

October 18, 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, October 18, 2021 at 6:30pm in the council chambers at City Hall.

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

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 Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to approve the October 4, 2021 City Council Meeting minutes as presented. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the October 14, 2021 Special City Council Meeting minutes as presented. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to approve the agenda as amended. [Addition to New Business – PSO Retirement and Request to Fill Vacancy] ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dixon-Miller and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the invoices for October 5, 2021 through October 18, 2021 in the amount of \$321,539.74. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

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

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.

- Automated Comfort Controls was the low bid for the HVAC Control System Upgrade for the Public Works building in the amount of \$6,112. Supt. DeMuri is proceeding with this project.
- The Fall Compost Material Collection began on October 13th, 2021. The collection begins in the Ford Addition, proceeding to the Heights, Garden Village and Breitung. A detailed notice was printed in The Daily News and has been posted to the website. [For Kingsford Residents Only] The compost drop-off site located at the Public Works Facility remains open Mon-Fri 7am-4pm and Saturdays 9am-noon until November 6th.
- Beginning the week of October 18th, Kingsford water customers may experience fluctuations in their water pressure due to the installation of the cathodic protection for the City’s elevated water tank. The completion date for this project is anticipated for October 25th. A notice was printed in The Daily News and has been posted to the website.
- The Trick or Treat hours for Halloween have been set for 4:00pm to 7:00pm on Sunday, October 31st, 2021. There will be a notice in the Daily News.
- We have taken possession of the 2015 Western Star 4WD Dump/Plow truck purchased from a municipality in Vermont. It still needs to be painted and lettered to match the other trucks in our fleet. The truck was parked in the City Hall parking lot for viewing purposes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the October 18, 2021 Manager’s Report. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Old Business.

The only item under New Business was a PSO Retirement and Request to Fill the Vacancy. Public Safety Office Richard Bottesi submitted a letter informing the City of his intent to retire effective November 29th, 2021. He has served our community for 10 years and expressed his deep gratitude for the opportunity, as well as the memories and friendships made during his employment with the City of Kingsford Public Safety Department.

City Manager Stelmaszek requested authorization to begin the process to fill the vacancy created by PSO Bottesi's departure in order to avoid a staff shortage at KPSD. A brief discussion took place regarding the current Civil Service list and to address the need for additional candidates for future vacancies.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to declare a vacancy in the KPSD and to authorize the City Manager and Director of Public Safety to fill the position. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Groeneveld expressed his appreciation for PSO Bottesi and stated he [Bottesi] is unique because he was the one hired to fill the vacancy when Groeneveld retired from the KPSD.

There were no scheduled public hearings.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Dixon-Miller said she was pleased with the dump/plow truck parked outside. Councilmember Baldinelli was happy with the bargain price the City was able to secure, at less the half the price of a new truck. Councilmember Flaminio concurred with Dixon-Miller and Baldinelli, as did Mayor Groeneveld. The Mayor also added he was driving down Breitung Avenue the other day and observed members of the KPSD extinguishing a fire that ignited in a large leaf pile. He asked Director Metras to tell the KPS officers that he appreciates the good job they do.

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


Mayor


Clerk