

December 7, 2020

Minutes of the regular meeting of the city council of the City of Kingsford, County of Dickinson, and State of Michigan.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the most recent MDHHS Order, the regular meeting of the Kingsford City Council was held electronically via Zoom on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:30pm.

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

Also present via Zoom were City Manager Anthony Edlebeck, Asst City Manager Mike Stelmaszek, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Brian Metras, Public Works Superintendent Jeff DeMuri, Treasurer Holly PalmerDeputy Clerk Tanya Hiltonen, Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News], Dave Lee [Dickinson County News], Floyd Lindholm, Gordon Sorenson and Dale Tchokreff.

Note: Since the meeting is held via Zoom, all motions require a roll call vote.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Remer to approve the November 16, 2020 City Council Meeting minutes as presented.

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

At this time, Council Re-Organization began.

Stelmaszek requested nominations for Mayor.

Councilmember Flaminio nominated Joseph Groeneveld for Mayor and was supported by Councilmember Baldinelli. There were no other nominations.

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

Councilmember Groeneveld assumed the Mayor position for the ensuing year.

Mayor Groeneveld requested nominations for Mayor Pro-tem.

Councilmember Dixon-Miller nominated Dennis Baldinelli for Mayor Pro-tem and was supported by Councilmember Remer. There were no further nominations.

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

The Mayor made his recommendations for the various committee appointments for the ensuing year. Following discussion, revisions were made, and the appointments were finalized as listed below:

- o Auditing Committee – Councilmembers Dixon-Miller & Remer
- o Negotiations/Personnel – Mayor Groeneveld & Councilmember Baldinelli
- o MML Legislative Contacts –Councilmember Flaminio & Councilmember Baldinelli (alt)
- o Planning Commission – Mayor Groeneveld & Councilmember Flaminio
- o Citizens Advisory/Park & Recreation/Decorations – Councilmembers Remer & Baldinelli
- o Construction Code Commission – Councilmember Baldinelli & Councilmember Flaminio (alt)
- o Public Safety Committee – Mayor Groeneveld & Councilmembers Flaminio
- o IM-Kingsford Joint Sewage Authority – City Manager & Erik Dykhuis
- o Central Landfill Authority – City Manager & Councilmember Baldinelli (alt)
- o US-2/141/M-95 Corridor Committee – Councilmember Baldinelli & Councilmember Flaminio (alt)
- o Dickinson County Solid Waste Management Authority – City Manager & Councilmember Remer (alt)
- o Dickinson County Area Foundation Grant Committee – Councilmember Dixon-Miller
- o Northern Michigan Public Service Academy Board – Councilmembers Baldinelli & Flaminio (alt)

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the committee appointments as discussed.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to authorize the purchase of a blanket position and treasurer's bond.

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

The Council annually authorizes the following banks and institutions as the depositories for all City Funds:

- FIRST BANK UPPER MICHIGAN – KINGSFORD BRANCH
- FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF IRON MOUNTAIN-KINGSFORD
- RANGE BANK – KINGSFORD OFFICE
- MICHIGAN CLASS (Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System)

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Remer to authorize the above-mentioned banks as the depositories and institutions for all City funds.

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

At this time, the public hearing scheduled for 6:45pm to address any public comments regarding "shipping containers" as accessory building in residential areas. Included with the packet were written statements received by City Manager Edlebeck, one (1) - against and four (4) - in favor of.

Mayor Groeneveld asked three times if there were any public comments. Dale Tchokreff, of 1705 Sherman Avenue and owner of the shipping container in question, addressed the councilmembers stating he did not understand why there was an issue with this container since he had spent money to paint it and made a valid effort to make it look respectable. Councilmember Dixon-Miller commented that this neighborhood was zoned as single-family residential and this shipping container would be more conducive to industrial purposes, and also feels this could negatively affect the values of the surrounding homes. Councilmember Flaminio agreed with Dixon-Miller stating shipping containers do not belong in residential areas. He continued to state any accessory building cannot occupy a lot without a residence to accompany it. Flaminio felt more residents would be opposed to shipping containers as accessory buildings than in favor of. Councilmember Baldinelli stated he has purchased multiple storage buildings and has, to the best of his ability, tried to match the siding on his house as the purpose of them is for storage in residential areas.

City Manager Edlebeck stated the purpose of this public hearing was to hear any public comments pertaining to this issue. A draft ordinance was previously submitted to the City Council for review. Edlebeck's recommendation would be to introduce the draft Ordinance 290 and to make a decision at the next meeting after all comments have been considered and the draft ordinance has been reviewed.

Mr. Tchokreff stated once a shipping container has been converted to a shed, it can no longer be used as a shipping container.

