

July 1, 2019

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, July 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the council room in City Hall.

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

Also present were City Manager Anthony Edlebeck, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Brian Metras, Treasurer Holly Palmer, Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News], Tanya Hiltonen, Victoria Wickman, Scott Nett and Floyd Lindholm.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the June 17, 2019 City Council Meeting minutes as presented.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the agenda as amended. [Addition to Councilmember's Privilege – Brief Executive Session to Discuss Tax Tribunal Case]  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the invoices for June 18, 2019 through July 1, 2019 in the amount of \$278,144.65.  
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 Groeneveld to receive and place on file the consent agenda.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Public Comment.

The first item under Communications was a Thank You letter from the Reeths-Puffer Schools expressing appreciation for the City sending the Flivver pins for their class reading project.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the Thank You letter from the Reeths-Puffer Schools.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The second item under Communications was a training request from KPSD Director. A 4-day course on the Reid Technique of Investigative Interviewing and Advanced Interrogation Techniques is being offered in Marquette, MI on September 10-13. The course fee is \$575.00/person, plus travel and lodging. Director Metras is requesting 4 officers be permitted to attend.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the training request as presented (Sept 10-13; 4 officers – course fee, travel and lodging expenses).  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The last item under Communications was a training request from the Assessor. Assessor Payant is requesting permission to attend the UP Assessors Association 2019 Fall School to be held in Harris, MI on August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the training request by Assessor Payant.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

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

The Manager's Report was presented by Edlebeck.

- The generator project at KPSD is substantially complete. Start up with factory representative is scheduled for next week.

- o The water connection project with the Skidmore Area started on June 25<sup>th</sup>. This entails the relocation, increase in size, meter and meter pit replacement. This should be completed in early July.
- o Included in the packet was a copy of the letter sent to Director Jason Allen USDA Rural Development regarding the City Council's support for financial assistance to DCHS.
- o Reminder that the Independence Day Parade will start at Pyle Drive and Balsam Street at 9:00am on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The City Hall and Public Works Facility will be closed on the 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday's garbage collection will take place on Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- o Lodal Inc. has been purchased by Jasten LLC of Milwaukee, WI under the new name of Lodal, LLC. The new ownership was effective on June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- o The City has received the deed for the Maule Drive right-of-way extension. This right-of-way provided access to the existing utilities along with the availability to extend Maule Drive from Knudsen Drive to Balsam Street for industrial development along its northside. It will also provide future available access to the northside of Lodal Park.
- o To date, 242 tires have been recycled by Kingsford residents for the 2019 Scrap Tire Grant.
- o Reminder that the July Board of Review will meet on July 16, 2019 at 4pm.
- o The projects for the Small Urban Program 2019-2023 have been identified. That listing was provided to the councilmembers for review. The City's request for Westwood Avenue [from Woodward to Brookfield] has been listed for allocation in 2022.

At this time, the Public Hearing scheduled for 6:45pm began addressing the proposed vacating of portion of alley in block 3 Plat of Kingsford Heights. City Manager Edlebeck read the notice as it was published in the Daily News on June 3, 2019. Edlebeck had not received any verbal or written comments. A map of the area was provided for the councilmembers' information.

The Mayor asked three times if there was any public comment; there was none.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve vacating the portion of alley in block 3 and to draft a resolution for review and approval at the next council meeting.

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

The public hearing was concluded, and the Manager's Report continued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the July 1, 2019 Manager's Report.  
 ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The only item under Old Business was the KPSD Generator Progress Payment Request. An invoice from MJ Electric, which was included with tonight's payables, was provided for the council's information. This was the contractor's application for payment no. 1 (total project amount less 10% retainage).

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to receive and place on file the payment request from MJ Electric.  
 ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The first item under New Business was a Home Occupation Application for 500 Harding Avenue. Ms. Victoria Wickman is requesting approval of a one-chair salon within her home. A public hearing will need to be set.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to schedule a public hearing re: Home Occupation at 500 Harding Avenue for August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm.  
 ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The second item under New Business was the CUPPAD Membership. The informational letter outlined the latest changes taking place, the beneficial services offered by CUPPAD and included an invoice for FY 2020 in the amount of \$1027.00 [same as the prior FY].

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the CUPPAD 2020 FY Membership in the amount of \$1027.00 to be paid after July 1, 2019.  
 ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The last item under New Business was the MML Board of Trustees Ballot. Included was a memo from the Members of the MML Workers' Compensation Fund along with the ballot showing three incumbent Trustees seeking re-election.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to vote for the three incumbents listed.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, a brief executive session of the Council is requested to discuss pending litigation for the tax tribunal cases.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to recess the regular city council meeting and begin executive session.


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

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to reconvene as the regular city council.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to accept the offer from Kingsford Broach & Tool for their tax tribunal case.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember's Privilege continued where Councilmember Groeneveld wished everyone a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Councilmember Erickson also hoped for a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July and asked everyone to please be considerate of your neighbors.

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

  
Mayor

  
Clerk