

March 4, 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, March 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the council room in City Hall.

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

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 Jim Emmers.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the February 19, 2019 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 Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the invoices for February 20, 2019 through March 4, 2019 in the amount of \$173,923.28.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Works Report

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller 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 letter from Megan Buck resigning from the Planning Commission due to moving out of the city limits. It was requested a letter of appreciation be sent to Ms. Buck for her time and service to the City. City Manager Edlebeck will compose a letter and sign on behalf of the City Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to receive and place on file Megan Buck's PC resignation letter and to send a letter of appreciation.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The last item under Communications was Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing for the Gas Customers of DTE Energy Company Case No. U-20319 to be held in Lansing, Michigan on March 12, 2019 at 9:00am.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to receive and place on file the Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing Case No. U-20319.
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.

- The Public Works crew repaired a 6-inch water main on Breen Avenue and Pinehurst Street on February 22nd. This is the 5th for the season.
- The crew has been busy clearing the 43.7 inches of snow from the streets and city properties received during the month of February. They are starting early to haul accumulated snow from various locations and clearing hydrants and winging back snow banks.
- Included in the packet is a copy of the Local Government Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Health Care Reports for 2018. This is the second reporting year since this requirement went into effect with the passing of Public Act 202 of 2017. The data is provided from the city's actuarial and audit reports. Please note that line 11 on each

of the two reports does not trigger further action by the city and compared to last year's report, the pension funding for the MERS pension fund is up from 62.9% to 66.0% and the P&F pension fund is up 97.1% to 100.3%.

- o To follow up on a previous report, we were looking into replacing the controls for well 6 and 7 to modify to an electrical variable frequency drives and modifications to control valves. This will provide better control of the startup and shutdown of these large well pumps and provide better energy efficiency. Energy United has provided preliminary evaluation of savings and rebates for this project. Edlebeck has requested engineering proposals on this project in order to obtain an engineer's estimate.
- o Pertaining to the Board of Review – the organizational meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, March 5th at 4pm. Furthermore, the Board will meet to hear any protests on Monday, March 11th [9am-noon and 1:30pm-4:30pm] and Tuesday, March 12th [1:30pm-4:30pm and 6pm-9pm]. A quorum of 3 members of the City Council is required for each meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the March 4, 2019 Manager's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

At this time, the Public Hearing scheduled for 6:45pm began addressing the Birchwood Property Zoning Change Request from B1 to B2. City Manager Edlebeck read the notice as it was published in the Daily News on February 9, 2019. Edlebeck had not received any comments, written or verbal. There was one inquiry from the president of First Bank, who stopped at City Hall to view the zoning map for the area. He did not have any concerns. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the City Council that the rezoning request from B1 to B2 be approved. Jim Emmers attended the meeting on behalf of the owner, William Neuens Realty.

The Mayor asked three times if there was any public comment; there was none.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the rezoning of the Birchwood Property from B1 to B2.

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

The only item under Old Business was MDEQ Scrap Tire Grant Documents. As previously reported, the City received notification from the MDEQ that our Scrap Tire Grant Application for 2019 was approved. The agreement for the \$8000.00 Scrap Tire Grant was included with the packet. Edlebeck requested authorization to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Kingsford.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to authorize the City Manager to sign the 2019 Scrap Tire Grant Application on behalf of the City of Kingsford.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The first item under New Business was a memo from the Treasurer re: Automated Clearing House (ACH) automatic utility bill paying. This memo serves as an introduction of this service that has been heavily requested by residents. There are a number of concerns that need to be answered prior to any action by the City Council. A discussion took place. It was decided to report back to the City Council once questions have been answered and issues addressed. Mayor Erickson stated it would be something the City should move forward with but only if we can do so safely.

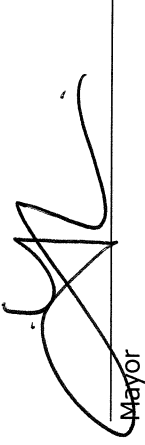
The last item under New Business was U.P. Engineers and Architect's Proposal to assist City in submitting grant proposal for MDOT Category B Funds for Woodward Avenue. UPEA will prepare the MDOT Category B Grant application and supporting documentation for a cost not to exceed \$1000. It was recommended by the City Manager to hire UPEA to prepare the application for the City for a cost not to exceed \$1000.00.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to authorize the assistance of UPEA to prepare the MDOT Category B Grant Application for the City of Kingsford for a cost not to exceed \$1000.00.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

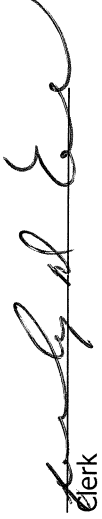
There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Mayor Erickson once again extended his thanks to the Public Works crew for their remarkable snow removal efforts.

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



Mayor



Clerk