

October 5, 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, October 5, 2020 at 6:30pm in the council room in City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Councilmember Dixon-Miller, Baldinelli, Flaminio, Groeneveld and Remer  
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, KPSD Sgt. Tim Olsen, KPSD Sgt. Lee Crandall, 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 September 21, 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 agenda as amended. [Addition to Old Business – A. Contract with CUPPAD for Recreation Plan Update; Addition to New Business – B. 429 Dickinson Blvd. Variance Request for Detached Garage; C. – Election Security]  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the invoices for September 22, 2020 through October 5, 2020 in the amount of \$328,874.91.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- Public Works Report

DPW Supt. DeMuri requested authorization to solicit bids for street right-of-way tree cutting and stump grinding.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to authorize Supt. DeMuri to solicit bids for street right-of-way tree cutting and stump grinding.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld 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.

There were no Communications.

The Manager's Report was presented by Edlebeck.

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
- The city is waiting on approval of the application for Hazard Pay Grant Funds. Additional information has been submitted; further notification is anticipated for mid-October. Deadline for payments to recipients has been extended to October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- As reported earlier, the City has received our preliminary score for the 2020 Passport Grant Application for the Lodal Park project. Additional photos of the improved pedestrian access to the park along with modified narrative information were submitted in an attempt to improve the score. Final project selection is scheduled to take place in December.
- There was no quorum for the September 28<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting. The Commission did discuss shipping containers used as accessory buildings in residential areas and information from other city ordinances on this issue was shared and discussed. This information is being revised to fit a format within our City's ordinance structure and zoning classifications. Once revised, it will be presented to the Planning Commission at their October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The 2020 Fall Archery Hunt started October 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through January 1<sup>st</sup>. Currently, 5 people have registered, with one deer taken. Harvest updates will be provided at the council meetings.

- o The City recently received notification that Kingsford Broach & Tool, Inc. has filed a petition with the Michigan Tax Tribunal in regard to their 2020 property taxes. This has been referred to the City Attorney for initial response. Edlebeck noted the City received an appraisal today as well.
- o A PowerPoint presentation of the recently completed Iron Mountain-Kingsford Wastewater Plant Upgrade project is being developed, so that residents will have an opportunity to experience the results of the \$5,400,000 project. The PowerPoint presentation is anticipated to be available about November 1<sup>st</sup> and will be made available on the Kingsford and Iron Mountain websites.
- o Trick or Treating hours have been set for 4pm – 7pm on Halloween [Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>]. Provided in the packet was a flyer from the State of Michigan Department of Human Services containing safety guidance for treat distribution and Halloween gatherings during the Covid-19 pandemic. This information has also been placed on the City's website.
- o The City was awarded a \$5000 grant from the Center for Technology & Civil Life for Safe Elections. Deputy Clerk, Tanya Hiltonen's intent for these funds were to purchase laptop computers for elections and to allocate a portion for hazard pay to be paid to the election workers. Edlebeck requested authorization to sign the grant on behalf of the City of Kingsford in order for the grant funds to be awarded.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to authorize the City Manager to sign the grant papers on the City's behalf.  
 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 October 5, 2020 Manager's Report.  
 ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The only item under Old Business was a Contract with the City of Kingsford and CUPPAD for the Recreation Plan Update. This 5-year plan is required when applying for grant funding for park improvements. Included with the packet was email correspondence between Edlebeck and Dotty LaJoye, Executive Director of CUPPAD, and a contract with an associated cost of \$1,000.00. There would be an additional cost of \$800.00 if the City of Kingsford would like their recreation facilities to receive an ADA accessibility evaluation from Superior Alliance for Independent Living (SAIL). Edlebeck gave a brief explanation of SAIL.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to authorize the City Manager to sign the CUPPAD contract on behalf of the City, for an amount of \$1000.00 for CUPPAD Regional Commission to complete the Recreation Plan, plus an additional \$800.00 to SAIL for the ADA accessibility evaluation.  
 ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The first item under New Business was the MML Board of Directors Election Ballot. The annual ballot was included, along with biographies for the four candidates. Two incumbent Directors agreed to seek re-election and two appointees are seeking election to their first term. There is also the option for a write-in candidate.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to vote for the four candidates listed on the ballot.  
 ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The second item under New Business was a Variance Request for a detached garage located at 429 Dickinson Blvd. There was a garage that was demolished at this address. Construction of a new garage began prior to any notification to the City or the Construction Code Commission. Edlebeck sent a certified letter to the property owner with a Cease & Desist Order until the new construction was addressed. This was a non-conforming garage located in the front yard along Dickinson Blvd and does not meet our current zoning requirements. The foundation walls have already been poured. The property owners are asking for a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. This would require a public hearing be set, and notifications be sent to all area residents within 300 feet of the property.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to schedule a public hearing for November 2, 2020 at 6:45pm to address the variance request for 429 Dickinson Blvd.  
 ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The final item under New Business was Election Security. Mayor Baldinelli addressed the councilmembers. At the primary election held in August, there was an incident at Breitung Township where a couple was disruptive and vulgar to others at the polling place. The Sheriff's Department responded and spoke to the individuals. At the Board of Canvassers meeting, it was their opinion that there should be security present at all polls for the general election. Baldinelli talked to Dolly Cook, who stated Dickinson County has awarded \$500.00 per precinct to be used toward security. Edlebeck stated he had received an email from Dolly Cook, which stated she would like to have specific training on campaign etiquette, etc. He also stated that our public safety department is on hand and available if a situation arises. A brief discussion took place.

There were no scheduled Public Hearings.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Groeneveld asked about trick-or-treat hours. Edlebeck noted The Daily News [by IM Director Mattson] and Advertiser [by Edlebeck] notices were advertised as 4-7pm on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

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.

  
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