

June 21, 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, June 21, 2021 at 6:30pm in the council chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Councilmember Remer, Baldinelli, Flaminio, Groeneveld and Dixon-Miller
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], Floyd Lindholm, Bob & Germaine Hendrickson.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Remer to approve the June 7, 2021 City Council Meeting minutes as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the agenda as amended. [Addition of Executive Session to discuss the POLC Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement.]
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the invoices for June 8, 2021 through June 21, 2021 in the amount of \$245,089.54.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

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

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.

There were no Communications.

The Manager’s Report was presented by Stelmaszek.

- Included in the Packet were amendments to the 2020-2021 General (101) Fund and Land Development (102) Fund. The 102 Fund has been amended to reflect the sale and purchase of land by the City during the fiscal year. Revenues in the 101 Fund have been amended primarily to reflect changes in actual property taxes received, equipment rentals used, State funding and unbudgeted grants. The \$220,018 received from Cares Act funding was used to pay Public Safety wages as it was received. Expenditures were mostly affected in higher cost for leave benefits given to employees affected by the Covid-19 virus. Most dramatically this can be seen in the Public Safety budget where all leave benefits had to be covered by an employee at an overtime rate. The audited fund balance was also higher than initially projected, ultimately having a positive effect on the funds available for appropriations. Stelmaszek respectfully requested the City Council’s approval of these Budget Amendments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the amendments to the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget for General 101 Fund and Land Development 102 Fund as stated.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- The City Attorney has partially completed the “Articles of Incorporation” for the Centennial Committee. The documents should be complete for the next meeting. To facilitate this process, Stelmaszek requested the City Council’s approval to designate the City Attorney as the Resident Agent and Incorporator for this pending corporation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Remer to designate the City Attorney as the Resident Agent and Incorporator of the Centennial Committee and to file any necessary documents with the State of Michigan on the City’s behalf.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- Both ADA modifications of the Public Safety Facility are now complete. The City Manager invited all the councilmembers to stop by the KPS facility to see the project completion in person.

- o The Scrap Tire Grant has been extended until the end of this year. Residents can continue to bring tires to the Transfer Station for disposal free of charge. The only cost to the City is the hauling fees.
- o The storage container located in a residential district has been removed by the homeowner.
- o The City Hall and Public Works Facilities will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day. Garbage collection will be one day later than normal for this week.
- o The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 6th, 2021.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the June 21, 2021 Manager's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

At this time, the public hearing scheduled for 6:45pm began to address the request for a street light addition in the alley adjacent to Ford Park and to hear any public comments on the matter. Stelmaszek briefly described the request and stated there were notifications sent to approximately 20 residents of the area. He received two written comments, one for and one against; he read both letters aloud to the councilmembers.

Mayor Groeneveld asked if there was any public comment.

Germaine Hendrickson, of 624 Hamilton Avenue and the resident who wrote one of the two letters, addressed the councilmembers expressing her opposition to the addition of this street light. A brief discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Remer to table the street light addition issue and forward back to the Citizen's Advisory/Parks & Recreation Committee for further consideration.
3 AYES. 2 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Further discussion took place briefly.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to rescind the previous motion to table the issue.
4 AYES. 1 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Remer to deny the request for the street light addition in the alley adjacent to Ford Park and to provide an explanation of the City Council's decision and other potential alternatives to the resident who initially made the request for the street light.
4 AYES. 1 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The public hearing was concluded.

The only item under Old Business was MMRMA Liability Insurance Proposal. Stelmaszek reviewed proposals discussed at the last City Council meeting held June 7, 2021. He recommended the City Council select the Individual Policy Coverage through MMRMA and authorize a one-time contribution of \$100,000 from the 101 General Fund to the MMRMA Member's Loss Fund to fully fund it, allowing the City to benefit from this fund immediately. A lengthy discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to select the Individual Policy Coverage through MMRMA and to authorize a one-time contribution of \$100,000 from the 101 General Fund to the MMRMA Member's Loss Fund.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The only item under New Business was a request to extend unused Covid benefits for another three months. This topic was discussed during the recent contract negotiations. The City Manager requested any unused Covid benefits be extended through September.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to authorize the extension of any unused Covid benefits for three additional months.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Public Comment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the POLC Tentative CBA Negotiations.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Remer to reconvene to the regular City Council meeting.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to accept the POLC Collective Bargaining Agreement.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

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