

September 8, 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 Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:30pm in the council room in City Hall.

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

Also present were City Manager Anthony Edlebeck, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Brian Metras, Public Works Superintendent Jeff DeMuri, Treasurer Holly Palmer, Asst City Manager Mike Stelmaszek, Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News], Floyd Lindholm, Steve Conery and Storm Smeester.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the August 17, 2020 City Council Meeting minutes as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the agenda as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the invoices for August 18, 2020 through September 8, 2020 in the amount of \$225,627.37.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- Public Works Report

Supt. DeMuri requested authorization to seek price estimates from local suppliers for 500 tons of winter sand.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to authorize Supt. DeMuri to seek price estimates for 500 tons of winter sand.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Supt. DeMuri requested authorization to move an equipment purchase budgeted for FY 2021-22 to FY 2020-2021 and to request bids for a new 4x4 one-ton dump truck in this budget year at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to authorize Supt. DeMuri to request bids for a new 4x4 one-ton dump truck to be budgeted in FY 2020-21.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Supt. DeMuri requested authorization [with assistance from the City Manager] to purchase used equipment from auction sites provided the money is in the budget (i.e. machine to clear sidewalks in the winter months). When searching auction sites, an item may only be available for a short time, causing an opportunity to expire prior to meeting with the City Council to obtain approval. After a discussion, it was decided to compile a list of equipment [by department] and to draft a policy to be submitted to the City Council for approval.

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.

Under Public Comment, Steve Conery of 244 Sterling Street, addressed the council regarding the 3-way stop intersection at Lawrence Street and Breen Avenue. Traffic does not abide by those stop signs. He is especially concerned because this is an area with a park and bus stop. Edlebeck recommended Kingsford Public Safety review the area and report back to the City Council.

The first item under Communications was a Planning Commission resignation submitted by Robert Goodreau. After his recent retirement, it has been difficult to attend meetings due to other commitments. Edlebeck noted that Goodreau has served on the Planning Commission since February 2005 and has been a tremendous asset to the City. He recommended a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Goodreau.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to receive and place on file the PC resignation letter from Robert Goodreau, to authorize the City Manager to send a letter of appreciation on behalf of the City of Kingsford and to advertise a vacancy on the Planning Commission.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The final item under Communications was a training request from KPSD Director Metras. There is a PPCT Use of Force recertification class to be held at NMU on September 29-30, 2020. The request is for Sgt. Rutter and

PSO Thelander to attend the training for a cost of \$150.00/each, plus meals. Councilmember Groeneveld asked about lodging and Director Metras stated there is a possibility the officers will stay the evening but are waiting to ensure the training will occur as scheduled.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to authorize the training request by Director Metras.
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.

- A request was submitted to notify the Civil Service Commission that a new 2-year eligibility list for entry-level public safety officers be established.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to authorize Edlebeck to notify the Civil Service Commission that a new 2-year eligibility list for entry-level public safety officers should be established.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- 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. The cost is \$159/person with a maximum of \$795.00 per municipality. There may be administration interested in attending, as is the city attorney. Edlebeck asked whether he should register the maximum of 5, allowing for additional attendees at no cost. A tentative schedule was enclosed with the packet.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to authorize Edlebeck to enroll all councilmembers, administration and City Attorney to virtually attend the MML League Convention for a cost of \$795.00.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- The well 6 & 7 VFD project has been delayed due to unapproved submittals by the mechanical subcontractor. The prime bidder has selected a new mechanical subcontractor and their valve submittals have been approved and the equipment ordered. The project has been delayed until the 3rd week in October.
- Dixon Engineering completed the water tank inspections this past week. Everything appeared to be in good shape; personnel will wait to see if the report addresses any maintenance items.
- Kingsford High School and Iron Mountain School soccer teams are utilizing Commemorative Field this fall.
- The City has been notified by our health insurance carrier that there will only be a premium increase of 2.96% on the health insurance portion and no increases on the dental and vision portions for 2021.
- Coleman Engineering has recently completed the field work portion of the Due Care Plan for the Lodal LLC Brownfield Project. They are now waiting on the final report from the Industrial Hygienist of any results and recommendations. It is the hope to wrap this project up during this latest project extension approved by the Michigan Department of EGLE.
- Reminder to residents of Kingsford, Iron Mountain, Norway, Breitung Township and Norway Township that the 2020 Passenger Tire Grant Program through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) is continuing until December 1st or until funds run out. Residents can bring passenger tires only to the Dickinson County Solid Waste Transfer Station in Quinnesec for free disposal. A driver's license and property tax receipt are required for proof of residency.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the September 8, 2020 Manager's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The only item under Old Business was the Bid Opening for Public Works Siding Repair Project. The only bidder was MBM Construction of Kingsford, MI in the amount of \$18,127.00 with an Alternate 1 bid price of \$3,850.00 [includes 1 1/2" polystyrene insulation between the building and siding]. A brief discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to proceed with the siding repair project as submitted by MBM Construction in the amount of \$18,127 provided all specifications are met.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The first item under New Business was Proclamation 2020/9/8.1 Recognizing Gold Star Family Day.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve Proclamation 2020/9/8.1 Recognizing Gold Star Family Day.

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

The second item under New Business was the Data Use Agreement for SB 690 Water Assistance Program. The purpose of this agreement is to comply with the recently adopted SB690-Water Assistance Program and to provide funding to water utilities for the purpose of paying of arrearages of those individuals eligible for Food Assistance Program through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Remer to approve the Data Use Agreement for SB 690 Water Assistance Program with Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency and to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Kingsford.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The third item under New Business was Resolution No. 2020/9/8.2 2020 Deer Management Archery Hunt. This is the annual resolution to approve the Comprehensive Deer Management Archery Hunt in the City of Kingsford. Edlebeck noted baiting is prohibited per State of Michigan rules and regulations. At the August 3, 2020 meeting, the City Council approved the purchase of up to 65 permits, which will be purchased on an as-needed basis.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to adopt Resolution No. 2020/9/8.2 Deer Management Archery Hunt.

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

The final item under New Business was the annual CUPPAD Membership. A letter from CUPPAD expressed gratitude for the City of Kingsford's continued support and included an invoice for FY 20-21 in the amount of \$1027.00 [same as the prior FY].

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to authorize the CUPPAD renewal membership in the amount of \$1,027.00.
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