

June 5, 2017

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, June 5, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the council room in City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Councilmember Baldinelli, Erickson, Dixon-Miller, Flaminio and Groeneveld
Absent: none

Also present were City Manager Anthony Edlebeck, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety LT Michael Stelmaszek, Public Works Superintendent Justin Wickman, Treasurer Holly Palmer, Jim Anderson, Russell Kenny, Gary Swanson, Don Dabb, Bob Goodreau, Russell Rosenburg, Sue Richtig, Jerome Hendricks, Ashley Hendricks, Alexander Erickson, Mike Klingenberg, Ken Kuder, Mike Plourde, Tyler Schultz, David Beaudoin, Stephanie Beaudoin, Becky Trulock, Ken Wood, Sandy Mutsch, Ryan Spencer, Phil Peterson, Polly Peterson, Gene Peterson, Jacob Coughlin, Joe Blaszczyk, Tracy Lafleur, Barry O'Brien, Shelby Dixon, Joe Mitchelson and Dave Lee. The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the May 15, 2017 City Council Meeting minutes as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the agenda as amended.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the invoices for May 16, 2017 to June 5, 2017 in the amount of \$159,592.63.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

Public Works Report

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the consent agenda.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under Public Comment, Sue Richtig of 124 E. Breen Avenue inquired about the condition of Breen Avenue and whether it is going to be repaired.

The first item under Communications is an application from the Kingsford Booster Club for the 2017 Flivver Fest. The Friends of the Flivvers are requesting use of Spigarelli field and the area north of the tennis courts from July 26-30 (event dates July 28-29). The event will be much like previous years with an added 5K Run/Walk, fireworks and bounce houses.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the Event pending all necessary insurance coverage documentation & permits.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The second item under Communications is a Notice of Hearing from Michigan Public Service Commission re: Case No. U-18336 on June 15, 2017 at 9:00am.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file Notice of Hearing from Michigan Public Service Commission re: Case No. U-18336.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The third item under Communications is a Notice of Hearing from Michigan Public Service Commission re: Case No. U-17763 on June 15, 2017 at 10:00am.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Erickson to receive and place on file Notice of Hearing from Michigan Public Service Commission re: Case No. U-17763.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The last item under Communications is letter from Sons of the American Legion Squadron 50 requesting support for the Fourth of July Fireworks celebration. In the past, the City of Kingsford has contributed support in the amount of \$400.00.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the letter from the Sons of the American Legion, to approve the \$400.00 monetary support and to thank the Squadron for all their efforts.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

At this time, the Public Hearing scheduled for 6:45pm began addressing the 2017-2018 Annual Appropriations Budget. City Manager Edlebeck read the notice as it was published in the Daily News on May 18, 2017 followed by a memo containing explanations of specific revenues and expenditures.

Russell Rosenberg of 541 South Park addressed the City Council regarding the sewer lines on Waverly. He expressed concern with the backups occurring with heavy rains and inquired whether the budget included funds to rectify the issue.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to adopt Resolution 2017/6/5.1 General Appropriations Act 2017-2018.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Baldinelli, Erickson, Flaminio, Dixon-Miller and Groeneveld
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

At this time, the Public Hearing was concluded.

The Manager's Report was presented by Edlebeck. Bacco has completed the Lodal Park tennis court paving, the pathway from the parking lot to the courts, a new access gate and reinstalled the net posts and fencing. A subcontractor, JCS will be in later this week (weather permitting) to complete the surfacing and striping the courts. The estimated completion date is the week of June 12th. The SAW Grant Project is near completion after three years. A Certification of Completion will be submitted by the end of June.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the June 5, 2017 Manager's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The first item under Old Business is to introduce the Proposed Ordinance for Operating ATVs/ORVs in the City. A draft of Ordinance 281 [To Regulate and Control the Operation of Off Road Vehicles within the Limits of the City and to Provide Penalties for Violation Thereof] has been proposed for review.

Dave Beaudoin of 529 Lawrence addressed concern with permitting alley traffic. He also offered an opinion that helmets should be mandatory.