Mayor Groeneveld recommended the draft Ordinance 290 be introduced, review all the information and consider any public comments on the issue and return to the next City Council meeting to take action.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and was supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to introduce Ordinance 290 Article VII Storage Containers and to close the public hearing.

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

The public hearing was concluded and the regular City Council meeting continued.

Resolution No. 2020/12/7.1 was presented for adoption as follows:

Whereas, there may be in and may hereafter, from time to time, come into the hands of Holly Palmer, Treasurer of the City of Kingsford, Dickinson County, Michigan, certain monies belonging to or held by the State, County, or other political units of the State, or otherwise held according to the law; and

Whereas, under the laws of the State of Michigan this board is required to provide by resolution for the deposit of all public monies, including tax monies coming into the hands of the treasurer, in one or more banks hereafter called bank(s) to be designated in such resolution.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that said treasurer, Holly Palmer, is hereby directed to deposit all such public monies, including tax monies now in or coming into her hands as treasurer, in the following bank(s): FIRST BANK UPPER MICHIGAN – KINGSFORD BRANCH, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF IRON MOUNTAIN-KINGSFORD, RANGE BANK – KINGSFORD OFFICE and/or MICHIGAN CLASS (Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System).

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to adopt Resolution No. 2020/12/7.1 as stated above.

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

The City Council concluded the reorganization and continued with the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the agenda as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the invoices for November 17, 2020 through December 7, 2020 in the amount of \$391,949.80. [Note: this amount includes 3 payrolls (2-regular and 1-longevity), as well as payments for the new squad setup and Lodal Brownfield Project (both of which will be reimbursed by grants).

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

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- Public Works Report -- November

Edlebeck noted the City Hall and Public Works Department will be closed December 24th-25th and December 31st-January 1st for the upcoming Christmas and New Years holidays. Thursday's garbage collection for both weeks will take place the Wednesdays prior to the office closures. This will be advertised in The Daily News and on the City's website.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to receive and place on file the consent agenda.

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

There was no Public Comment.

The first item under Communications was Russ Dieckman's resignation from the Planning Commission. Edlebeck noted Mr. Dieckman has been a great asset to the Planning Commission and to the City. Baldinelli requested a letter of appreciation be sent to express the City's gratitude for his service.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to authorize City Manager Edlebeck to draft a letter of appreciation and to sign on the City's behalf.

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

The second item under Communications was the Annual Summer Tax Resolution from the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District requesting the City of Kingsford collect taxes on the school's behalf.

The third item under Communications was a letter from Beckett & Raeder re: The City of Iron Mountain Master Plan Public Hearing.

The final item under Communications was a Thank You from the Family of Mr. Wayne Carter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to receive and place on file all items listed under Communications.

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

The Manager's Report was presented by Stelmaszek.

- The 2020 Fall Archery Hunt started October 1st and runs through January 1st. As of December 4th, 15 deer have been harvested. Harvest updates will be provided at the council meetings.

- o This year's City of Kingsford Citizen's Guide and Dashboard were included with the packet. As required by the Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP), it has been submitted to the State Department of Treasury. It will also be posted on the City's website.
- o The City has received formal notification from the DNR that our grant request for funding to replace playground equipment and repurpose an area of Lodal Park for pickleball courts has been denied. Our efforts to improve our scoring resulted an increase of only 10 points. Our score for this grant program was hampered because of the number of parks that already exist in Kingsford. There were more applicants than could be funded, and the funding went to municipalities with less-developed park systems.
- o Reminder that the December Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, December 15th at 4:00pm. It will need to be held virtually due to the most recent Executive Order extension through December 20th. City Hall staff will continue to work remotely.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the December 7, 2020 Manager's Report.

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

There was no Old Business.

The first item under New Business was a Pit Bull Service Dog Waiver Request. Mr. Bruce O'Connell requested a waiver of the Pit Bull Ordinance for his registered service dog, Tundra, which is a pit bull. All the required documentation has been provided. Mr. O'Connell will be required to sign and abide by the language written in the Waiver paperwork.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Remer to approve the Waiver/Exception for the Pit Bull service dog for Mr. Bruce O'Connell as requested.

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

The final item under New Business was an Application for the Planning Commission. Mr. Gordon Sorenson has submitted his application for the Planning Commission. Edlebeck reviewed the application with the councilmembers and recommended he be appointed to the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to appoint Mr. Gordon Sorenson to the Planning Commission.


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

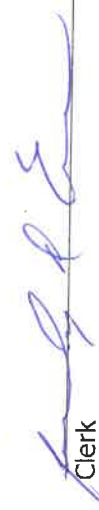
There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Baldinelli told everyone to be safe. Councilmember Flaminio congratulated Groeneveld on becoming Mayor once again. Councilmember Groeneveld thanked everyone for the support and is hopeful for a good year.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to adjourn the meeting.

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


 Mayor


 Clerk