

February 17, 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, February 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the council room in City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Councilmember Baldinelli, Dixon-Miller, Flaminio, Groeneveld, and Smeester.
Absent: None.

Also present were City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Tim Gussert, Public Works Superintendent Justin Wickman, Holly Palmer, Floyd Lindholm, Rick Wright, Lee Crandall, Tim Olsen, Richard Messer, Chuck Lantz, Ken Wood, Tom Bolda, Sarah Stelmaszek, Michael Stelmaszek, and Jim Anderson.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the February 2, 2015 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 Flaminio to approve the invoices for January 30 through February 12, 2015 in the amount of \$323,970.04.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Safety Department Report for January 2015
Letter from Charter Communications
MDEQ Notice of 2015 Drinking Water Monitoring Schedule

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

Under public comment, Chuck Lantz of 916 Turner Rd. (and also Director of the Office of Veterans Affairs) addressed the council about P.A. 161 of 2013 regarding the disabled veteran tax exemption.

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

The first item under communications is a letter from the KHS senior class advisor requesting support (via an ad in their booklet) for the all-night non-alcoholic party for the graduates.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to place an ad in the KHS all-night graduation party booklet in the amount of \$100.00.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the letter from the KHS senior class advisor.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The next item under communications is the Notice of Case Confirmation Hearing No. 09-14337 GFI Wisconsin, Inc. Attorney Brouillette explained that this is the end of the Grede bankruptcy case which was filed in 2009. At this time they have submitted a plan and are asking for approval from all of the unsecured creditors of which the City of Kingsford is one. The amount that the city would receive is approximately \$6,300.00.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to accept the proposal on bankruptcy settlement on Case Confirmation Hearing No. 09-14337 and authorize Attorney Brouillette to sign it on behalf of the city.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Also under communications is the CUPPAD Regional Commission request for city representation. City Manager Edlebeck recommended that he be named the regular and Councilmember Baldinelli be named the alternate.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to appoint City Manager Edlebeck as the representative and Councilmember Baldinelli as the alternate.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The final item under communications is the CUPPAD Notice of Intent by North Alert Ambulance Authority, Inc. They're asking for consent to build a new building next to the Norway fire hall since they've outgrown their needs at the fire hall.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to support the application from Northern Alert EMS Ambulance Authority for a grant for their new building for EMS service.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under the manager's report, Councilmember Flaminio highlighted two of the items which were on the manager's report distributed to the council. The first item is to notify the council that City Manager Edlebeck has been in contact with the Michigan DNR regarding the grant contract for the Lodal Park tennis court project. They indicated that the city should expect the contract about March 1, 2015. The other item was to remind the council of the 2015 Board of Review coming up in March. The organizational meeting will be held on March 3, 2015 at 3:45 pm. The Board of Review meeting dates and times are as follows: March 9, 2015 9:00 am to Noon and 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm; March 10, 2015 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Edlebeck asked that the council members please contact Assessor Dawn Thurston to let her know the times that they would be available.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to receive and place on file the manager's report for February 17, 2015.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under old business, the only item is the military service credit purchase. The city council received a memo and draft resolution from the personnel committee regarding military service credit purchase. Several Kingsford Public Safety Department officers and an employee of the public works department addressed the council regarding this issue. They are: Leland Crandall, KPSD; Mike Stelmaszek, KPSD; Rick Wright, KPSD; Ken Wood, KPSD; Rick Messer, DPW; and Chuck Lantz, Office of Veterans Affairs.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to table the issue of military service credit purchases.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under new business, the only item is the Revolving Loan Fund Review Committee – Local Members. City Manager Edlebeck in his memo to the council recommends that the council name the President/CEO of the Dickinson County Area Partnership, which includes the Dickinson County Economic Development Alliance. This person is currently Bruce Orttensburger.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to adopt Resolution No. 2015.02.17.1 stating at the end "City Manager and President/CEO of Dickinson Area Partnership."
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There were no hearings.

Under public comment, Chuck Lantz of the Department of Veterans Affairs again addressed the council. He wanted to thank Councilmember Baldinelli for making the motion to table the issue of military service credit purchase.

Under councilmember's privilege, Councilmember Groeneveld stated that the city has 3 people in the next 20 years that are asking for military service credit and the committee should consider allowing them to purchase their time and for new hires from now on to inform them that they will not be able to purchase their military time. He also offered his prayers to City Manager Edlebeck and his family.

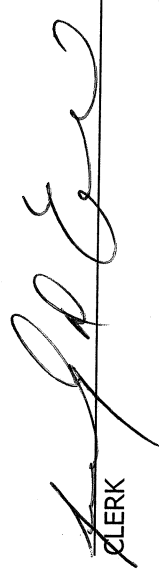
Councilmember Baldinelli offered his condolences to City Manager Edlebeck and his family.

Councilmember Flaminio stated, "This is one issue where I do agree with Joe, and I do agree with Chuck (Lantz of Department of Veterans Affairs) if there's something we could do, we'd more than likely do it and weigh the scales in favor of the veteran." He also stated that tabling the military service credit purchase resolution was the right decision until the rest of the council has the opportunity to become more informed before casting their vote.

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



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