

January 7, 2019

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, January 7, 2019 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 Metras, Ken Wood [KPS], Holly Palmer, Tanya Hiltunen, Scott Kenney [Auditor], Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News] Ken Clawson [Dickinson County News] and Glen Cummings.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the December 17, 2018 City Council Meeting minutes as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the agenda as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the invoices for December 18, 2018 through January 7, 2019 in the amount of \$378,719.81.
(Note: The grand total included 2 payrolls and the City's HSA contribution to the employees for 2019.)
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Works 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 only item under Communications was a letter from CUPPAD seeking a representative from the City of Kingsford to serve on the CUPPAD Commission and the Executive Committee to represent city interests within Dickinson County. All appointed Commissioners would take effect March 1, 2019 and have a two-year term. City Manager Edlebeck recommends selecting a member and an alternate.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to appoint City Manager Edlebeck as the City's CUPPAD representative with Councilmember Baldinelli as the alternate.
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 Atty Jack VanCoevering is recommending that the appraisals of the two properties that have filed tax tribunal appeals be engaged, as the appraiser that he uses will be in the UP. The estimated cost for each appraisal is between \$8000 - \$10,000. Mr. VanCoevering would have the appraiser complete an initial phase for each capped at \$3000 - \$3750. If the matter settles early, the final phase may not be required.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to proceed with the recommendation by Atty VanCoevering as stated above.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- o Edlebeck was notified by the MDNR that the City's Passport Grant Application for improvements at Lodal Park was not selected. Reapplication can be submitted with all new applications by April 1, 2019.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to authorize the City Manager to resubmit the City's Passport Grant Application for improvements for Lodal Park.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- o Edlebeck made contact with the Dickinson County Racing Association (DCRA) regarding the City Council's offer to donate the 1980 fire truck for use at Norway Speedway. They are very

interested and thankful for the generous offer. The City Attorney is drafting an agreement for representatives of the City and DCRA to sign.

- o Reminder that due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 21st, the regular Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22nd at 6:30pm CST.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to receive and place on file the January 7, 2019 Manager's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Old Business.

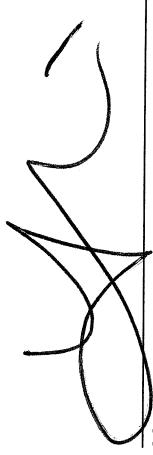
The only item under New Business was the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Audit Report. Scott Kenney, CPA, the city's independent auditor, provided handouts and made an oral presentation with slides to the council on the FY 2017-2018 audit. Mr. Kenney's audit opinion is an "unmodified opinion" which is the highest level of opinion that a CPA can render on a set of financial statements. He continued to say that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles of the United States, and he has audited those financial statements using governmental accounting standards. Mr. Kenney provided a detailed summary of specific funds and investments. The auditor stated the City of Kingsford is the first municipality he has stood before in recent years which has a pension fund (P&F) fully funded. Furthermore, the MERS pension fund position is improving. The auditor noted and explained one non-compliance and also noted that recommendations from previous years have been addressed. Overall, both the financial position of the city and the quality of the record keeping have both improved. After Mr. Kenney completed his summary, a brief discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the FY 2017-2018 audit report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Dixon-Miller thanked Mr. Scott Kenney for his work on the audit, and she was pleased with the positive report that was given. Councilmember Flaminio was also pleased with the work done by the auditor and the staff. Councilmember Groeneveld and Councilmember Erickson both thanked the auditor and the City staff for a job well done.

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.



Mayor



Clerk