

October 19, 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 19, 2020 at 6:30pm in the council room in City Hall.

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

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 Steimaszek, KPSD Sgt. Ken Wood, Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News], John Koehler [Frog Country 101.5] and Floyd Lindholm.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the October 5, 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 Groeneveld to approve the agenda as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the invoices for October 6, 2020 through October 19, 2020 in the amount of \$323,173.63.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- Public Safety Report – September
- Treasurer Report – September

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio 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 first item under Communications was a letter of appreciation from the Dickinson Area Economic Development Alliance thanking the city for its continued commitment to their economic development efforts and for the annual \$5000.00 investment to the Alliance.

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

The second item under Communications was a letter from the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) re: LARA Survey for the Uniform Video Local Franchise Act. This is the annual survey distributed to franchise entities (municipalities) within the state of Michigan regarding PA 480 of 2006, Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act. To assist MPSC Staff with gathering information for the report, LARA asks municipalities to complete an electronic survey.

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

The third item under Communications was a MMTA Training Request by Treasurer Palmer. This virtual training, titled "Legislative Impact on Treasurers", is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2020 for a cost of \$49.00 for MMTA members.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to authorize the treasurer to attend the MMTA training as requested.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The fourth item under Communications was a letter from Beckett & Raeder notifying the City of Kingsford that the City of Iron Mountain City Council has approved the distribution of a DRAFT Master Plan. An updated link was provided in the letter where a digital draft can be accessed for review and comment pursuant to PA 33 of 2008, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to receive and place on file the letter from Beckett & Raeder re: City of IM Master Plan.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The final item under Communications was a Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing for the Electric Customers of Upper Michigan Electric Resources Company Case No. U-20808 to be held by video/teleconferencing on November 12, 2020 at 9:30am.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing for the Electric Customers of UMERC Case No. U-20808.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

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 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. Edlebeck attached a current report of the tires collected so far in this grant cycle.
- The city is waiting on approval of the application for Hazard Pay Grant Funds. Additional information has been submitted, and Treasurer Palmer has been in communications with Department representatives. The information is being reviewed; they indicate that they are inundated and will provide information later this month. Deadline for payments to recipients has been extended to October 31st.
- The 2020 Fall Archery Hunt started October 1st and runs through January 1st. Currently, 6 people have registered, with 7 deer taken. Harvest updates will be provided at the council meetings.
- A PowerPoint presentation of the recently completed Iron Mountain-Kingsford Wastewater Plant Upgrade project has been completed. Residents can view the results of the \$5,400,000 project. The PowerPoint presentation has been published on the City of Kingsford's website under Departments→Wastewater.
- Trick or Treating hours have been set for 4pm – 7pm on Halloween [Saturday, October 31st]. The State of Michigan Department of Health & Human Services has issued safety guidance for treat distribution and Halloween gatherings during the Covid-19 pandemic. This information has also been placed on the City's website. A brief discussion took place.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals hearing for the detached garage variance request for 429 Dickinson Blvd was advertised in The Daily News on October 10th, and notices have been sent to the residents within 300 feet of this location. The public hearing is scheduled to be held at the November 2nd City Council meeting at 6:45pm.
- The City has received notification that the VFD project at Well 6 & 7 has been delayed until late November due to delivery delays of the Pressure Reducing Valves and Check Valves. The Variable Frequency Drive equipment has been delivered to us and a pay request for \$24,300 is included in the invoices to pay the equipment vendor.
- The engineers will be meeting with City representatives next week to discuss the Kingsford Heights project and cost estimate. Edlebeck will provide the councilmembers with information following tonight's meeting.
- In the past, the City Council included the invoices as part of the consent agenda. Edlebeck asked the councilmembers if they would object to once again including this item with the consent agenda. All items under the consent agenda may be questioned and any of the items can be voted on separately if the City Council chooses to do so at any specific meeting. A brief discussion took place. It was decided that no change will occur at this time.
- Due to changes implemented by the Emergency Rules on the Coronavirus pandemic by MIOSHA, Edlebeck and Asst Manager Stelmaszek will be revisiting the current procedures for employer and employee practices to maintain a safe environment for all.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Groeneveld to receive and place on file the October 19, 2020 Manager's Report.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The only item under Old Business was the bid opening for Tree Cutting and Stump Grinding. The two bids were as follows:

1. 1st Down Tree Service – Iron Mountain, MI – \$5,970.00
2. Quintin Olson Enterprises, LLC – Quinnesec, MI – \$8,340.00

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A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to award to the low bidder, provided all specifications are met.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The only item under New Business was a resolution recognizing Grede Foundries, Inc. Centennial. Edlebeck provided a draft resolution for the council's consideration. Grede Foundries, Inc. is the largest employer within the city limits. Edlebeck shared a brief history of the company's attributes and suggested they be recognized for their centennial.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to adopt Resolution No. 2020/10/19.1 Recognizing Grede Foundries, Inc. Centennial.

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

There were no scheduled Public Hearings.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Flaminio congratulated the Planning Commission for all the hard work they put in and want them to get the credit they deserve. Councilmember Groeneveld recommended people be cautious and hopes everyone stays safe [pertaining to the increase in Covid-19 cases in the area]. Councilmember Dixon-Miller mentioned the tour of Grede Foundries, Inc. she had years ago and the demanding work that is done there. She is thankful for those employees and for the jobs made available by Grede Foundries, Inc. Councilmember Baldinelli reiterated Groeneveld's sentiments and recommended wearing masks.

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


Mayor


Clerk