

April 15, 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, April 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the council room in City Hall.

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

Also present were City Manager Anthony Edlebeck, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Brian Metras, KPS Sgt. Tim Olsen, Holly Palmer, Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News], Tanya Hiltonen, Megan Easterling, Joe Rizzo [DCHS] and Jeanne Goche [DCHS].

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the April 1, 2019 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 agenda as presented.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the invoices for April 2, 2019 through April 15, 2019 in the amount of \$211,825.52.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- Public Safety Report [includes 1 training request & Civil Service Testing request]
- March Treasurer's Report

Councilmember Flaminio asked about the Automatic Aid Agreement between Iron Mountain and Kingsford as previously discussed by the council when approving 2 vacancies for the Public Safety Department. A discussion took place. Mayor Erickson stated a meeting can be scheduled with the Public Safety Committee to further discuss.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the attendance of three officers [Bottesi, Maraccini & J. Metras] for the Child Forensic Interview training on May 7-8 in Frankenmuth, Michigan.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A discussion took place regarding the future Civil Service Testing. Director Metras is requesting that entry-level applicants be certified, certifiable or attending the police academy and certifiable at the time of application. A discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to request the Civil Service Commission to produce a new Civil Service list and for them to consider changing the wording of the applicant requirements as requested by Director Metras.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

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.

Under Public Comment, Tanya Hiltonen of 929 Turner Road asked for clarification on the motion regarding the Civil Service Commission. City Manager Edlebeck stated the motion was to recommend starting a new applicant list and to recommend to the Civil Service Commission to consider changing the certification requirements as recommended by Director Metras. Ms. Hiltonen inquired what the cost per candidate would be. A brief discussion took place.

The first item under Communications was DCHS Representatives to address City Council. Joe Rizzo (Public Relations Manager) and Jeanne Goche (Interim CEO) attended the meeting to give an update on the status of the hospital. Joe Rizzo thanked the council for their time and stated the hospital's current outlook is optimistic. Mr. Rizzo stated at the conclusion of Ms. Goche's presentation, they will address questions the council may have. Ms. Jeanne Goche began by stating when she arrived in late November of 2018, the hospital was in a state of great financial crisis, almost to the point of not having the financial means to meet payroll and other financial obligations. Since that time, DCHS has continued to overcome that state of affairs and has maintained their ability to pay their bills and make payroll. She continued to say this has been a team effort. She reported there has been a positive bottom line each month [Dec-Feb], and the draft financials for March also look positive. The major items focused on have been how money is spent and improving the billing processes; so there has been progress with the expenditures and revenue generation. There has been pressure placed on marketing, however the financial sustainability of the organization is

more of a focus at this time. A break-even budget was submitted for 2019, and Ms. Goche stated the organization is doing slightly better than that at this time. A reorganization is anticipated to take place in May. Ms. Goche's ultimate goal while serving as interim CEO is to structure things for long-term sustainability of the hospital. The organization has made great strides and looks forward to continuing the momentum. At this time, Ms. Goche concluded her presentation and addressed questions. A lengthy discussion took place. Mayor Erickson thanked Ms. Goche for all her efforts.

The last item under Communications was a letter from the MDEQ re: Partial Lead Service Line Replacement Ban. Kingsford is in the process of compiling an inventory of the water services throughout the City. This report will have to be submitted to the MDEQ by the end of this calendar year. Under the new rule, the City will be required to replace the services from the main to the meter inside the house, across private property, all at the cost of the water supply owner. Beginning in 2020, the City will need to begin replacing 5% of the services every year for 20 years until all services are completely replaced. He provided additional information for the councilmembers' review. In the near future, Edlebeck will submit a report to the city council showing the anticipated cost of this project. A brief discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the letter from the MDEQ re: Partial Lead Service Line Replacement Ban. 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 backwater valve project at City Hall has been completed, with exception to pouring new concrete.
- The new plow/dump truck was delivered with a couple deficiencies, which are being corrected.
- This past winter's snow created damage to several older buildings in the city, most of which are older garages and sheds. These have been reported to the Dickinson County Construction Code Commission for the Director's inspection.
- The annual spring rubbish collection is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Heights, proceeding to the Ford Addition, Garden Village, Breitung and outlying areas. The detailed notice has been published in The Daily News and posted on the City's website. The City's compost drop-off site is now open during the week from 7:00am—4:00pm and will be open on Saturday mornings from 9:00am—noon beginning on April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Reminder that City Hall and the Public Works Facility will be closed on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of Good Friday.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the April 15, 2019 Manager's Report. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The first item under Old Business was Open Bids for 2019 Pickup Truck. There was one bidder from Town & Country Ford of Iron Mountain, MI in the amount of \$27,135.00. The budgeted amount for this was \$30,000.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to award the bid to Town & Country for an amount not to exceed \$27,135.00 provided all specifications are met. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The next two items under Old Business consisted of a Draft for the Revised Public Works Supt. Employment Ad and a Draft for the City Manager Employment Ad. The Personnel Committee met last week to review both job postings. There were changes made to the requirements for the DPW Superintendent position. The revisions were made, and drafts of both positions were submitted to the City Council as requested at the last meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the job postings for the DPW Superintendent and City Manager/Clerk as presented. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The only item under New Business was Resolution No. 2019/4/15.1 Recognizing Aaron Harper. There will be an Aaron Harper Day held on April 28<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-4pm at the Dickinson County Fairgrounds to celebrate Mr. Harper's career and retirement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to adopt Resolution No. 2019/4/15.1 Recognizing Aaron Harper.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Baldinelli, Erickson, Dixon-Miller, Flaminio and Groeneveld

Nays: None  
MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Groeneveld thanked Mr. Joe Rizzo and Ms. Jeanne Goche, representatives from DCHS, for attending the meeting and all their efforts thus far. He continued by wishing them the best of luck and continued progress. Councilmember Baldinelli asked Mayor Erickson to pass along birthday wishes to his son, Alexander. Mayor Erickson reiterated Councilmember Groeneveld's appreciation to the hospital representatives.

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



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Mayor



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Clerk