

City of Kingsford
Regular Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers
Monday, July 3rd, 2023

A regular meeting of the Kingsford City Council was held on Monday, July 3rd, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

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

Also present were: Floyd Lindholm, Maggie Lanthier

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all.

Approval of the Minutes:

A. Council Meeting of June 20th, 2023

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Dixon-Miller to approve the minutes of the council meeting on June 20th, 2023 as amended.

Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Freeman; **second** by Dixon-Miller to approve the agenda as amended

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Approval of Invoices: **Motion** by Flaminio; **second** by Baldinelli to approve the invoices from 6/22/2023 thru 7/3/2023 for payment in the amount of \$457,069.26

Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

A. Public Works Report – June 2023

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

Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Communications:

A. Correspondence from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) – Stelmaszek mentioned that this was in regards to the loan given to Kingsford Broach and that it would help create 2-3 jobs.

Motion by Dixon-Miller; **second** by Baldinelli to receive and place on file the correspondence from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.

Manager's Report:

1. July Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, July 18th, 2023 at 4:00pm. The purpose of the meeting is to correct clerical errors and consider exemption requests.
2. The County Board of Commissioners approved the city's funding request for \$94,755 in expenditures for the Westwood Project. We will continue looking for qualified expenditures for the remaining \$5,245 balance.
3. Our two Sparks grants have been resubmitted for the second and final round for consideration.
4. Officers Wright and Kowalkowski have completed their fire fighting instructors training and will be working with Sgt. Maki and Officer DeGroot as our new team of instructors to be utilized for mandated training updates for the department and initial firefighting training for our four new incoming officers. Officer DeGroot will lead the effort and has taken over as the departments training officer.
5. After consultation the Breitung Township Schools Superintendent Dave Holmes and KPS Director Rutter PSO Pericolosi has been selected to be our second school resource officer assigned to Breitung township schools. He will start at the beginning of the school year. On August 21st through the 25th there is an accredited SRO training school in Hartford, WI that we are requesting to send him to. The cost of the school will be reimbursed by Breitung Township Schools

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Freeman to send PSO Pericolosi to the SRO Training in Hartford, WI.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

6. The executive summary from our most recent MERS actuarial indicated our funding level from the previous year has slipped downward by two percent from 63% to 61% for 2022. 2022 was the worst year for the market since 2008. It is believed that this reduction in our funding level can be attributed to last years market decrease.
7. City hall will be closed July 4th, 2023 for Independence Day.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- A. Bid Opening for DPW Gravel Stockpile – Stelmaszek read off the bids from the two received.
 - a. Midwest Gravel - \$7,155.00
 - b. Morin Excavating - \$10,125.00

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Dixon-Miller to accept the lowest bid that meets specifications.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

- B. Centennial Event Ad Sponsorship Request – The Daily News contacted the City Hall and asked if we would like to sponsor the event for the Centennial. Baldinelli recommended the 2x5 ad in the amount of \$216.00

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Flaminio to do a 2x5 ad in the Iron Mountain Daily News for the Centennial in the amount of \$216.00

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

- C. City Hall Security Expense – Stelmaszek sought bids from Teck Solutions and Precision Technologies. Only Precision Technology submitted a bid. Stelmaszek requested that we move forward and accept the bid from Precision Technology and move forward with implementing the new security measures.

Motion by Flaminio; **second** by Dixon-Miller to accept the City Hall Security Bid from Precision Technology.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

- D. Public Safety Training Conference Request for Officer Wright and Woodward – Request to send Officer Wright and Woodward to Public Safety Training conference. Director Rutter went over the request and why it is necessary to attend. A brief discussion took place.

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Freeman to approve the training request for Officer Wright and Woodward.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

- E. Civil Service Ballot Initiative (Resolution #2023/7/3.1) –The Civil Service Act of 1935 (Act #78) was approved by the Citizen's of Kingsford and put into use in 1951 to ensure Police Officers and Firemen were hired, promoted, and managed based on merit and fitness. Since then, through collective bargaining agreements the Civil Service Commission is now only used for the selection of entry level employees and for matters concerning the administration. Because there are so few current municipalities using ACT #78, the City of Kingsford is now at a disadvantage regarding the recruitment of good candidates when hiring Public Safety employees. This ballot initiative was tried and failed in 2003. Circumstances have worsened since then necessitating the need to, once again, bring the issue to the Citizens of Kingsford. A lengthy discussion took place. Stelmaszek requests that the city council adopt resolution #2023/7/3.1.

Motion by Baldinelli **second** by Dixon-Miller to adopt Resolution #2023/7/3.1

ROLL CALL: Yes – Baldinelli, Flaminio, Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller and Freeman

No – None.

- F. 2025 to 2030 CUPPAD Capital Improvement Plan agreement – Our current CIP goes through 2024 and we have already needed to write letters for Rural Development explaining possible expenditures beyond 2024 to support their funding of our 2023 squad car grant request. Additionally, the city will get extra points toward our current SRF request to replace Watermains and Access lines in the Ford Addition and more of the Heights if the project is in our CIP. The State and Federal Government depends heavily on these plans in making grant decisions. It is time to go through the process to create a new plan for 2025 through 2030 for proper fiscal management to address the city's needs and help the city qualify for future grant funding. If approved, the cost would be \$4,550 to have CUPPAD assist us has been budgeted and will come out of the Planning Commission line item in the General Fund.

Motion by Baldinelli, **second** by Freeman to the CUPPAD agreement for the next Capital Improvement Plan.

ROLL CALL: Yes – Baldinelli, Flaminio, Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller and Freeman

No – None.

- G. Heights Project Contractors Agreement – This contract agreement is needed before initiating the project. Is it between the City of Kingsford and Payne and Dolan, Inc. It came with a proper performance bond, and sufficient property and liability insurance. The contract, and insurance and bond have been received and vetted by the City Attorney and has received his approval to bring the contract before the council for approval.

Motion by Flaminio, **second** by Baldinelli to approve for the Mayor and Stelmaszek to sign the contract on behalf of the city and to issue the Notice to Proceed.

Hearings: 6:45PM Hearing for Ordinance #296 Regarding Outdoor Furnaces – Stelmaszek presented the ordinance to council. It was previously brought before the council but was sent back to the planning commission due to being too restrictive. No questions or comments were received from the public.

Motion by Baldinelli, **second** by Flaminio to adopt Ordinance #296.

ROLL CALL: Yes – Baldinelli, Flaminio, Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller and Freeman

No – None.

Public Comment: None.

Councilmember's Privilege: All wished everyone a happy and safe 4th of July!

Adjournment: **Motion** by Freeman **second** by Dixon-Miller to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried



Mayor, Joseph Groeneveld



City Manager, Michael Stelmaszek