

August 3, 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, August 3, 2020 at 6:30pm in the council room in City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Councilmember Baldinelli, Groeneveld, Remer and Dixon-Miller
Absent: Flaminio

City staff also present were City Manager Anthony Edlebeck, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Brian Metras, Public Works Superintendent Jeff DeMuri, Treasurer Holly Palmer, Public Safety Lt. Tom Bolda, Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News] and Floyd Lindholm.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the July 20, 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 July 21, 2020 Board of Review Meeting minutes as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the July 21, 2020 Special 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 agenda as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to approve the invoices for July 21, 2020 through August 3, 2020 in the amount of \$140,647.57.
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 solicit bids for the repair of the east wall of the DPW building as requested. [This was an approved expense for this year's budget.]
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 consent agenda.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Public Comment.

The first item under Communications was a thank you letter from Sons of American Legion Squadron 50 expressing gratitude for the City's support for this year's community Fourth of July Fireworks event.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the letter from SAL Squadron 50.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The second item under Communications was Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing for the Electric and Gas Customers of Upper Michigan Electric Resources Company Case No. U-20707 to be held in Lansing, Michigan on August 12, 2020 at 10:00am.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to receive and place on file the Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing for the Electric and Gas Customers of UMERG Case No. U-20707.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The third item under Communications was Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing for the Gas Customers of DTE Gas Company Case No. U-20236 to be held in Lansing, Michigan on August 19, 2020 at 9:30am.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to receive and place on file the Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing for the Gas Customers of DTE Case No. U-20236.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The final item under Communications was Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing for the Gas Customers of DTE Gas Company Case No. U-20708 to be held in Lansing, Michigan on August 20, 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 Gas Customers of DTE Case No. U-20708.

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.

- COVID-19 (coronavirus) Update – the number of positive cases in the area has risen since July 1st and continue to rise. The County group is once again meeting once per week to discuss status changes. Social distancing and precautions of mask wearing in groups and in all open public buildings is required, along with disinfection and regular hand washing and sanitizing remain in effect. The city parks remain open; 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, Public Works and Public Safety Facilities 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 5 months. Reminder a new and larger drop box has been installed at the east entrance of City Hall to accommodate tax bills and absentee voter ballots. Envelopes are also available for customer convenience. 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. The primary election is tomorrow. It is anticipated that most ballots will be made via absentee, and modifications may be necessary for in-person voting at the polling locations.
 - The Zero Gravity Outreach Program remains planned for August 9th at Lodal Park. Due to the Covid-19 situation, they plan to limit capacity per showing and will maintain social distancing. They will provide additional porta toilets and wash stations; no food will be served during this year's event. All tickets will be pre-sold with no ticket sales at the door.
 - The Annual Michigan Municipal League Convention that had been planned to be held on Mackinaw Island September 30th – October 2nd will be held as a Virtual Convention Event. There will be no cost associated with attending this event. Edlebeck will provide information as it becomes available or anyone interested may visit www.mml.org.
 - The Safe Routes to School Project continues. The concrete work has been completed. Restoration work continues and is expected to be completed in the next couple of weeks.
 - The former Shopko building and a large portion of the property has been purchased by UP Powersports to be used as their corporate headquarters, retail sales, service center and training center. The owners will be making an announcement this coming week.
 - Edlebeck requested authorization to solicit engineering proposals for the Westwood Avenue Small Urban Project.
- A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to authorize the City Manager to solicit engineering proposals for the Westwood Avenue Small Urban Project as requested. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.
- Included with the Manager's Report was a memo regarding the proposed CARES Act funding for qualified residential water and sewer customers.
 - The application for the 2020 Deer Management Assistance Permits was received late Friday and is due August 14th. Edlebeck recommended the City authorize the archery hunt and to request the purchase of up to 65 archery permits. Baiting will be prohibited.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to authorize the City Manager to apply for up to 65 permits for the 2020 Deer Management Program. 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 August 3, 2020 Manager's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The only item under Old Business was Ordinance No. 289 Zoning Classification Change for properties along Evergreen Court. This ordinance to change the classification of 13 residential lots along Evergreen Court from R1A Single-Family to R2 Two-Family was introduced at the July 20, 2020 City Council meeting, following a public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to approve Ordinance No. 289 Zoning Classification Change for properties along Evergreen Court from R1A Single-Family to R2 Two-Family.

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

The first item under New Business was a sewer main repair project at Carpenter Avenue and East Blvd. Edlebeck provided a memo with a photo of the sewer main running across M-95/Carpenter Avenue at East Blvd constructed of corrugated steel pipe that was discovered during the SAW Grant Project. It has been recommended the pipe be repaired/replaced. Supt. DeMuri had requested cost proposals to several reputable sewer contractors; to date, the only proposal received was from Great Lakes TV Seal of Green Bay, WI. The recommendation is to approve the lining of this 33-foot section of sewer main by Great Lakes TV Seal this fall.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to authorize the sewer repair project at M-95/Carpenter Avenue and East Blvd by Great Lakes TV Seal for an amount of \$9,561.00.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The second item under New Business was the Dickinson County Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing Sponsorship. For the past several years, the City of Kingsford has approved the Tee/Green sponsorship in the amount of \$200.00.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to approve the "Tee/Green Sponsor" [a 2x2 full color vinyl sign with the City of Kingsford logo] in the amount of \$200.00.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The third item under New Business was a training request from Public Safety Director Metras. The training is for Command Presence and will be held at NMU in Marquette, MI on August 10, 2020. Director Metras requested the 4 Sergeants and 2 Lieutenants be authorized to attend this 8-hr training. The cost is \$20.00/person plus meals and training overtime. These types of trainings are accommodated in the budget.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Remer to authorize the training for the 4 Sergeants and 2 Lieutenants as requested.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The final item under New Business was two training requests from Treasurer Palmer. Both trainings will be held virtually, so there will be no cost for mileage, lodging or meals. The first is the Certified Public Fund Investment Manager Training on August 18th for a cost of \$299.00 (member) or \$499 (non-member); Treasurer Palmer is not currently a member. The second is the Michigan Government Finance Officers Association 2020 Virtual Fall Training Institute on September 28th for a cost of \$125 for non-members.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Remer to authorize both virtual trainings as requested by the Treasurer.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Public Comment.

There was nothing under Councilmember's Privilege.

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


Mayor


Clerk