

June 1, 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, June 1, 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, KPSD Sgt. Ken Wood, Treasurer Holly Palmer and Deputy Clerk Tanya Hiltonen.

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 Groeneveld to approve the May 18, 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 Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to approve the agenda 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 invoices for May 19, 2020 through June 1, 2020 in the amount of \$146,191.31.

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 Remer 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 first item under Communications was a State of Michigan Department of Treasury Notice of Approval for the retirement waiver application. The City had submitted a retirement waiver application pursuant to Public Act 202 of 2017 (the Act). Based upon review, the MERS waiver application was approved by the Department of Treasury.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Remer to receive and place on file the Notice of Approval for the retirement waiver application from the State of Michigan Department of Treasury.

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

A disruptive individual called into the meeting. This caused a couple councilmembers and KPS Director to be disconnected from the meeting. Once reconnected, the meeting continued.

At this time, the public hearing scheduled for 6:45pm began addressing the 2020-2021 Annual Appropriations Budget. Mayor Pro-tem Flaminio took over the meeting while the Mayor was reconnected.

Mayor Pro-tem Flaminio asked three times if there was any public comment; there was none.

City Manager requested a \$1.00 increase to garbage rate flat fees.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the \$1.00 increase for the garbage flat fees to begin July 1, 2020.

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 adopt Resolution No. 2020/6/1.1 General Appropriations Act 2020-2021.

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

The public hearing was concluded.

The last item under Communications was a letter from the Sons of 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. It was recently announced that the Fourth of July parade would be cancelled due to the current pandemic, which means the opportunity to "Pass the Boot" would not happen. This is a large portion of donation collection. Councilmember Flaminio stated since there wouldn't be an opportunity to "Pass the Boot", he felt the City Council could increase the support for this year.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve monetary support in the amount of \$800.00 toward the support of the Fourth of July celebration.

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.

- 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. All residents should be commended for cooperation in adhering to the CDC guidelines and orders by the Governor's office. 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 June 12th. The governor has lifted some restriction in the UP, but social distancing guidelines, group gathering sizes, disinfection practices and mask wearing requirements remain in place. The City buildings will remain closed to the general public. The city hall staff is working in the office and following protocols. The DPW and KPS Departments continue to work while following policies of social separation and disinfection of work areas and equipment.

- A Public Works Department employee has submitted his resignation. The position has been advertised and applications are being accepted.
- The Safe Routes to School Project continues and is progressing from Westwood Avenue to the East.
- 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. Edlebeck included a letter of guidance from Daren Deyaert, Health Officer of the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department pertaining to limited park use.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to receive and place on file the June 1, 2020 Manager's Report.

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

The first item under Old Business was Ordinance 288 Irrigation Water Meters. Edlebeck provided a draft ordinance that was introduced at the May 18th City Council meeting. This has also been submitted to The Daily News for publication, as well as placed on the City's website. To date, Edlebeck has not received any comments for or against, but has taken numerous phone calls from individuals requesting applications to obtain the separate meter for irrigation. A brief discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to adopt Ordinance No. 288 Irrigation Water Meters.

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

The last item under Old Business was the 2020 Kingsford High School Graduation Parade Route. The Kingsford High School provided visuals to show the route planned for Saturday's [June 6th] graduation event. It will proceed from Woodland Elementary School down Pyle Drive to the Kingsford High School parking lot.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to receive and place on file the KHS graduation parade route as presented.

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

The first item under New Business was a request from the Youth Football League to improve the playing field turf at Lodal Park. Mr. Mike Floriano emailed the City Manager on behalf of the Kingsford Youth Football Program requesting permission to complete numerous improvement and maintenance projects at the Lodal Park football field [located at the northwest corner of the park]. The projects include resurfacing the football field, adding extensions to the existing irrigation system and moving the southside field goal post. Arcadis will be contacted for any necessary digging. Arrangements have been made with area businesses to use their equipment and for obtaining new soil for the field. The material and labor will be strictly volunteer. They are also negotiating with SAY Soccer to assist with costs; however, the youth football league is capable of paying for the projects in full.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to grant permission to the Youth Football League to proceed with the improvements as presented.

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

The last item under New Business was Resolution No. 2020/6/1.2 re: Delinquent water and sewer bills. This pertains to the annual close-out of water and sewer bills delinquent for a period exceeding six months.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to adopt Resolution No. 2020/6/1.2 re: Delinquent water and sewer bills.

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 stated since the Governor has lifted some restrictions [from the Covid-19 pandemic] that he hopes to return to in-person meetings at City Hall soon with social distancing and also mentioned Dickinson Homes 50-year Anniversary. Edlebeck stated he had spoken to Albert Santoni to obtain details of the business's history to generate the resolution which will be presented to the City Council for approval once in-person meetings resume. Councilmember Groeneveld commended the Public Safety Department for saving a life of an elderly individual. Councilmember Remer commended the Councilmember Flaminio's desire to return to in-person council meeting at City Hall. Councilmember Baldinelli reprimanded the individual disrupting tonight's meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller 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