

City of Kingsford
Regular Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers
Tuesday, January 17th, 2023

A regular meeting of the Kingsford City Council was held on Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

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

Also present were: City Manager Michael Stelmaszek, KPS Director Brian Metras, City Treasurer Holly Palmer, Deputy Clerk Tanya Hiltonen, Floyd Lindholm & Dale Trombly

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Flaminio **second** by Baldinelli approve the January 3rd, 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 Dixon-Miller; **second** by Baldinelli to approve the invoices for January 4th, 2023 through January 17th, 2023 in the amount of \$223,320.91

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Public Safety Report – December 2022
2. Treasurer's Report – December 2022
 - a. Request for Holly Palmer to attend training

Motion by Baldinelli **second** by Freeman to approve the training request for Holly Palmer.

3. Centennial Committee Minutes – 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. We have started the 2023-2024 Budget Process. Budget worksheets have been disseminated to Department Heads to complete and return for review.
2. On October 17th, 2022, after the state awarded our city the grant/loan package through the DWSRF program for the "Heights" project, I received an email from Angela Yu (EGLE UP Projects Manager) explaining that the city was "awarded more BIL LSLR dollars than allotted" and the city is now receiving only \$6,523,800 in funding. Since then, myself and our engineers at GEI have been trying to understand how this funding shortfall will affect the grant process and if this new obligation will decrease if bids come in lower than budgeted (emails included in council packets). We have asked several questions and feel we do not have a clear answer. It is important for the council to know what has transpired and that the city may be responsible for extra funding costs.
3. The County Board of Commissioners recently announced they would be giving \$100,000 of their ARPA funds to the City of Kingsford to be used on infrastructure projects. We now having this funding commitment to use toward any extra costs for the "Heights" Project.
4. The Public Safety Department completed the promotion process for the open positions of Sergeant and Lieutenant. Starting on February 3rd, 2023 PSO Brian Adams has been promoted to Sergeant and SGT Ken Wood to Lieutenant.
5. You were given a copy of the Annual Audit Report (2021/2022) in you packet. Scott Sternhagen will be present at the next Council meeting to present his findings.
6. Councilmember Baldinelli has recently been reappointed for another two years on the Michigan Municipal League Committee on Energy and Environment.
7. Stelmaszek requests permission from the City Council to implement a request for proposals (RFP) for engineering services for the Small Urban funding for 2024 the city received to resurface East Been Avenue (from Carpenter to Woodbine). As with resurfacing the street we will also be replacing water access lines to a residence in Kingsford. If we have the funds, we would like to replace the cities watermain on E. Breen.
8. Jonathan Cvengros passed his MCOLES Training and testing and has started employment at Kingsford Public Safety.

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Dixon-Miller to approve the request for proposals.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Flaminio; **second** by Freeman to receive and place on file the manager's report.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A. Planning Commission Appointment (Roger Marinich)

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Dixon-Miller to appoint Roger Marinich to the Planning Commission.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

B. Citizen Advisory Committee Appointment (Dale Trombly)

Motion by Flaminio; **second** by Dixon-Miller to appoint Dale Trombly to the Citizen Advisory.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

C. Citizen's Advisory & Audit Committee Appointment (Daniel Freeman)

Motion by Dixon-Miller; **second** by Baldinelli to appoint Daniel Freeman to the Citizen's Advisory and Audit Committee.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

D. Kingsford City-Wide Garage Sale – Stelmaszek went over the proposal and requested that the council approve allowing Jennifer to proceed with planning.

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Dixon-Miller to approve the Kingsford City-Wide Garage Sale.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

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

No – None.

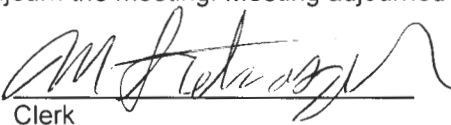
Public Hearings: None.

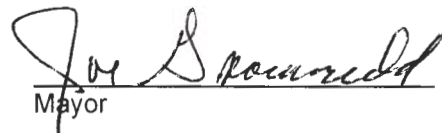
Public Comment: Brian Metras approached the council to thank them and expressed his heart felt appreciation for the time he spent at Kingsford Public Safety and for everyone he worked with during his 28 years.

Councilmember's Privilege: Dixon-Miller thanked Metras for his years of service and wished him well. Freeman thanked the council for appointing him and looked forward to being an active member of the City Council. Flaminio welcomed Freeman and wished Metras well on his retirement. Baldinelli announced the next date of the Centennial Committee meeting on Monday, February 13th. He also mentioned that the county gave the Centennial Committee \$5,000.00. Groeneveld welcomed Freeman and thanked Metras for his years of service.

Adjournment: **Motion** by Dixon-Miller; **second** by Freeman to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried


Clerk


Mayor