

May 17, 2021

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, May 17, 2021 at 6:30pm in the council chambers at City Hall.

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

Also present were City Manager Mike Stelmaszek, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Brian Metras, Treasurer Holly Palmer, 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 Baldinelli to approve the May 3, 2021 City Council Meeting minutes as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the invoices for May 4, 2021 through May 17, 2021 in the amount of \$197,363.86.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- Public Safety Report – April
- Treasurer’s Report – April

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to authorize Treasurer Palmer to attend the MMTA in the UP virtual training on May 26th for a cost of \$99.00.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli 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 Stelmaszek.

- Dickinson County Economic Alliance Organization recently had their final zoom meeting on May 11th and will be returning to in-person meetings at Kingsford City Hall. Due to the current restrictions related to the pandemic, those meetings will be held in the Council Chambers instead of the conference room to allow for social distancing.
- Stelmaszek received a response to the letter sent to the resident regarding his storage container. This prompted the City Attorney to reply to the resident explaining the facts of the matter and to outline the penalty process for noncompliance with the City’s ordinances. A discussion took place.
- The Citizen’s Advisory/Parks & Recreation Committee met on May 10th and discussed the request for the street light addition in the alley adjacent to Ford Park. Their recommendation is to place a light fixture on a pole in the middle of the alley that shines toward the alley and park, while also shielding the light from the adjacent residences. If the Council is in favor of this initiative, a public hearing on the matter can be set for June 7th or June 21st. A discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Remer to schedule a public hearing for June 21st, 2021 at 6:45pm to address the street light request for Ford Park.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the May 17, 2021 Manager’s Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The only item under Old Business was a license agreement between the City and Brickey Holdings, LLC. The City Attorney drafted a license agreement and was agreed upon and signed by Mr. and Mrs. Brickey. Stelmaszek presented the agreement to the City Council for final approval. A brief discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the license agreement between the City and Brickey Holdings, LLC and to authorize the City Manager and Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

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

The first item under New Business was Resolution No. 2021/05/17.1 In Support of Category B Funding for a Section of Breen Avenue. A memo was submitted by the Supt. DeMuri requesting authorization to apply for a Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program. Breen Avenue is in need of a new surface from Carpenter Avenue to Woodbine Street. The estimated project cost would be \$150,210 with a 50/50 cost share from the DOT; engineering costs are not included in the estimate.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to adopt Resolution No. 2021/05/17.1 Supporting the Application of Category B Program Funding for Breen Avenue from Carpenter Avenue to Woodbine Street.

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

The second item under New Business was a request to initiate RFP for \$100,000 in Alley Paving. A memo was submitted by Supt. DeMuri requesting authorization to advertise and accept bids for alley paving. The Capital Improvement Plan for budget years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 each have \$50,000 budgeted for alley paving. Supt. DeMuri has evaluated all the alleys and identified those in the poorest shape. With the approval of this amount of paving, all the alleys rated at a scale of 1 will be replaced. [1 is the worst and 10 is the best]

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to authorize Supt. DeMuri to seek RFPs for alley paving.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The last item under New Business was a variance request in B-2 General Business District. After speaking to the City Attorney, the City Manager felt it would be proper to refer this matter to the Planning Commission for their review and consideration. Attorney Brouillette stated this would be in the nature of a zoning amendment and would ultimately be the decision of the City Council once the Planning Commission renders their input.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to refer the matter to the Planning Commission for review and consideration.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There were no scheduled public hearings.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Flaminio stated the storage container request for the property zoned as B-2 comes at a precarious time [referring to the storage container issue in residential areas]. Mayor Groeneveld agreed with this statement and feels referring the matter to the Planning Commission is the proper course of action. Councilmember Baldinelli reminded drivers that they share the roadway with bicycles and motorcyclists and to use caution when driving.

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