

February 16, 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, February 16, 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, Jesse Lane, Mark Drago, Brian Smeester, Nancy Roberts, Kevin Kleinert, Al Dumais, and Jim Anderson.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Pearson 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 February 1, 2010
Bills Payable from February 1 to February 16, 2010 in the amount of \$163,438.57
January 2010 Public Safety Department report
Treasurer's Quarterly Report for quarter ended December 31, 2009

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Miller to approve the consent agenda as presented.
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 memorandum and resolution submitted by CUPPAD was read. CUPPAD is asking for support for the Back Forty Joint Venture which is an advanced stage zinc-gold-copper-silver mining exploration in Menominee County.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pearson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to draft a resolution of support for the Back Forty Joint Venture.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The Kingsford High School Class of 2010 letter was read. They are asking for support for their all-night, non-alcoholic party for the 2010 graduates.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to authorize a \$100 ad in the Kingsford High School Class of 2010 booklet.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The city manager gave his report updating the council on the deer committee, RLF status, Oldenburg project, Planning Commission vacancies, budget amendments, the Parks and Recreation Committee

meeting, and he concluded by reminding the council of the Board of Review meetings to be held Monday, March 8, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon and 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Miller to receive the manager's report and place it on file.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under old business, the city manager reported on the meeting with Kevin Kleinert regarding the Riverdale development. He stated the committee met with Mr. Kleinert and representatives of U.P. Engineering to discuss the problem of the berm and the Riverdale development. Resulting from discussions, it was generally agreed that in the future, the city would likely need to hire an engineer to analyze the stormwater flow in this area and design a proper outlet to the river that would satisfy the MDNRE requirements. Rather than wait, the committee decided to suggest to the council that the city hire an engineer to design the future stormwater facilities that will carry stormwater from the Breitung Avenue area to the Menominee River, including the feasibility of a route passing through and utilizing the Riverdale properties in lieu of a straight line to the river where the berm is currently located. If an alternate route is found to be feasible, at no additional cost, the council might then be free to negotiate further on the property affected by the berm. If the council is receptive to hiring an engineer for this work, the city could either negotiate a fee with a local qualified firm or prepare a Request for Proposals and seek competitive proposals from any or all qualified firms. Mr. Kleinert has also asked that the city consider accepting a road dedication to include the frontage of Lot 21, thereby leaving out temporarily the end, including the cul-de-sac. This would save him some time and expense in the sale of additional lots within the development.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Pearson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to direct the city manager to choose an engineering firm to ascertain the availability and the project so that Area E could be fully drained going down to the river using alternative measures other than the existing sixty (60) feet.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to proceed with documentation including a revised legal description for the roadway to dedicate up to the last four (4) lots with an agreement stating Mr. Kleinert will complete the laterals and the borrow site by the specified date and the information be provided to the council for review and final approval of a resolution for dedication.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the memo from the city manager regarding the committee meeting with Mr. Kleinert concerning the berm.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The Police and Fire Services study by Dr. Lynn Harvey was discussed. The city manager quoted comments Mr. Harvey stated in his report such as the two cities (Kingsford and Iron Mountain) may find it difficult to achieve significant cost savings under their current structures. Mr. Harvey did not recommend a specific plan, but he did point out that consolidation offers the economies of scale needed

to at least maintain service levels in the face of rising costs. He also said it typically takes between five (5) and ten (10) years to have a fully integrated and functioning public safety department.

Councilmember Baldinelli stated that his position is that, if combined with Iron Mountain, it must be a public safety department.

Councilmember Flaminio shared his opinion stating that the cities should first concentrate on improving the current mutual aid agreement whereby there would be an automatic response from both cities to certain emergencies.

Mayor Novara said he feels that until Iron Mountain fully embraces the concept of cross-training officers for dual roles, there will likely be little progress toward consolidation.

Councilmember Miller stated that the Kingsford Public Safety Department does an excellent job and that she isn't certain if the departments were combined that there would be the same level of service.

A motion was made by Mayor Novara and supported by Councilmember Miller to receive the report on the police and fire services submitted by Dr. Lynn Harvey and place it on file.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The draft of the Comprehensive Plan previously submitted was discussed. The manager stated that after the council has made comments and/or approved the plan, the city is obligated to send it to a number of entities.

The city attorney stated the council does not approve the plan at this point; the council may comment on it and when they are ready to continue, approve the distribution of the proposed plan by the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Miller to give approval from the city council for the Planning Commission to distribute the proposed master plan to the appropriate entities and give the appropriate notice required.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Mayor Novara and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive the Comprehensive Plan and place it on file.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The Regional Revolving Loan Fund Board Agreement and Bylaws were presented. The city's revolving loan fund will be incorporated into a regional entity called the Central Upper Peninsula Revolving Loan Board which will include Marquette and Luce Counties, the cities of Gladstone and Escanaba in Delta County, and Spalding and Burt Townships in Menominee County. The individual councils are asked to approve the agreement and authorize signature along with appointing a voting member and an alternate voting member. One governmental entity will hold all of the funds and it was the consensus that it would be the Marquette County Economic Development Corporation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Miller to authorize the city manager to sign the Regional Revolving Loan Fund Board agreement and to appoint him as the voting representative for the city of Kingsford.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to appoint Councilmember Baldinelli as the alternate voting representative for the City of Kingsford on the Regional Revolving Loan Fund Board.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Mayor Novara and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the Regional Revolving Loan Fund Board Agreement and Bylaws.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under new business, the city manager presented and explained the proposed amendments to the 2009-2010 Sewer Fund and Water Fund budgets. He said water rates may need to be increased in the near future; however, he will provide recommendations to the council in the near future.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to adopt the 2009-2010 Sewer Fund and Water Fund budget amendments as submitted by the city manager.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There were no hearings, public comments, or council member comments.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Miller and supported by Mayor Novara to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.