

July 6, 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 Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 6:30pm in the council chambers at City Hall.

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

Also present were City Manager Mike Stelmaszek, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Brian Metras, Public Works Supt. Jeff DeMuri, Treasurer Holly Palmer, Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News], Floyd Lindholm, John Jessen, Shelley Byrne, Tina Whaley, Beth Sullivan and Tom Sullivan.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the June 21, 2021 City Council Meeting minutes as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the June 30, 2021 Special City Council Meeting minutes as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the invoices for June 22, 2021 through July 6, 2021 in the amount of \$221,310.40.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- Public Works Report – June

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli 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.

- The AARP Community Challenge Grant applied for on behalf of the City was reviewed with 3,500 other applications. Two hundred were selected, and the City of Kingsford was not one of them.
- The CDBG Revolving Loan Program administered by Northern Initiatives set to expire on 6/30/21 due to two years of inactivity has been extended for another year due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. The owners of "Henry's Steakhouse" have just submitted the application to start the process to receive a loan through this program.
- There is renewed interest by Police Academy students and working officers in our region since the newest Public Safety Collective Bargaining Agreement now offers increased retirement benefits. With a new academy in session, Stelmaszek requested the City Council support to direct the Civil Service Commission to begin the process to establish a new entry-level employment list for Public Safety.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to authorize the Civil Service Commission to begin the process to establish a new entry-level employment list for Kingsford Public Safety.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the July 6, 2021 Manager's Report.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Old Business.

The first item under New Business was the Kingsford Broach & Tool Tax Tribunal Valuation Settlement Proposal. The assessed and taxable values were previously reduced in 2019. This is a secondary request to reduce the values even further. A memo was submitted by Assessor Mulka to explain the issue and outlined an initial settlement offer. In collaboration with the City Manager and City Attorney, Assessor

Mulka submitted a counteroffer to reduce the taxable value to \$600,000 for both parcels. A lengthy discussion took place.

At this time, the public hearing scheduled for 6:45pm began to address the Amendment of Ordinance No. 290 – Allowing Storage Containers within B2 General Business Districts. The notice was included in the packet as it was published in The Daily News. City Manager Stelmaszek received no comments, verbal or written.

Mayor Groeneveld asked if there was any public comment.

A brief discussion took place.

A motion was made Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to amend Ordinance No. 290 – Allowing Storage Containers within B2 General Business Districts, provided the property is adjoining to Industrial-zoned property and must be enclosed within a minimum 6'-high fence with no less than 50% visibility.

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

The public hearing was concluded.

Stelmaszek continued with the Kingsford Broach & Tool Tax Tribunal Valuation Settlement Proposal. Discussion resumed on the topic. The City Manager recommended the City Council accept the settlement offer as stated in Assessor Mulka's memo to lower the taxable value to \$600,000 for both parcels owned by Kingsford Broach & Tool.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to accept the settlement offer to lower the taxable value to \$600,000 for both parcels owned by Kingsford Broach & Tool.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The final item under New Business was the Centennial Committee. Stelmaszek submitted a memo addressing the Centennial Committee in an attempt to begin the selection of directors to serve on the committee. He referenced the past Jubilee Committee and stated there were 7 directors at that time. Those individuals were contacted to inquire whether they would be interested in serving on the Centennial Committee. Stelmaszek attached a draft of the by-laws for Council consideration. He stated once approved and directors have been selected by Council, the Centennial Committee can meet to further organize and discuss. John Jessen, Tina Whaley, Shelley Byrne, Tom Sullivan and Beth Sullivan [who assisted in the Jubilee planning] attended the meeting. A lengthy discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to appoint John Jessen, Holly Palmer and Councilmember Baldinelli as Centennial Committee Directors.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Baldinelli said the committee members will be busy. Councilmember Flaminio wished everyone good luck with the planning. Mayor Groeneveld expressed his sincere appreciation to those in attendance and for all the information and assistance they provided thus far.

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



Mayor



Clerk