

January 5, 2015

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 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the council room in City Hall.

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

Also present were City Manager Anthony Edlebeck, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Tim Gussert, Public Works Superintendent Justin Wickman, Floyd Lindholm, Lee Crandall, Ken Wood, Brian Metras, Mike Stelmaszek, Bob Goodreau, Jim Anderson, Rick Wright, and Tim Olsen.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the December 15, 2014 City Council Meeting minutes.
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 Baldinelli to approve the invoices for December 12 through December 30, 2014 in the amount of \$204,737.31.
FOUR AYES. ONE NAY. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Works Department Report for December 2014

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

There was no public comment.

A copy of all communications are affixed to and made a part of the permanent record.

The first item under communications is the CUPPAD City of Norway Notice of Intent. City Manager Edlebeck explained that it's customary for the USDA to send out public notices to the local government agencies.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Smeester to support the City of Norway's endeavor to borrow money for a new snow plow truck and receive and place on file the Notice of Intent dated December 15, 2014.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The next item under communications is a letter from Lt. Michael Stelmaszek of the Kingsford Public Safety Department regarding purchase of military time. City Manager Edlebeck explained that this issue has been turned over to the personnel committee, and the committee is reviewing the information with the city's labor attorney. The personnel committee will meet after the information has been received back from the labor attorney.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to receive and place on file Lt. Stelmaszek's letter and refer this matter to the personnel committee.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The third item under communications is the Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Public Hearing Case No. U-17701. City Manager Edlebeck informed the council that this is notification that DTE Gas Company is requesting a public hearing for the main replacement program for a surcharge to be added. The hearing will take place in Lansing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Smeester to receive and place on file the Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Public Hearing Case No. U-17701.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The final item under communications is a request by Public Safety Director Gussert to send Sgt. Bolda to TASER instructor school for his two-year certification as his previous one is expired. The class will be held in Green Bay.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to authorize Director Gussert to send Sgt. Bolda to TASER instructor training in Green Bay with costs covered by the 302 fund and to receive and place on file Director Gussert's letter.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under the manager's report, City Manager Edlebeck informed the council that the 2014 Archery Deer Hunt has concluded. A total of 53 deer were harvested, and 36 hunters participated; explained that UP Engineers and Architects have donated their services to help with acquiring the DNR Passport Grant for the LoDal Park tennis court project and recommends that the council authorize negotiating a contract with them to provide these services (engineering and oversight of the Passport Grant).

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to authorize the city manager to negotiate a contract with UP Engineers and Architects for the LoDal Park Passport Grant.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Continuing with the manager's report, City Manager Edlebeck advised the council that in their packet is a notice from the Federal Highway Administration dated December 18, 2014 announcing that the Dickinson County Road Commission along with the City of Kingsford have been approved for funding of the Pine Mountain Road and Westwood Avenue renovation from US 2 to Brookfield Street. This is a new construction innovation project involving hot in place recycling with a 3/4" warm asphalt top course. The city's estimated cost is \$16,800 for construction plus \$16,000 for design and construction engineering through the DCRC; reminded the council that the UP Assessors Association will again hold their Board of Review School in the city's council chambers on Tuesday, February 10, 2015. Please let Assessor Dawn Thurston or Holly Palmer know by February 1 if you plan to attend; reported that the Elected Officials Academy, a Northern Michigan Public Service Academy program will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at Lakeview Arena in Marquette. Please let him or Holly Palmer know by January 9 if you plan to attend; reminded the council that the next regular city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 6:30 pm due to the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday falling on Monday, January 19; explained that he included information in the council packet regarding the audit and stated that he received a draft of the audit today. He is reviewing the draft and hopes to distribute it to the council prior to the next meeting. Following is an excerpt from the Manager's Report regarding the audit, "7. Per the requirement of the State of Michigan, I am providing notice to the City Council that an extension of time has been requested through Mayor Flaminio to the Department of Treasury for submitting this past year's audit report until January 30th. For your information I have included a copy of Scott Kenney, CPA support letter, the letter of request from Mayor Flaminio along with the audit final balance sheets provided by Scott Kenney that will be used to complete the audit report."

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to receive and place on file the Manager's Report for January 5, 2015.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no old business, new business or hearings.

There was no public comment.

Under councilmember's privilege, Councilmember Baldinelli referred to his comments from the last meeting and stated that he's glad the state decided not to take money away from local governments and schools. The only thing he does see about their proposal is that all those tourists and everyone else who doesn't live in this state will be helping to pay for streets.

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