Being a mother of a small child, Stephanie Beaudoin of 529 Lawrence also addressed the alley traffic concern and the 25mph speed allowance.

Councilmember Dixon-Miller commented that the committee's intention is to keep the Ordinance as simple as possible to avoid confusion. Councilmember Baldinelli expressed concern with alley traffic and the safety of children.

Phil Peterson of 425 Grant would like to avoid complication of the issue by simply having a driver's license, obeying the traffic laws and being treated as any other motorist.

City Manager Edlebeck stated the Draft of this Ordinance will be published on the City's website tomorrow morning to allow residents to review in detail. Copies are also available upon request at City Hall.

Councilmember Erickson asked that residents take the time to thoroughly review the Ordinance Draft and submit any input prior to approval.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to introduce the Draft of Ordinance 281 and to include on the June 19th City Council meeting agenda.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The second item under Old Business is the Resolution approving financing contract and authorizing publication of Notice of Intent Iron Mountain-Kingsford Joint Sewer Authority. The Joint Sewage Authority Board Members submitted a letter regarding the IM-K Joint Sewage Authority – Equipment Replacement Project for the City Council's review. Edlebeck offered a brief explanation of the additional documents he included. On behalf of the IM-K Joint Sewage Authority, Edlebeck asks the City Council to support the Resolution 2017/6/5.2.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to adopt Resolution 2017/6/5.2.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller, Baldinelli, Erickson and Flaminio
NAYES: None
MOTION CARRIED.

The third item under Old Business is the Audit Bids Recommendation. As stated at the bid opening on May 15, 2017, the bids were as follows: 1) Gabridge & Co. of Grand Rapids, MI in the amount of \$12,710.00 for all three fiscal years; 2) Schenck of Green Bay, WI in the amounts of \$13,750.00 (2017), \$14,000.00 (2018) and \$14,250.00 (2019); and 3) Scott Kenney, CPA of Crystal Falls, MI in the amounts of \$13,400.00

(2017), \$13,700.00 (2018) and \$14,100.00 (2019). Edlebeck recommends the City maintain the services of Scott Kenney CPA due to his familiarity with the City's projects, recent staff changes and to continue the auditor's testing schedule.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Erickson to award the auditing contract to Scott Kenney CPA.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The only item under New Business is the proposed resolution regarding Sewer Service Fee Increase. The City's current monthly sewer service fee is \$0.65/month and has not changed over 30 years. This resolution would increase the sewer flat fee from \$0.65/month to \$2.65/month to fund the maintenance and repair costs identified in the Asset Management Report and consequent Asset Management Program. This increase would take effect on July 1, 2017.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Erickson to adopt Resolution 2017/6/5.3 to increase the sewer flat fee from \$0.65/month to \$2.65/month effective July 1, 2017.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller, Baldinelli, Erickson and Flaminio
NAYES: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Under Public Comment, Sandra Mutsch of 129 Wilson is concerned with this approved sewer flat rate increase and the proposed \$0.94 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the near future.

Stephanie Beaudoin of 529 Lawrence asked if there were any funds in the budget to update playground equipment at Lodal and Menominee Parks. City Manager Edlebeck commented that the Citizen's Advisory/Parks & Recreation Committee has identified this subject within the Recreation Plan. The City is attempting to fund potential grants to accomplish this identified priority.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to recess to Executive Session.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller, Baldinelli, Erickson and Flaminio
NAYES: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to reconvene as the City Council.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

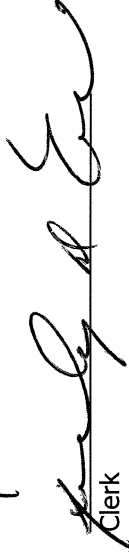
A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to ratify the tentative agreements with POLC & AFSCME.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller, Baldinelli, Erickson and Flaminio
NAYES: None
MOTION CARRIED.

There was nothing under Councilmember's Privilege.

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


Mayor


Clerk