

City of Kingsford
Regular Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers
Monday, April 18th, 2022 6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Kingsford City Council was held on Monday, April 18th, 2022 at 6:30pm in the council chambers at City Hall.

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

Also present were: City Manager Mike Stelmaszek, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette, Public Safety Director Brian Metras, Treasurer Holly Palmer, Deputy Clerk Tanya Hiltonen, Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News], Stevin Seppala, Andrew Korpi, Matthew Korpi, Kieran Hempel, Marissa Peterson, Elonnie Seppala, Jacob Marotz, Jeremy Marotz Clide Wilson, Damian Debernardi, Tasha Debernardi & Douglas Sage

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and seconded by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the April 4th, 2022 City Council Meeting minutes as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and seconded by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve the invoices for April 5th, 2022 through April 18th, 2022 in the amount of \$301,688.18 minus the amount intended for the Centennial Committee.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- Public Safety Report – March 2022
 - Training Request for Officer Brandon Rutter to attend hostage negotiations training. Stelmaszek requested approval from the council for Officer Brandon Rutter to attend Hostage Negotiations training.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and seconded by Councilmember Flaminio to approve Officer Brandon Rutter to attend the Hostage Negotiations training along with costs associated.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED

- Treasurer's Report – March 2022
 - Training Request for Treasurer Holly Palmer to attend training put on by the MGFOA. Stelmaszek requested approval from the council for Treasurer Holly Palmer to attend a training from the Michigan Government Finance Officers Association for year-end financial statements and closing adjustments. This will be virtual and the only cost to the city is the \$100.00 registration fee.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and seconded by Councilmember Groeneveld to approve Holly Palmer attending the virtual training and \$100.00 fee.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED

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

Public Comment –

Jacob Marotz, from the Boy Scouts, approached the council and brought up the need to address playground equipment at Triangle Park that is rusted.

City Manager Stelmaszek mentioned the upcoming Centennial Celebration noting that Kingsford has been putting a lot of funding into updating Lodal Park, Ford Park and the pocket park on Olympic St. He stated that he would follow up with Public Works Superintendent to look into the rusted playground equipment at Triangle Park.

Jacob Marotz also mentioned that he would like to see a new department store come to Kingsford to purchase clothes.

City Manager Stelmaszek assured Jacob that Kingsford would welcome any department store that wished to come to Kingsford but no such business has come forward at this time.

Communications

- Charter Communications – Channel Line-up change.
- Letter from KHS Senior Class Advisors – The city received a letter requesting assistance for their all-night party. Historically the city council has provided \$100.00 towards advertising for this event. Stelmaszek requested that the city council once again approve paying \$100.00 towards advertising for the 2022 KHS Senior Class.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and seconded by Councilmember Remer to pay \$100.00 towards advertising for the 2022 KHS Senior Class All-Night Party.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED

- Menominee Range Historical Foundation – A request was received for permission to hold the Fourth of July Parade on Monday, July 4th, 2022. A valid Certificate of Liability Insurance was provided and the parade route would remain the same.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and seconded by Baldinelli to give permission to the Menominee Range Historical Foundation to hold the Fourth of July Parade on Monday, July 4th, 2022.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and seconded by Councilmember Remer to receive and place on file the communications.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The Manager's Report was presented by Stelmaszek.

- Of the (5) Sanitation worker applicants that had applied with CDL licenses. Two were selected and have been sent a conditional offer of employment. Updates will be provided once the two candidates have accepted the offers and passed the process to become a City Employee.
- The City and Breitung Township schools are currently in the process of having the City owned property in our agreement surveyed in order to complete the exchange.
- Councilmember Baldinelli requested to attend the MML U.P. Education Summit in Marquette on May 19th & 20th, 2022. Funding is in the budget for this. Stelmaszek requested approval from the Council for Councilmember Baldinelli to attend the training event and for the City to pay for the costs associated with his attendance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Remer and seconded by Councilmember Flaminio to approve the training request for Councilmember Baldinelli along with costs associated.

- The special meeting to discuss utility rate adjustments for the City Council scheduled April 11th, 2022 was postponed to Tuesday, April 26th, 2022 at 4:30pm

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and seconded by Councilmember Baldinelli to receive and place on file the April 18th, 2022 Manager's Report

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

No Old Business at this time.

New Business

- Consideration for Adoption of Ordinance #292 for Blight
 - Stelmaszek recommended that Ordinance #292 for Blight be adopted as submitted.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding what constitutes blight, what would be enforced and how it would be enforced along with possible provisions that could be added.

A motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and seconded by Councilmember Flaminio to adopt Ordinance #292 for Blight as is.

ROLL CALL: AYES – Flaminio, Groeneveld, Remer, Baldinelli
NAYS - NONE

- Consideration for Adoption of Ordinance #293 for Noise
 - Stelmaszek recommended that Ordinance #293 for Noise be adopted as submitted.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldinelli and seconded by Councilmember Flaminio to adopt Ordinance #293 for Noise as is.

ROLL CALL: AYES – Flaminio, Groeneveld, Remer, Baldinelli
NAYS - NONE

No Public Hearings at this time.

There were no Public Comments scheduled at this time.

Under Councilmember's Privilege, Councilmember Groeneveld thanked the Boy Scouts for attending the City Council meeting and witnessing how democracy works. Councilmember Baldinelli mentioned that councilmembers do not always agree but always work together. Councilmember Flaminio brought up the noise ordinance and the trouble being faced for enforcing loud vehicles. Mayor Remer thanked the Boy Scouts for coming to the City Council Meeting and Jacob Marotz for approaching the Council with his concerns.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Groeneveld and seconded by Councilmember Baldinelli to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

These minutes have been approved. If signed copies are needed, they can be retrieved at the Kingsford City Hall.