

May 4, 2020

Minutes of the regular meeting of the city council of the City of Kingsford, County of Dickinson, and State of Michigan.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the regular meeting of the Kingsford City Council was held electronically via Zoom on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

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

City staff also present via Zoom were City Manager Anthony Edlebeck, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Brian Metras, Public Works Superintendent Jeff DeMuri and Treasurer Holly Palmer. Don & Sandra Glaser attended via Zoom since the 6:45pm Public Hearing pertained to Ms. Glaser's home occupation request. Other attendance included Shawn Brooks [G. Brooks Electric] and Floyd Lindholm.

Note: Since the meeting is held via Zoom, all motions require a roll call vote.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the April 20, 2020 City Council Meeting minutes as presented.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the agenda as amended. [Addition: New Business – B. Request to Purchase 2 Residential Lots for New Home]

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to approve the invoices for April 21, 2020 through May 4, 2020 in the amount of \$330,057.21.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Baldinelli, Flaminio, Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller and Remer
Nays: None
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.

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

There was no Public Comment.

The only item under Communications was a Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing for the Electric Customers of Upper Michigan Electric Resources Company Case No. U-20228 to be held in Lansing, Michigan on May 13, 2020 at 9:00am.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing for the Electric Customers of UMERC Case No. U-20228.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Baldinelli, Flaminio, Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller and Remer
Nays: None
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.

- o In regard to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) concerns, the Dickinson-Iron Health Department continues to be the lead agency accumulating and providing information for our area. The units of government and critical agencies in Dickinson County meet via teleconference once to twice a week to share updates and to jointly provide information to our residents. As you are aware, the

Governor has extended the stay at home order for non-essential employees and to encourage any of those workers to work from home, as possible through April 30th. The City buildings will remain closed to the general public. The office staff continue to work remotely from home and still rotating hours at city hall to answer phones, sort/distribute mail, collect payments and make bank deposits. The Public Works Department and Public Safety Departments continue performing their designated work with restrictions of social separation and policies of disinfection of work areas and equipment.

- Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the negotiating team and the unions are discussing a one-year extension of the two collective bargaining agreements. The main concern is what the affects to the city's revenue are going to be for this year and subsequent years. Edlebeck is waiting on some additional information, but is planning to submit a proposal to each group in the next couple of days.
- Included with the packet for the councilmembers' review was a rough draft of the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. Edlebeck requested a meeting be set possibly for May 12th to discuss. The COVID-19 situation makes estimating revenues difficult, as information changes are being received on a regular basis. The council agreed to set a special meeting for May 12th at 4pm.
- Reminder that parking of trailers and recreational campers on streets in the city is limited to 48 hours or less as written in the City's Code of Ordinances.
- The Safe Routes to School Project is scheduled to start May 11th.
- The City's parks continue to be posted for limited use due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Signs have been placed at all entrances and play area locations.

At this time, the public hearing scheduled for 6:45pm to address the Home Occupation Application submitted by Ms. Sandra Glaser for 532 Wymore Avenue. This application is for operation of a dog grooming business. Edlebeck read the advertisement as published in The Daily News on April 15, 2020. Notices were also sent to all residents within 300 feet of the address. Edlebeck received one written comment from the resident who lives across the street simply stating she was in favor of Ms. Glaser's request. Edlebeck received no other comments, for or against, verbally or in writing.

The Mayor opened the meeting to public comment. Don and Sandra Glaser attended the meeting via Zoom. Councilmember Flaminio asked how many dogs will be at the residence at any given time. Ms. Glaser responded that only one customer at a time, with a max of 3-4 per day. Councilmember Groeneveld asked when she expected to begin business from her home. Ms. Glaser's anticipates a start date sometime in June. Groeneveld suggested she communicate with the City Manager to confirm all necessary precautions are being met concerning the current Stay Home Stay Safe Executive Order as placed by the Governor. She stated she will not begin service until permitted and every precaution will be abided by. Councilmember Dixon-Miller asked about parking. Ms. Glaser responded that there is parking availability on both sides of her house; parking will consist of drop-off and pick-up as the dog owners do not stay during the grooming.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Remer to approve the home occupation application by Ms. Sandra Glaser for 532 Wymore Avenue as requested.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The public hearing was concluded.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Remer to receive and place on file the May 4, 2020 Manager's Report.

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

The only item under Old Business was the bid opening for Well 6 & 7 Control Building Upgrade. The bids were as follows:

1. G. Brooks Electric – Kingsford, MI – \$127,608.00
2. VanEt Electric – Oconto, WI – \$107,383.00
3. Mueller Electric – Porterfield, WI – \$120,260.00
4. MJ Electric – Iron Mountain, MI – \$142,665.00
5. J. Ranck Electric – Mt. Pleasant, MI – \$162,252.00

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Remer to authorize submittal of these bids to GEI Consultants for review and to return to the City Council with a recommendation.

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

The first item under New Business was a proposal to rezone a number of lots from R1A single-family to R2 two-family along Evergreen Court. The City Manager provided a memo and a drawing showing 13 city-owned residential lots currently zoned R1A single-family residential. Edlebeck has had multiple inquiries for possible rental property development. First, Edlebeck recommended this be sent to the Planning Commission to begin the rezoning process. Secondly, he requested permission to negotiate a purchase and development agreement with one specific party to purchase up to 5 lots [which would be conditional on the rezoning and City Council approval]. A brief discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to forward this topic to the Planning Commission for rezoning consideration and to also authorize the City Manager to negotiate a purchase and development agreement with one specific party to purchase up to 5 lots as discussed.

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

The last item under New Business was a request to purchase 2 residential lots for a new home. Prior to the council meeting, Edlebeck emailed the councilmembers with additional information pertaining to this request since it was an addition to the agenda. The email explained the request by a current resident of Kingsford to purchase two residential lots on the 300 block of Beech Street for a new home construction. Edlebeck also provided a sketch of the property for the councilmembers' reference. Assessor Amy Payant has advised the current value of the two lots is approximately \$6,500 [total].

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a purchase and development agreement with this party and to submit to the City Council for review and approval.


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

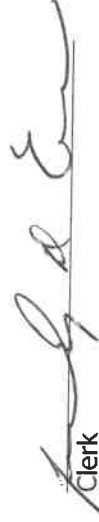
There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmembers Flaminio, Groeneveld, Remer and Baldinelli all said to stay safe and be patient.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Remer to adjourn the meeting.

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


Mayor


Clerk