

City of Kingsford
Regular Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers
Tuesday, February 21st, 2023

A regular meeting of the Kingsford City Council was held on Tuesday, February 21st, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call: **Present:** Flaminio, Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller, Baldinelli
Absent: Freeman

Also present were: City Manager Michael Stelmaszek, City Treasurer Holly Palmer, DPW Superintendent Jeff DeMuri, Kenneth Wood, Assessor Kyle Mulka, Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News], Jeff Bal, Ryan Morgan, Josh McCole & Tim Gussert

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Flaminio **second** by Baldinelli approve the February 6th, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Baldinelli; **second** by Dixon-Miller to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Approval of Invoices: **Motion** by Baldinelli; **second** by Dixon-Miller to approve the invoices for February 7th, 2023 through February 21st, 2023 in the amount of \$294,727.55

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Public Safety Report – January 2023
2. Treasurer's Report – January 2023
 - a. Training Request for Holly Palmer.

Motion by Flaminio; **second** by Dixon-Miller to approve the training request for Holly Palmer.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

3. Centennial Committee Minutes – January 2023

Motion by Flaminio **second** by Baldinelli to receive and place on file the consent agenda.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Public Comment: Tim Gussert approached the council regarding the change in the skating rinks in town. A lengthy discussion took place.

Public Hearings: 6:45pm CST Hearing in regard to USDA application for KPS Patrol Vehicle Grant – Stelmaszek announced that we were holding a public hearing to receive comments on the USDA application for the KPS Patrol Vehicle Grant. No comments received; public hearing was closed.

Communications:

- A. IM-K Community School Summer Youth Program Request – Support for the promotion of their summer recreation program.

Motion by Flaminio, **second** by Baldinelli to approve the \$2,000.00 community promotion for Iron Mountain Kingsford Community Schools.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Manager's Report:

1. I received a resignation letter from Officer Rayce Maraccini effective February 16th, 2023. Stelmaszek is requesting approval from the council to fill the vacancy that exists from his departure.

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Dixon-Miller to declare a vacancy within the Kingsford Public Safety department.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

2. Both Sparks grant requests submitted were denied in the first round. The DNR received 462 grant requests totaling \$280,000,000 in requested funding for the \$15,000,000 available in this round. There are still two rounds available for funding larger projects such as the Menominee River trail grant request. The plan is to enter both projects again in the next round and third round if needed.
3. We received a check for \$22,724.53 as reimbursement for half the cost of the camera installation project at three city buildings and Lodal park. These funds were received through the MMRMA RAP Grant that had been applied for by the Public Safety Department. Applications for RAP grants can be applied for 3 times a year. It is the intent to continue to apply for these grants for needed training and equipment.

4. 4 years ago, MDOT initiated discussions with the city for the proposed resurfacing of Carpenter Avenue. At that time Coleman Engineering was hired by the city to plan for the replacement of the Watermain and Sewer line under Carpenter Avenue from Woodward to Hamilton. Since then, at the request of the city MDOT has added the installation of a storm water pipe from Woodward Avenue down Carpenter to a location south of the city limits and has split the project into phases. The first phase is to complete the project in 2024 from Woodward Avenue to Hamilton Avenue. Dave Bradley from MDOT will be at the next meeting to discuss this initial phase of the project to be completed next year.

Motion by Dixon-Miller; **second** by Baldinelli to receive and place on file the manager's report.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Right to First Refusal Agreement for Land on Evergreen Court Resolution #2023/2/21.2 – Follow-up to the agreement from the previous meeting.

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Flaminio to adopt resolution #2023/2/21.2.

Roll Call: Yes – Flaminio, Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller & Baldinelli

No – None. Absent – Freeman

- B. Purchase and Development Agreement for Lot on Evergreen Court Resolution #2023/2/21.3

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Dixon-Miller to adopt resolution #2023/2/21.3.

Roll Call: Yes – Flaminio, Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller & Baldinelli

No – None. Absent - Freeman

New Business:

- A. March Board of Review Resolution #2023/2/21.1

Motion by Flaminio; **second** by Dixon-Miller to adopt resolution #2023/2/21.1

Roll Call: Yes – Flaminio, Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller & Baldinelli

No – None. Absent - Freeman

- B. Baker Tilley Engagement Letter

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Flaminio to approve the Baker Tilly engagement letter and authorize the City Manager to sign.

Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.

- C. GEI Engineering Service Contract for Heights Project – Jeff Bal from GEI Consultants went over the amendments that needed to be made to the agreement.

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Dixon-Miller to approve the amendment to the agreement for the Heights project and authorize the City Manager to sign.

Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.

- D. GEI Presentation of Scoring and Next Step for the Cities Three 2024 SRF ITA's – Ryan Morgan from GEI went over the SRF ITA's. A lengthy discussion took place.

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Flaminio to approve discontinuing pursuing the CWSRF ITA's and increasing the scope and cost of the DWSRF ITA and to employ GEI as our engineers for the DWSRF project.

Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.

- E. \$15,000.00 Engineering Plan Submittal –

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Dixon-Miller to accept GEI proposal not to exceed \$15,000.00 to submit the plan.


Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

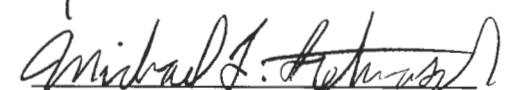
Councilmember's Privilege: Dixon-Miller asked that if any residents have issues to please attend the council meetings so that issues can be addressed. Baldinelli went over the MML conference he attended in Lansing. Groeneveld thanked everyone for their attendance.

Adjournment: **Motion** by Baldinelli; **second** by Dixon-miller to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried



Mayor, Joe Groeneveld



City Manager, Michael Stelmaszek