

City of Kingsford
Regular Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers
Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023

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

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

Also present were: City Manager Michael Stelmaszek, Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News], KPS Director Brian Metras, City Treasurer Holly Palmer, DPW Superintendent Jeff DeMuri, KPS Officer Rutter, Assessor Kyle Mulka, Lucas Corsi

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Flaminio **second** by Baldinelli approve the December 19th, 2022 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 December 20th, 2022 through January 3rd, 2023 in the amount of \$194,893.17

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Public Works Report – December 2022

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

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Communications: None.

Manager's Report:

1. The 2022 annual archery deer hunt was completed on January 1st, 2023. As of December 21, 2022 12 deer have been harvested. These figures compare to 11 in 2021, 17 in 2020, 11 in 2019, 18 in 2018, 26 in 2017, 43 in 2016, 41 in 2015 & 53 in 2014.
2. Both Sparks Grants were submitted before the deadline on December 19th, 2022. The acknowledgement email and part 1 of each narrative are attached to this report for your review. The Menominee River Nature trail was estimated conservatively at \$1,589,000 to account for high cost to the engineer and completing the trail on the steep hill adjacent the trail head at Evergreen Court. Actual cost may come in lower than what has been estimated.
3. Jonathan Cvengros has passed his MCOLES background investigation and has been scheduled for recertification training that will be completed on January 14th, 2023. He is scheduled to start work at Public Safety on January 16th, 2023.
4. Due to Martin Luther King Holiday, the next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17th, 2023.
5. Gary Lessard is retiring from the Iron Mountain Kingsford Waste Water Treatment Plant on February 19th, 2023. A special meeting will be held on January 9th, 2022 in the Kingsford Council Chambers at 10:30am to initiate a plan to find a replacement.

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

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- A. Request for City Council Approval on Construction site plan – Lucas Corsi of "Stone Brook Housing LLC" is in serious consideration to purchase some property adjacent to Carter Drive for the initial construction of two storage buildings (there is room for as many as four buildings). Access would be via the city right of way off North Balsam. Because the property is also contiguous to Lodal Park, Mr. Corsi is seeking City Council approval for his site plan prior to purchasing the land from Arcadis. It is zoned properly for this type of construction but there is a provision that anything built adjacent to any of the city's parks requires council approval. Lengthy discussion took place.

Motion by Flaminio; **second** by Baldinelli to approve the construction site plan.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

- B. Council Member Appointment – Groeneveld went over two candidates currently on the planning commission that he felt would be suited for the role. Groeneveld mentioned that Daniel Freeman has already worked with municipalities. He left it up to the council members to make the final decision. Flaminio and Baldinelli both agreed with Groeneveld. Baldinelli nominated Daniel Freeman. Groeneveld asked the council if there were any other nominations and there were none.

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Flaminio to appoint Daniel Freeman to the city council.

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

No – None.

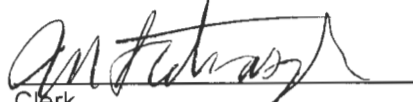
Public Hearings: None.

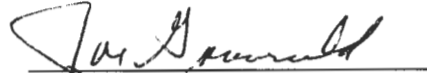
Public Comment: None.

Councilmember's Privilege: Groeneveld voiced that he felt Dan would be a good addition to the council and asked everyone to stay safe. cal

Adjournment: **Motion** by Baldinelli; **second** by Dixon-Miller to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried


Clerk


Mayor