

July 6, 2020

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 on Monday, July 6, 2020 at 6:30pm in the council room in City Hall.

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

City staff also present were City Manager Anthony Edlebeck, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Works Superintendent Jeff DeMuri, Public Safety Lt. Tom Bolda, KPSD Sgt. Tim Olsen, Treasurer Holly Palmer, Deputy Clerk Tanya Hiltonen, Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News] and Floyd Lindholm.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the June 15, 2020 City Council Meeting minutes as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to approve the June 29, 2020 Special City Council Meeting minutes as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the agenda as amended. [Addition 11. New Business – C. City Manager Interviews]
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the invoices for June 16, 2020 through July 6, 2020 in the amount of \$410,571.98.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- Public Works Report

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to authorize Supt. DeMuri to request bids for a used snowplow dump truck.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

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

There was no Public Comment.

The only item under Communications was a Thank You card from Breitung Township Schools re: the 2020 Graduation Parade. The school expressed their gratitude for closing Pyle Drive and supporting their efforts while honoring the KHS Class of 2020 graduates.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to receive and place on file the thank you card from BTS.
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.

- In regard to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) concerns, the Dickinson-Iron Health Department continues to be the lead agency accumulating and providing information and guidance for our area. The Stay at Home order has been lifted, but social distancing, disinfecting, mask wearing and group gathering sizes remain in effect. City parks are open as of June 10th, and signs are posted on restrooms and pavilions reminding users of social distancing guidelines and notifying them that equipment, picnic tables and restrooms are not disinfected. Park users are reminded to adhere to group size limits and social distancing practices as they are updated. The City Hall will remain closed to the general public except for required appointments. It is encouraged that all appointments, correspondence and information be done remotely or by other means as it has been the previous 3 months. A new and larger drop box has been installed at the east entrance of City Hall to accommodate tax bills and absentee voter ballots. Some restrictions will be relaxed as time progresses. Public meetings will be held in the City Hall while maintaining social distancing and group limits. Surgical masks will be made available.

- o The Safe Routes to School Project continues and is progressing from Westwood Avenue to the East. Much of the concrete sidewalk and intersection ramps have been placed along Pyle Drive. They are proceeding south on Hooper Street to Breitung Avenue and completing restoration as they go.
- o The new phone system has been installed and is working very well.
- o A new employee has been hired to fill the Dept. of Public Works vacancy; he replaces the employee who resigned to pursue self-employment.
- o Reminder that the July Board of Review is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers. A quorum of the City Council is required.
- o Edlebeck requested authorization to have Dixon Engineering complete inspections of the two city water tanks at a cost of \$7,500.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to authorize Dixon Engineering to complete inspections of the two city water tanks at a cost of \$7,500.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- o Edlebeck requested authorization to solicit bids to clean the exterior of the water tanks.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to authorize the City Manager to solicit bids to clean the exterior of the water tanks.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- o Edlebeck requested authorization to solicit bids to cold mill and pave Pyle Drive from Westwood Avenue to Evergreen Court. The estimated cost is \$107,000. The recent Major Street amendment held \$100,000 in Major Street Funds from being transferred to Local Streets.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to authorize the City Manager to solicit bids to cold mill and pave Pyle Drive from Westwood Avenue to Evergreen Court.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- o Periodically, the city staff receives requests from residents filling swimming pools to have the sewer charge eliminated from the water used to fill their pools. According to our current ordinance, the sewer fee is based on the water meter reading. The new ordinance for irrigation meters eliminates this fee for water used for irrigation purposes. If the City Council is so inclined to make provisions for the filling of swimming pools, they can do so by establishing a policy and passing a resolution. A discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Remer to deny a change to the current ordinance pertaining to the sewer fee assessment for filling swimming pools.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to receive and place on file the July 6, 2020 Manager's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The first item under Old Business was a resolution for the sale of Lots 3&4 of Block 4 Skidmore Addition to the Village of Kingsford. This property is located on the 300 block of Beech Street and will be used for the construction of a residential single-family home. The purchase and development agreement has been signed. Final approval is needed by the City Council to authorize the City Manager and Mayor to sign the resolution and any other pertinent documentation on behalf of the City of Kingsford.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to adopt Resolution No. 2020/07/06.1 Authorizing the sale of Lots 3&4 of Block 4 Skidmore Addition to the Village of Kingsford in the amount of \$6,500.

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

The final item under Old Business was a proposed resolution establishing non-union salaries and wages for fiscal year 2020-2021.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to adopt Resolution No. 2020/07/06.2 Establishing the Salary & Compensation for Non-Union Wages for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

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

The first item under New Business was a resolution recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Dickinson Homes, Inc. It was mentioned at a previous meeting, Dickinson Homes, Inc. is celebrating its 50th Anniversary of providing service to the City of Kingsford and surrounding areas. Edlebeck met with Mr. Albert Santoni who provided some very important details used in compiling this resolution for the Council's consideration to recognize this business as a pillar of our City's history. A brief discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to adopt Resolution No. 2020/07/06.3 Recognizing Dickinson Homes, Inc. 50th Anniversary.

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

The second item under New Business was a memo recommending the purchase of 5.47 acres of property on North Pyle Drive for a single-family construction. The property is zoned R1A Single-Family Residential, has existing street access and utilities available. The City Manager has a tentative agreement for a purchase price of \$50,000, with the stipulation the City pays for the survey and the title insurance. This property would provide 7 residential lots with a frontage of 125-feet along the street. The Assessor confirms a value of \$55,000 to \$65,000. The City currently has \$400,000 in the 102 Land Development Fund. City Manager Edlebeck recommends the City Council grant authorization to him and the City Attorney to finalize a purchase agreement for this property in order to proceed with future development.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to authorize the purchase of 5.47 acres of property along the north side of North Pyle Drive for an amount of \$50,000 from the 102 Land Development Fund.

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

The final item under New Business was the interviews for City Manger position. Councilmember Remer felt it would be beneficial to interview qualified candidates as a whole City Council. Councilmember Groeneveld suggested interviews for any additional applicants should be conducted by the Personnel Committee initially, followed by compiling a list of qualified applicants to be interviewed by the City Council as a whole.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to proceed with scheduling interviews with qualified applicants [once a list is compiled by the Personnel Committee] for the position of City Manager to be conducted by the City Council as a whole.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Under Public Comment, Tim Olsen [KPS] of 1401 Woodward Ave addressed the council on behalf of the Kingsford Public Safety Officer Association pertaining to Senate Bill 690 which was recently passed which advocates for a \$1000 stipend/bonus for emergency personnel, due to the fact the department cannot be shut down. There is a webinar scheduled for July 9th at 2pm by the Michigan Dept of Treasury [who is handling this grant application] to offer guidance to the cities on how to proceed in applying for the funding. He briefly addressed the effects this pandemic has had on the officers' and their families, and asked that the City Council look into Senate Bill 690.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Groeneveld addressed the drastic increase of AV Ballots and suggested there be additional assistance should the Deputy Clerk feel it necessary. He continued to mention the Senate Bill 690 and would like that looked into further, saying anyone working through this pandemic should be recognized somehow. Lastly, Councilmember Groeneveld mentioned the passing Al Anderson, former Director of Kingsford Public Safety and labeled him as "one of the good guys".

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


Mayor


Clerk