

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

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

Roll Call: Present: Baldinelli, Flaminio, Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller, Remer
Absent: None

Also present were: City Manager Mike Stelmaszek, Treasurer Holly Palmer, Maggie Lanthier [Daily News], Superintendent of Public Works Jeff DeMuri and Floyd Lindholm

The pledge of allegiance was stated.

A motion was made by Baldinelli and seconded by Dixon-Miller to approve the May 16th, 2022 City Council meeting minutes as presented.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

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

A motion was made by Baldinelli and seconded by Flaminio to approve the invoices for May 16th, 2022 through June 6th, 2022 in the amount of \$335,643.07
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Public Works Report – May 2022

A motion was made by Dixon-Miller and seconded by Groeneveld to receive and place on file the consent agenda.
ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

No Public Comment at this time.

Communications

- A. Public Safety Training Request – Training is a follow up to the pistol and shotgun training that Office Metras has gone through. Once Officer Metras completes the basic patrol rifle segment, he will have completed his training to be a certified range officer. The cost will be paid for with MCOLES (Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards) 302 Funds provided by the state.

A motion was made by Flaminio and seconded by Groeneveld to approve the training request for Officer Metras.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Manager's Report

1. There will be a Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 Appropriation Budget at our next meeting on June 20th at 6:45pm, followed by a second public hearing at 7:00pm for SRF Program (Heights Project).
2. Stelmaszek would like to attend the MMRMA Annual Meeting and Conference in Acme on August 18th through 21st, 2022. It is a 5-day event, he would arrive early on the second day and only require 3 nights accommodations. Stelmaszek requested council approval to attend the annual conference.

A motion was made by Remer and seconded by Dixon-Miller to approve Stelmaszek attending the MMRMA Annual Conference.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Stelmaszek brought up that the city's new website is now up and running noting that many of the new features are in place. Much more will be added and enhanced in the months to come.
4. The new lighting system at City Hall is up and running. It was run with a Red, White and Blue theme over the Memorial Day Weekend.
5. There will be a Special Meeting next Monday, on June 13th at the 4:30PM to go over the 2022-2023 budget. Stelmaszek will try to have Budget Amendments for the current budget ready for council review at the same time.

A motion was made by Baldinelli and seconded by Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the Manager's Report.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

No Unfinished Business at this time

New Business

- A. Request to increase P&F pension amounts for the 4 recipients who do not receive a Yearly Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) –Stelmaszek read on... Act 345 has a provision that allows the governing body of a municipality "from time to time" to increase the recipients pensions for those that do not receive an automatic annual increase. The last time this was done was in 2005 for eleven former employees (copies of the minutes were included in the council packets). There are now only 4 former employees that do get this annual increase and one has made a request for an increase. Included in the packet was a list of the 4 remaining former city employees, their current annual pension amounts, and the cost to the pension to provide them with a 5%, 10% or 15% increase. The rate of inflation this year alone is over 8% and the last increase was given to them over 17 years ago. The pension system is properly funded to withstand a 5%, 10% or 15% increase for these remaining 4 recipients.

A motion was made by Baldinelli and seconded by Groeneveld to approve a 15% increase for Marvin Freeman, Jerome Palmcook, Donald Secrist & Alvin Kallenbach from the P&F Fund effective July 1st, 2022. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Baldinelli and seconded by Remer to adjourn the City Council and reconvene as the Zoning Board of Appeals. ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED

Public Hearings

- A. 6:45pm Variance Hearing of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for Resident at 105 Rexford Followed by a Vote on the Variance Request by the ZBA – On the request of the resident at 105 Rexford Ave, Michael Flaminio, the variance request for your consideration is to allow construction of a garage closer to the northside of the property line than is currently allowed by the City of Kingsford Code of Ordinances. Under the proposed construction submitted, the North side setback would be only 3' from the property line but the overhang of the roof would be less than 1' from the property line. The roof has been designed to divert rain and snow away from the north property line. Letters notifying residents of the hearing were sent to 31 adjacent property owners.

A motion was made by Groeneveld and seconded by Dixon-Miller to approve the Variance request on 105 Rexford.

Roll Call: AYES – Baldinelli, Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller, Remer

ABSTAIN – Flaminio

NAYS – None

A motion was made by Baldinelli and Seconded by Dixon Miller to adjourn as for the Zoning Board of Appeals and reconvene as the City Council.

New Business Continued

- B. Park Use request to have Flivverfest at Lodal Park on July 29th 2022-July 31st, 2022. – This has been approved in the past. Stelmaszek requested approval contingent on receiving a copy of the liability insurance before the event.

A motion was made by Baldinelli and seconded by Flaminio to approve the request to hold Flivverfest at Lodal Park contingent on receiving the liability insurance prior to the event.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- C. Permit Request for Fireworks at Flivverfest – Stelmaszek went over the request and noted that it has been done in the past.

A motion was made by Remer and seconded by Groeneveld to approve the permit request to have fireworks at Flivverfest.

ALL AYES. NO NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- D. Resolution 2022/6/6.1 Re; Delinquent water and sewer bills – Stelmaszek explained that the list included were all of the bills that have been delinquent for the past 6 months. Every 6 months this process takes place and delinquent water and sewer bills are added to their property taxes. Stelmaszek requested council approval to adopt the resolution 2022/6/6.1.

A motion was made by Flaminio and seconded by Baldinelli to adopt resolution 2022/6/6.1


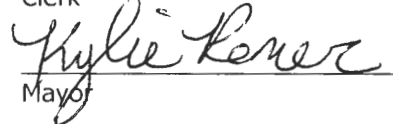
Roll call: AYES – Baldinelli, Flaminio, Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller, Remer

NAYS - NONE

No Public Comment at this time.

Council Member's Privilege – Groeneveld voiced his appreciation that action was taken to provide raises to the 4 former city employees. Dixon – Miller mentioned the that the City Hall looked very nice with the new lighting. Baldinelli mentioned the opportunity to be in the MML Review and the hopes of having some new photos of the city. Flaminio mentioned that after his recent travels he is very fortunate to live in Kingsford and in the United States. Kylie Remer asked everyone to stay safe!

There being no further business, a motion was made by Baldinelli and seconded by Dixon-Miller to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:56PM.


Clerk

Mayor