

November 18, 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, November 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the council room in City Hall.

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

Also present were City Manager Anthony Edlebeck, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Metras, Public Works Superintendent Jeff DeMuri, Treasurer Holly Palmer, Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News], Deputy Clerk Tanya Hiltonen, Kylie Remer and Floyd Lindholm.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the November 4, 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 amended.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the invoices for November 5, 2019 through November 18, 2019 in the amount of \$252,327.22.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- Public Safety Report
- October 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 only item under Communications was a November 11, 2019 Notification letter from LARA to Giblets, Inc. regarding the Liquor License Application recently submitted. This notification serves as notice the Michigan Liquor Control Commission has referred the application to their Enforcement Division for investigation of the request. City Manager Edlebeck recommended the letter be received and placed on file.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the letter from LARA to Giblets, Inc.
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 Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for Monday, December 9th at 6:00pm. Mr. and Mrs. Claus and the Kingsford High School Chorus will be attending.
- The DPW crew completed one pass through the city collecting loose leaves and is about 65% complete with the second pass. They will resume on November 19th.
- Edlebeck requested permission for a number of the public works personnel to receive training to use our GIS (Geographical Information System). The developers, mPower, will hold the training locally and are providing a special discounted rate of \$1,350 for the 8-hour block of time. This is a total cost for any number of attendees.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the GIS training as requested.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- Edlebeck was notified that the City's request to release the reverter clause from the city-owned lot at the southeast corner of Grant Street and Breen Avenue has been approved. We will receive a signed, revised deed from the Director following the next meeting of the Michigan Natural Resources Commission. At that point, the City Council can discuss the sale of this lot to the owner of 305 Grant Street.

- o The City Council has traditionally approved gift certificate to be provided to each regular employee at Christmas time to spend toward the purchase of a ham or turkey at one of our local grocery stores. Last year the City Council increased the gift certificate amount from \$20.00 to \$25.00.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the purchase of the holiday gift certificates in the amount of \$25.00 for each regular employee.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- o The December Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, December 10th at 4:00pm.
- o The City Council reorganization meeting will be held during the December 2nd Council Meeting. A list of the current committee appointments was included with the packet.
- o The City Hall and Public Works Department will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th in observance of Thanksgiving. Regular garbage collection for Thursday 11/28 will be collected on Wednesday 11/27.
- o The 2019 fall archery hunt started on October 1st and runs through January 1st, 2020. There are 7 people currently registered to hunt and 6 deer have been taken as of November 18th.
- o DPW's boiler has been replaced and is fully operational.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the November 18, 2019 Manager's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The only item under Old Business was Resolution No. 2019/11/18.1 to approve 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Plan.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to adopt Resolution No. 2019/11/18.1 Approve 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Plan.

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

The first item under New Business was Resolution No. 2019/11/18.2 re: Delinquent water and sewer bills.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve Resolution No. 2019/11/18.2 re: Delinquent water and sewer bills.

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

The second item under New Business was Resolution No. 2019/11/18.3 re: Certifying Compliance with PA 152 of 2011. This is an annual resolution required for the health insurance deductible 80/20 split between the City and the employees.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve Resolution No. 2019/11/18.3 Certify Compliance with PA 152 of 2011.

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

The third item under New Business was Authorization to sign Letters of Understanding for change in Health Insurance Plan. As previously mentioned, due to the increase in premiums with our current provider [44 North], proposals from MESSA were sought and reviewed by the City Manager and the two collective bargaining units. All parties have come to an agreement to change the plan for year 2020. A memo was included with the packet outlining the changes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to authorize the City Manager and Mayor to sign the letters of understanding on behalf of the city council to change the health insurance plan as outlined.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The last item under New Business was a training offered by NMPSA. This training is available in Marquette, MI on November 26, 2019, and the topic is "Reading, Using and Understanding Financial Statements".

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to authorize any interested staff member or councilmember to attend the NMPSA training.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.


There were no Hearings.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Flaminio thanked Mayor Erickson for his time served on the council and as the mayor. Councilmember Groeneveld also thanked Erickson for his insight, stating he was a valuable asset. Councilmember Baldinelli thanked Erickson as well, as did Councilmember Dixon-Miller. Mayor Erickson expressed his appreciation to everyone, stating due to time needed for his family, it does not allow him to spend the time necessary for this position. He hopes to run again in the future.

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