

APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

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, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30pm in the council chambers at City Hall.

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

Also present were City Manager Mike Stelmaszek, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Brian Metras, Treasurer Holly Palmer, Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News], Lois Ellis & Bob Goodreau

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Remer to approve the March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 City Council Meeting minutes as presented.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Remer to approve the agenda as amended  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the invoices for March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 through April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the amount of \$142,052.04  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- Public Works Report – March 2022
  - Training Request – Stelmaszek requested approval for Jeff DeMuri and Jim Stearns to attend the U.P. Spring Water Conference training on April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Island Resort and Casino in Harris Michigan.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Remer to approve both Jeff and Jim to attend the training.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Remer to receive and place on file the consent agenda.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Public Comment at this time.

#### Communications

- Charter Communications sent a letter to notify that the Russian channels would no longer be airing.
- An email was sent by the office of Ed McBroom notifying elected officials of the townhall meeting that would take place on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 10:30am to 11:30am CST at the Breitung Township Hall in Quinnesec, MI.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to receive and place on file the notification from Charter and the email from Ed McBroom's office.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The Manager's Report was presented by Stelmaszek.

- As of 4/4/2022 (7) applications were received for the two open positions for Sanitation Worker. Only 5 had the required CDL license.
- The City and Breitung Township Schools are currently in the process of having the city owned property in the agreement surveyed in order to complete the exchange.
- The Mayor approved a special meeting (work session) for the City Council at 4:30pm on April 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss utility rate adjustments.
- City Hall will be closed on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of "Good Friday". Council Packets will go out on Thursday for the Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to receive and place on file the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Manager's Report.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

#### Old Business

- Coleman Engineering Contract for East Breitung Project
  - Superintendent DeMuri and City Manager Michael Stelmaszek reviewed the proposal from Coleman Engineering for the engineering service. The area to be repaired, modified and resurfaced is from Woodbine St to Carpenter Ave. The project needs are extensive and the cost reflects this. DeMuri and Stelmaszek recommend the city enter into an agreement with Coleman Engineering Company for a "Not-to-Exceed" cost of \$81,500.00 for the project as outlined in the proposal.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Remer approve entering into an agreement with Coleman Engineering Company for a "Not-to-Exceed" cost of \$81,500.00  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

#### New Business

- GIS Imaging Request
  - Breitung Township Superintendent proposed an agreement to partner with them in updating our digital imagery using MISAIL (Michigan Statewide Authoritative Imagery & LiDAR Program). The cost is over \$180.00 per square mile but partnering with Breitung Township would take the cost down to \$65.39 per square mile. Stelmaszek proposed that the city take advantage of this opportunity.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and supported by Flaminio to approve partnering with Breitung Township to update the City of Kingsford's digital imagery.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- MDOT Performance Resolution for Permit Use of State Highway Right of Way
  - The State Attorney General recently updated the document and omitted the word "Utility" from the term "Municipal Utility", necessitating the need to request approval of the attached resolution 2022/4/4.1. Stelmaszek requested support from City Council to ratify resolution 2022/4/4.1.

A motion was made by Flaminio and supported by Remer to support the ratification of the resolution 2022/4/4.1.

ROLL CALL: AYES: REMER, BALDINELLI, FLAMINIO

NAYS: NONE

- Resolution for Category "A Funding"
  - Stelmaszek explained that the Kingsford Lumber Company is giving serious consideration into purchasing additional property and expanding their intended facility located at 520 North Hooper Drive. The operation would substantially increase truck traffic on Breitung Avenue between Carpenter and Balsam. DPW Superintendent Jeff DeMuri rated the section of road to be in poor condition making the City a good candidate for the funding. This would require the need to request approval of the resolution 2022/4/4.2. Stelmaszek requested the Council's support to ratify resolution 2022/4/4.2. A brief break took place to account for the scheduled public hearing at 6:45pm.

#### Public Hearings

- 6:45PM Blight Ordinance Hearing
  - Stelmaszek presented a brief explanation of the Blight Ordinance.

A call for public comment was made in regards to the Blight Ordinance. Councilmember Baldinelli requested that there be a revision made to the ordinance that called out exceptions for neat and orderly piles of building materials. A brief discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Baldinelli to close the public hearing for the Blight Ordinance.

ALL AYES, NO NAYS, MOTION CARRIED

#### New Business Continued...

Following the break for the 6:45 Blight Ordinance hearing, Stelmaszek continued with his request to ratify the Category A funding resolution 2022/4/4.2.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to support the ratification of the resolution 2022/4/4.2.

ROLL CALL: AYES: REMER, BALDINELLI, FLAMINIO

NAYS: NONE

- Introduction of Blight Ordinance 292. Stelmaszek introduced Blight Ordinance 292 for consideration and proposed adoption at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Flaminio and supported by Councilmember Remer to introduce Blight Ordinance 292.

ALL AYES, NO NAYS, MOTION CARRIED

#### Continued Public Hearings

- 7:00PM Noise Ordinance Hearing
  - Stelmaszek presented a brief explanation of the Blight Ordinance.

A call for public comment was made in regards to the Noise Ordinance. Bob Goodreau approached the council regarding the noise around his neighborhood and the hopes for enforcement of the ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Flaminio to close the public hearing for the Noise Ordinance.  
ALL AYES, NO NAYS, MOTION CARRIED

Continued New Business...

- Introduction of Noise Ordinance 293. Stelmaszek introduced the Noise Ordinance 293 for consideration and proposed adoption at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Remer to introduce Noise Ordinance 293.  
ALL AYES, NO NAYS, MOTION CARRIED

There were no Public Comment scheduled at this time.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Baldinelli made brief mention of his phone.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and supported by Councilmember Remer to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.  
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

These minutes have been approved. For copies of signed minutes, they can be retrieved at the Kingsford City Hall.