

April 20, 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, April 20, 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 Manager Anthony Edlebeck, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Tim Gussert, Public Works Superintendent Justin Wickman, Floyd Lindholm, Bob Goodreau, Ken Wood, Mary Calo, Gabriel Kloet, Jim Anderson and Greg LaFreniere.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the April 6, 2015 City Council Meeting minutes.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smeester 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 April 6 through April 20, 2015 in the amount of \$118,243.40.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Safety Department report for March 2015
Treasurer's March 2015 report

A motion was made by Councilmember Smeester and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to authorize Director Gussert to hire two or three lifeguards for Cowboy Lake for the summer.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the Public Safety Department report for March 2015.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to receive and place on file the March 2015 Treasurer's report.
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 UP Association of American Legion Posts invitation. City Manager Edlebeck stated that historically the city council has authorized any councilmember who wishes to attend to do so, and the city will pay the cost of the dinner for the councilmember only.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to authorize any city council member who wishes to attend to do so with the city paying the cost of the dinner for the councilmember and also to receive and place on file the April 3, 2015 letter from the U.P. Association of American Legion Posts.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The next item is the CUPPAD Notice of Intent for the City of Norway grant application for the Strawberry Lake Park improvements. CUPPAD is the underwriter for the grant for the State of Michigan, and the City of Norway has applied for grant funds. They're asking for any comments from local governmental units within the CUPPAD area.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the Notice of Intent for the Strawberry Lake Park improvements through CUPPAD.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The final item under communications is the American Transmission Company donation for tree planting. City Manager Edlebeck explained that the city received a check again this year for \$350 for tree planting within the city.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smeester and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the donation letter from American Transmission Company.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under the manager's report, City Manager Edlebeck informed the council that the staff has been notified that the BS & A software that is used by both the assessor and the treasurer for assessing and taxes will no longer be supported by BS & A. As there is a 60 to 90 day delay once the software is ordered for installation and training, he asked that the city council approve ordering the new version and approve the expenditure for an upgraded computer station for the assessor and computer server for this new application with the anticipation of including it in the 2015-2016 year budget.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Smeester to authorize the city manager to order the BS & A software for delivery and payment after July 1, 2015.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The next item under the manager's report is a reminder that petitions for the three city council seats up for election must be returned to the clerk's office by Tuesday, April 21, 2015 (tomorrow) at 4:00 p.m. CDT.

Continuing under the manager's report, City Manager Edlebeck informed the council that he's working on the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget, and he expects to have a rough draft to the council the first week in May. In the past, a special meeting has been scheduled to go over the budget; reported to the council that he and Justin Wickman will be testing for the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Storm Water Operator and Authorized Public Agency Status certification on Tuesday (tomorrow). He is anticipating a letter from the MDEQ that will indicate that the city can rescind its current ordinance for Municipal Enforcing Agency (MEA) Status, and then Dickinson County, through the Construction Code Commission will permit and enforce soil erosion and sedimentation control applications for both permit and non-permit situations; reminded the council that he'll be attending the April CUPPAD executive board meeting in Manistique on Friday, April 24.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the manager's report for April 20, 2015.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under old business, the first item is the bid opening for the sewer cleaning and televising project. City Manager Edlebeck explained that this is part of the SAW grant process which the city is working on with the State of Michigan and Coleman Engineering. The next phase of this project is to televise the majority of the sewers in the city that are more than 30 years old. This was bid out recently, and seven bids were received. They are as follows:

Advanced Underground Inspection LLC (Westland, MI)	\$298,100.00
Tunnel Vision Pipeline Services, Inc. (Escanaba, MI)	\$163,606.50
Pipeline Management Company (Milford, MI)	\$546,631.25
Great Lakes TV & Seal, Inc. (Green Bay, WI)	\$160,740.50
PLC Water Jetting (New Franken, WI)	\$162,450.00
United Resource LLC (Livonia, MI)	\$277,503.50
Green Bay Pipe & TV LLC (Green Bay, WI)	\$184,453.75

City Manager Edlebeck recommended that the council turn the bids over to Coleman Engineering to do a review for recommendation of award. The project is 90 percent funded by the MDEQ SAW grant with a 10 percent match from the city.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to turn the bids over to Coleman Engineering for review and recommendation.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The next item is the RFPs for the Breen Avenue Small Urban Project which will be funded in 2016. This is from Birch Street to Lawrence Street. Three proposals were received. They are as follows:

GEI Consultants (Iron River, MI)	\$ 25,750.00
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UP Engineers & Architects (Iron Mountain, MI)

\$ 17,210.00

Coleman Engineering (Iron Mountain, MI)

\$ 18,398.00

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to accept the lowest bid from UP Engineering provided it meets all specifications.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Continuing under old business, the third item is a memo regarding the public safety window bids. City Manager Edlebeck explained that the bid included sales tax which the city does not have to pay. Without the sales tax, the bid would be \$14,438.00. The amount that was budgeted (\$11,000) was provided by St. George Glass in 2013, so it was at least a year old when it was used in the 2014-2015 budget.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to accept City Manager Edlebeck's recommendation to accept the bid from St. George Glass and to amend the budget.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The final item under old business is the former Hosking Tire Building. City Manager Edlebeck informed the council that the city attorney has a call in to Marquette's city attorney regarding this matter since he has dealt with this type of situation before. Mr. Edlebeck has spoken to the owner of the building. She indicated that she's planning to have the building appraised so that it can be marketed for sale.

Mary Calo of 812 Hamilton Ave. addressed the council. She wanted to know if there are going to be two appraisals done—one ordered by the owner and one ordered by the city. She also wanted to know why the city has to buy it. The city attorney informed her that there would only need to be one appraisal done as long as all parties agree that it's reasonable. As far as the city buying the building, he stated that's how the condemnation process works.

A discussion took place.

Greg LaFreniere of 108 S. Carpenter Ave. also addressed the council. He stated, "The building is an eyesore at a very important intersection."

The only item under new business is a draft resolution recognizing Oldenburg Group of Kingsford for a Small Business Award. City Manager Edlebeck provided some information to the council on this including an article in The Daily News along with history on Michigan Celebrates Small Business. Oldenburg has been selected this year to receive the Government Contracting Award. The Dickinson County commissioners approved a resolution for Oldenburg Group at their last meeting. Included in the council packet is a draft resolution for consideration by the council for submitting to Oldenburg Group. The award will be presented to them in Lansing on May 7.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the draft resolution (Resolution No. 2015.4.20.1) honoring Oldenburg Group for receiving the Government Contracting Award presented by Michigan Celebrates Small Business.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

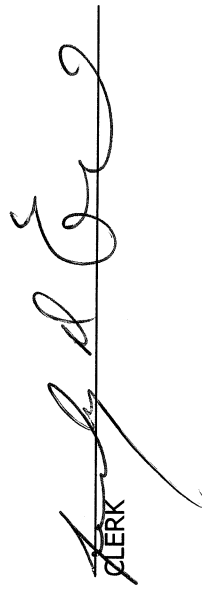
There were no hearings or public comment.

Under councilmember's privilege, Councilmember Flaminio thanked Councilmember Smeester for bringing the issue of the former Hosking Tire building to the forefront again.

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



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