

August 2, 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, August 2, 2021 at 6:30pm in the council chambers at City Hall.

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

Also present were City Manager Mike Stelmaszek, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Brian Metras, Public Works Superintendent Jeff DeMuri, Deputy Clerk Tanya Hiltonen, Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News], Floyd Lindholm and Melissa Doucette.

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Remer to approve the July 19, 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 July 20, 2021 Board of Review 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 Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Remer to approve the invoices for July 20, 2021 through August 2, 2021 in the amount of \$365,322.69.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- Public Works Report – July

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to authorize DPW Supt. DeMuri to sell surplus items [as listed] on the Wisconsin Surplus website.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Remer to authorize DPW Supt. DeMuri to solicit bids [as budgeted] to install a cathodic protection system for our elevated storage water tank.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to authorize DPW Supt. DeMuri to solicit bids [as budgeted] for HVAC control upgrades at the DPW building.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to authorize DPW Mechanic Tim Pollock to complete his ASE certification training in Marquette, MI.
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 consent agenda.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Public Comment.

There was no Communications.

The Manager's Report was presented by Stelmaszek.

- The Civil Service Commission met on Tuesday, July 27th, 2021 and is advertising for entry-level applications for the Public Safety Department until August 20, 2021. Eligible applicants will be tested following the application deadline in order to establish a new two-year list of candidates to fill any openings in the department.
- The 2021-2026 Draft Recreation Plan has been completed and is available on the City's website for review by the public for the next 30 days. A hard copy is also available for viewing at City Hall and the Dickinson County Library.
- The Centennial Committee will begin meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning August 10th at 6:30pm.

- o Representatives from GEI will be at our next City Council meeting to give an update on the progress of the Kingsford Heights Watermain project and also discuss the current funding choices that are available.
- o The application for the 2021 Deer Management Assistance Permits was received and is due August 13th. Stelmaszek inquired whether the City Council would like to purchase the same amount of permits as prior years [quantity of up to 65]. A brief discussion took place. Mayor Groeneveld believes there is less participation due to baiting being prohibited.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to authorize the City Manager to apply for up to 65 permits for the 2021 Deer Management Program. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the August 2, 2021 Manager's Report. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The only item under Old Business was the Adoption of Ordinance No. 291 Storage Containers within a B-2 District. This ordinance was introduced at the last City Council meeting. After discussion at the last meeting, the ordinance verbiage referring to the visibility of the storage container was revised to "there is no more than 50% visibility."

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to adopt Ordinance No. 291 Storage Containers within B-2 District.

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

The first item under New Business was Bid Opening for Water Tank Cleaning. The two bids received were as follows:

1. National Wash Authority – Illinois – Tank #1 \$6,900; Tank #2 \$6,900 – Grand Total \$13,800
2. KLM Engineering – Minnesota – Tank #1 \$6,100; Tank #2 \$6,100 – Grand Total \$12,200

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

The second item under New Business was Centennial Committee Director Appointment Request. Tanya Hiltonen and Melissa Doucette attended the meeting. Tanya Hiltonen volunteered to be the secretary for the committee. Mayor Groeneveld thanked both for volunteering their time.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller appoint Hiltonen and Doucette as Centennial Committee Directors. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The third item under New Business was Centennial Committee By-Laws. A brief review of the verbiage was discussed. City Attorney Brouillette stated once the by-laws are approved, he [as the Incorporator] will sign a resolution adopting the by-laws and make the appointment of the 5 Directors of the Centennial Committee. Brouillette will then supply two signed copies to the City Manager [one for the City and one for the Committee]. A brief discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the Centennial Committee By-Laws as written. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The fourth item under New Business was a Request for Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining and Land Purchases.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Remer to recess to Executive Session.

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

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to authorize the City Manager to proceed with negotiations on certain properties within the City [as discussed in the Executive Session].

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The final item under New Business was the ratification of AFSCME 2021-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement. After negotiations and mediation, a CBA has been agreed upon.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to ratify the AFSCME 2021-2024 CBA.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.


There were no scheduled public hearings.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Baldinelli mentioned the passing of Senator Carl Levin and how he will be missed by many. Mayor Groeneveld said he was a good man.

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