

January 19, 2010

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 Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the council room in City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Councilmember Baldinelli, Flaminio, Miller, Novara, and Pearson.
Absent: None.

Also present were City Manager Darryl Wickman, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Jan Groeneveld, Public Works Superintendent Anthony Edlebeck, Kevin Kleinert, Al Dumais, and Barry and Katie O'Brien.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

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

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Minutes of the regular council meeting held January 4, 2010
Bills Payable from January 4, 2010 to January 19, 2010 in the amount of \$207,398.77
December 2009 Public Safety Department report
Comment form and letter dated 01/06/10 from the IM-K Joint Sewage Board

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Miller to approve the consent agenda with amendments to the minutes as noted.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There were no public comments.

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

A letter dated January 7, 2010 from Charter Township of Breitung regarding intentions and actions concerning the Township's application for funding for sanitary sewer expansion was read. Mr. Franzoi, Superintendent at Breitung Township, is stating that they have no immediate plans to attempt development of a sanitary sewer system for the East Kingsford area with a connection to the City of Kingsford interceptor line as was indicated on the map.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pearson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive the letter from the Charter Township of Breitung and place it on file.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The city manager gave his report that included an update on the Revolving Loan Fund Regionalization Project, the Michigan Municipal League Capital Conference to be held April 13 and 14, 2010 in Lansing, deer complaints, an update on the Michigan Department of Transportation Small Urban Program meeting that was held December 11, 2009, Joe Stevens and Roger Scott have placed a number of framed photographs relating to the Ford Motor Company plant in the halls in City Hall, and he concluded his report by informing the council members of the upcoming board of review training to be conducted by the U.P. Assessor's Association in February.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive the Manager's report and place it on file.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under old business, the Riverdale Condominium project was discussed. Mr. Kleinert said that since the last discussion between the city attorney, the title company, and the buyer in Riverdale, an agreement has been worked out in concept that would allow the buyer to move ahead with the purchase of a site without dedication of the roadway. He said in regard to the 30' storm water easement between units 6 and 7, he will accommodate the city's request and the easement will be recorded. He also said he spoke with his attorney and the civil engineer about the easement and they both feel that the original easement will take precedence over the requirements of the DEQ and the conservation easement. He offered a solution to the berm issue. He told the council that if development occurs in the future that would require relocation/removal of the berm, Riverdale condominiums would incur the expense. Furthermore, the city, in its agreement with Arcadis, must ensure that a sufficient buffer exists between Riverdale and the treatment plant while it exists. With regard to utilities, Riverdale will grant additional easements to the city that would allow relocation of affected utilities. Riverdale is offering to deed over the common conservancy directly east of the existing cul-de-sac. This would allow many more options with regard to future development.

Al Dumais offered insight on how important some type of visual screening is to the success of the Riverdale development. He said the project will not make it without the berm remaining in its existing location.

Council members Pearson, Flaminio, and Baldinelli feel the berm should be allowed to remain as is until such time as a problem occurs.

Councilmember Miller feels the berm should be removed from the top of the utilities per recommendation of the city manager and public works superintendent.

Mayor Novara said he is not willing to see a multi-million dollar project fail because of the location of a berm or a few feet of water diversion. He favors leaving the road and berm where they are.

The public works superintendent suggested meeting with the engineer of the project to devise a plan that will resolve all the concerns of the city and the developer.

A motion was made by Mayor Novara and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli that the city manager and public works superintendent meet with Mr. Kleinert and his engineer to try to arrive at an equitable solution to the problem at hand.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilmember Baldinelli, Flaminio, Miller, Novara, and Pearson.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Carried.

Under new business, the proposed voting precinct boundary alterations and draft resolution were considered. Such alterations will mean a slight change in the two voter precincts for the area primarily on Evergreen Court and Moroni Drive. Affected voters will be notified by the city of the change and what precinct they are to vote in. This would be done to balance the number of voters in the city's two precincts.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to adopt proposed Resolution No. 2010/01/19 to alter the voting precinct boundaries as depicted on the map.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilmember Baldinelli, Flaminio, Miller, Novara, and Pearson.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Carried.

There were no hearings or public comments.

Under council member's privilege, Councilmember Baldinelli encouraged everyone in Kingsford to fill out the census forms as it affects how our revenues are calculated.

Mayor Novara thanked the public safety officers who participated in the "Shop With A Cop" program during the holidays. He also said he was contacted by the school board superintendent regarding a lease agreement for Commemorative Field – they would like to proceed with an agreement as soon as possible.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Pearson and supported by Councilmember Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.