

February 19, 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, February 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the council room in City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Councilmember Baldinelli, Dixon-Miller (via speakerphone), Groeneveld, Flaminio and Erickson

Absent: none

Also present were City Manager Anthony Edlebeck, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Brian Metras, Holly Palmer, Ken Clawson [Dickinson County News], Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News] and Floyd Lindholm.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the February 4, 2019 City Council Meeting minutes as amended.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the invoices for February 5, 2019 through February 19, 2019 in the amount of \$208,871.92.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Safety Report
January Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld 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 training request submitted by Public Safety Director Metras re: U.P. Criminal Justice Administrators Conference April 23rd & 24th. The class fee is \$40.00/person (which includes meals). The total with lodging is \$320.00.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the KPS administration to attend the U.P. Criminal Justice Administrators Conference to be held in Gladstone, Michigan on April 23rd & 24th.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The second item under Communications was the 70th Annual U.P. Water Works Institute April 16th & 17th. Edlebeck requested 2 water operators attend the annual training to be held at the Island Resort in Harris, MI.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve 2 water operators attend the Annual U.P. Water Works Institute to be held in Harris, MI on April 16th & 17th.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The last item under Communications was the MDEQ Michigan Lead and Copper Workshop May 15th. Edlebeck requested he be authorized to attend, as well as the water operators, plus any interested councilmembers. The cost is \$50.00/person (includes lunch) and is a full-day workshop which will focus on assisting community water systems required to conduct lead and copper sampling during 2019.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the City Manager, water operators and any interested councilmember to attend the MDEQ Michigan Lead and Copper Workshop to be held in Marquette, MI on May 15th.
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 Safe Routes to Schools Project plans have been submitted to the MDOT for Grade Inspection review. A Grade Inspection meeting was held early today February 19th. There will be a June letting with the MDOT. Construction is anticipated for late July – early August, with a completion date prior to winter. Edlebeck gave an overview of the plans.
- o The Public Works crew has repaired 2 water main, the first on Hoadley Avenue on February 7th and the second on Westwood Avenue on February 14th. The crew noted that the frost level at these repair locations was 4 feet.
- o A reminder to residents that refuse cans set or left out for weekly collection must be shoveled out to the street or alley, so the crew can access and lift the containers to empty. For safety concerns and per city ordinance code, the crew will not collect refuse from locations not cleared of snow.
- o Another reminder to residents to be mindful of snowplowing equipment. Plowing streets requires backing up to clear intersections. A vehicle pulling up to or crossing directly behind a truck potentially puts you into their blind spots as they are concentrating on performing their duties.
- o The generator for the Public Safety Backup Electrical System has been ordered by the contractor. The remaining work will be scheduled dependent on the delivery of the generator.
- o Pertaining to the ongoing IMKVVWTP Project – further investigation took place of the two clarifier covers that were planned for renovation. It was determined to be more cost-effective to replace these insulated concrete covers with new aluminum domes. This will be a substantial cost addition of \$286,000 to the project, but the additional cost will remain within the contingency anticipated for this project. These new covers will last 50+ years compared to the 15-20 years anticipated for the repaired domes.
- o It was noted after comparing the WE Energy invoices from January 2018 and January 2019, there has been a 35% reduction in electric energy usage at the DPW Facility since the completion of the Lighting Project [01/2018 = \$1340; 01/2019 = \$870; for a difference of \$470.00]. Considering this information in addition to the approx. \$4000.00 rebate the City received, there is an estimated 18-month payback for this project.
- o Due to the winter we have encountered, a backup supply of salt has been ordered for this season.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to receive and place on file the February 19, 2019 Manager's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Old Business.

The first item under New Business was the Updated Sub-Recipient Agreement with Northern Initiatives. Included with the packet was an updated copy of the Sub-Recipient Agreement between the City of Kingsford and Northern Initiatives requiring action by both parties to continue their relationship in administering the Revolving Loan Fund. This will extend the relationship to June 20, 2021 and is all inclusive due to updates to various statutes referenced throughout. Edlebeck recommends the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign as the previously designated administrator of the Revolving Loan Fund.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to authorize the City Manager to sign the Updated Sub-Recipient Agreement with Northern Initiatives as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The last item under New Business was Resolution 2019/02/19.1 to allow a Principle Residence Exemption by written request. When the State of Michigan performed their audit last year, they were looking for a written resolution passed by the City Council to outline the ability of a qualified property owner to file a written request to the BOR to claim a principle residence exemption. This is a resolution recommended be on file. Edlebeck provided the draft resolution that was recommended be approved by the City Council.

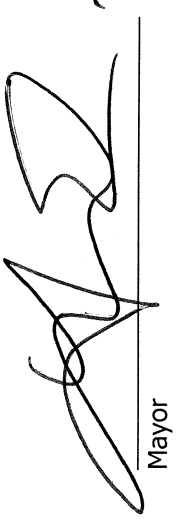
A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to adopt Resolution 2019/02/19.1 re: Allowing a Qualified Property Owner to File a Written Request with the July or December Board of Review to Claim a Principle Residence Exemption.

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

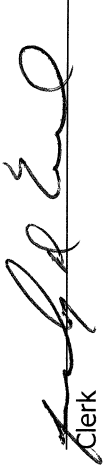
There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Dixon-Miller wished Councilmember Baldinelli a Happy 67th Birthday. Councilmember Baldinelli wanted to pass along the positive feedback he has received regarding the great job the Public Works crew has done with snow removal.

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



Mayor



Clerk