

May 18, 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, May 18, 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, Tom Carlson, Nicole Lutz, and Evan Reid.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the April 30, 2015 Special City Council Meeting minutes as amended to include City Manager Anthony Edlebeck and City Attorney Bruce Brouillette in those who attended.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the May 4, 2015 City Council Meeting minutes.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the May 12, 2015 Special City Council Meeting minutes as amended to delete the second to the last paragraph on page 2 (the same motion was listed twice).

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Smeester to approve the agenda as presented.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the invoices for May 1 through May 14, 2015 in the amount of \$181,329.99.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Safety Report for April 2015
Treasurer's April 2015 Report

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller 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 a Notice of Hearing for Wisconsin Electric Power Company Case No. U17837. The hearing will be held Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in Lansing regarding their recovery cost and annual report.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smeester and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the Notice of Hearing for Wisconsin Electric Power Company Case No. U17837.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Also under communications is a letter dated May 11, 2015 from the Americans for Constitutional Enforcement (ACE) regarding the 4th of July parade. City Manager Edlebeck stated that this is a similar request the city received from the ACE group last year for the 4th of July parade asking for assistance from the City of Kingsford and also from the City of Iron Mountain in the amount of \$287.50 towards their liability insurance for the parade.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the payment of \$287.50 towards the insurance for the 4th of July parade with the same stipulations as last year and to receive and place on file the May 11, 2015 letter from ACE.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The final item under communications is a request to sponsor an ad for the Chamber golf outing. This is a golf outing that is done by the Chamber of Commerce. This is an ad that has not been previously supported.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli for the city to be a tee/green sponsor in the amount of \$150 for the Dickinson Area Chamber Alliance golf scramble on June 11, 2015.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under the Manager's Report, City Manager Edlebeck informed the council that a copy of the proposed 2015-2016 budget will be available for review at the city hall beginning May 19, 2015 for the next two weeks prior to the public hearing scheduled for June 1; updated the council on the new well at Cowboy Lake Park. It has been installed, the old well has been abandoned, and the pumping equipment has been installed and connected to the building. Disinfection of the system is in progress and following the passing results, the system will be placed in operation; updated the council on the sewer main construction project in the area of the new Family Dollar store. It is under construction and is expected to be complete by approximately Memorial Day; reported that Dennis Olson representing the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association dropped off a framed photo of the 2014 State Capitol Christmas Tree signed by Governor Rick Snyder. (Mr. Edlebeck presented the photo to the council at this meeting, and it will be displayed at city hall.); explained to the council that the Iron Mountain Kingsford Rotary Club is making application for grant funds to install playground equipment at Triangle Park. The estimate of the project, less installation labor is \$21,000. The club plans to install with volunteer labor and the aid of a certified playground inspector; reminded the council that due to the Memorial Day holiday on May 25, 2015 the city hall and public works facility will be closed, and garbage collection for the week will be one day later than normal. The Planning Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26th at 6:30 pm; informed the council that he has been in contact with the owner of the building at 101 S. Carpenter Avenue regarding setting up a meeting with two members of the city council and himself (Mr. Edlebeck). She indicated that she would get back to Mr. Edlebeck. Per City Attorney Brouillette, the owner has retained an attorney to aid her in future dealings with this issue, and the city manager has been in contact with the owner's attorney and was instructed that all future correspondence regarding this property be directed to him (Terry Burkhart of Burkhart, Lewandowski & Miller, P.C.).

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the building at 101 S. Carpenter.

Nicole Lutz, owner of CJ Graphics (121 S. Carpenter) addressed the council (her business is on neighboring property to 101 S. Carpenter).

Tom Carlson, owner of the building and property at 121 S. Carpenter also addressed the council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Smeester to receive and place on file the Manager's Report for May 18, 2015.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no old business, new business or hearings.

Under public comment, Evan Reid of The Daily News addressed the council regarding citizens being permitted to talk out of turn without using the podium.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Groeneveld stated that he agrees with Councilmembers Dixon-Miller and Smeester, but that the council should allow City Manager Edlebeck to pursue the matter of the potential sale of the building at 101 S. Carpenter for a period of time before pursuing other actions.

Councilmember Baldinelli stated that he wishes the owner would either sell it or do some improvements. He would hate to have the city spend money on legal fees, etc. that could be better spend on streets, curbing and sidewalks.

Councilmember Dixon-Miller stated that she does not want to see taxpayer dollars wasted. It could cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. The owner legally owns the building and legally repairs it when the city asks.

Councilmember Flaminio stated that he agrees with Councilmember Smeester in that the council has to set a timeframe and "keep the fire lit".

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.