreement with CUPPAD for an intent to proceed with the Capital Improvement Planning Project.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The second item under Old Business was a Presentation by Bryan Reiter of the Dickinson Conservation District. Mr. Reiter, Dickinson/Menominee District Forester, addressed the council to propose tree planting within the city. Maps were distributed as a visual aid to show where the proposed tree planting would take place. TORO is offering grant monies to communities toward beautification of the area. The Conservation District will be responsible for administering the grant, which is due by September 1<sup>st</sup>. It is anticipated that 40 trees will be planted throughout the following areas: Lodal Park, Cowboy Lake, Menominee River Park, Triangle Park, Olympic Street Tot Lot and Public Safety Building. Volunteers and equipment will be needed to accomplish the project. A letter of agreement between the City of Kingsford and the Conservation District will be needed to proceed. Currently, the estimated budget of grant funds is \$30,000 to be used toward the purchase of trees/materials and administration costs.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to support the Conservation District's efforts for the tree planting project throughout the City.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The last item under Old Business was the 2019 Pickup Truck Bids. Two bids were received:

- Town & Country – Quinnesec, MI – \$27,300.00
- Riverside Auto & Truck Sales – Iron Mountain, MI – \$26,025.00

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Erickson to award the 2019 Pickup Truck bid to Riverside Auto & Truck Sales in the amount of \$26,025 provided all specifications are met.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The only item under New Business was an Application for Setback Variance at 190 North Boulevard. Mr. Mark Shanks, who was in attendance at the meeting, is requesting authorization for a 3-foot rear setback to construct a detached garage on the SW corner of his property. A public hearing will need to be scheduled, as well as sending notification to residents within 300 feet.

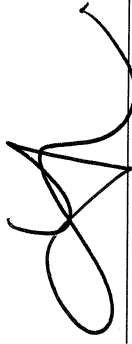
A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to schedule a public hearing for September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 re: Setback Variance for 190 North Boulevard.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There were no Public Hearings.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Baldinelli stated his support for the press. Councilmember Dixon-Miller mentioned the bear sighting within the city limits.

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

  
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