

City of Kingsford
Regular Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers
Monday, August 15th, 2022 6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Kingsford City Council was held on Monday, August 15th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

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

Also present were: City Manager Michael Stelmaszek, Treasurer Holly Palmer, Floyd Lindholm, Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News] & Lon Miller

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Baldinelli; **second** by Flaminio to approve the August 1st, 2022 City Council meeting minutes.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Groeneveld; **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 August 2nd, 2022 through August 15th, 2022 in the amount of \$277,285.30

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Public Safety Report – July 2022
- B. Treasurer's Report – July 2022
- C. Centennial Committee Minutes – July 2022

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

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Communications:

1. MML Conference Notification – Stelmaszek mentioned there was a councilmember that requested to attend the 2022 MML Conference in September. This is open to all council members that wish to attend. Cost to attend is \$520 for the 3-day event. Stelmaszek is requesting approval for any council member to attend to be compensated for the costs.

Motion by Flaminio; **second** by Baldinelli to allow for any council members to attend the 2022 MML Conference in September 2022.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Manager's Report:

1. The house that burned on 421 Wright Street has been removed. The city will attempt to bill the owners for the cost. Any expenses not reimbursed from the owner will be assessed on their property tax.
2. The server at the city hall needs to be replaced by this fall. It is reaching its end-of-life recommended use age in 2023 and could crash in the near future. Teck Solutions recommends that we complete the conversion now and have it in place before this fall. They have submitted the attached invoice for \$9,356. Stelmaszek requests approval from the council for the purchase of the new server.

Motion by Groeneveld; **second** by Flaminio to allow for the purchase of the new server and subsequent conversion.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

3. In order to comply with our capital improvement plan (CIP) and have the availability to maintain the sidewalk system established in our Safe Routes to School initiative; Stelmaszek requested council approval to seek bids for a new sidewalk snow blowing machine

Motion by Remer; **second** by Baldinelli to allow Superintendent Jeff DeMuri to seek bids for a new sidewalk snow blowing machine.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

4. After checking with our Labor Attorney, Stelmaszek verified that in the absence of being able to establish an entry level employment list for Public Safety the city is allowed to directly recruit eligible candidates provided their credentials be presented for certification by the Civil Service Commission before they are hired. Stelmaszek attached the advertisement that the Public Safety Department has on the MCOLES site. An application has been received from a certified MCOLES candidate and the application is being processed.
5. There have been a lot of concerns brought forward as residents are experiencing the effect of the utility rate increase that took effect on July 1st, 2022. Stelmaszek prepared a letter to the residents addressing the concerns. A copy has been placed on the city's website and given to our Utility Clerk to disseminate to residents to express concerns. I have been receiving calls from these residents also.
6. Due to the Labor Day holiday the next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6th, 2022.

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Groeneveld to receive and place on file the Manager's Report.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- A. *Bid Opening for Resurfacing of Pickle Court Site and Basketball Court at Lodal Park*
1. The Asphalt Doc - \$16,629.00
 2. JCS - \$67,495.00

Stelmaszek requested that the council approve accepting the lowest bid that meets the city's specifications. A brief discussion took place regarding the large difference with both bids with Stelmaszek stating they would need to be closely reviewed.

Motion by Groeneveld; **second** by Baldinelli to accept the lowest bid that meets the city's specifications.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

- B. *Request for a Hearing to Consider a Zoning Variance Request* - The resident at 840 Cass Avenue is requesting a variance to the rear yard setback for accessory buildings in the R-1B Zoning District. The required setback is 10feet from the alley right-of-way. The variance would all for the construction of a new garage built 1 foot off of the alley. The maximum variance requested is 9ft. A public hearing for the Zoning Board of Appeals should be set for September 6th. This would allow for proper notice to be given to neighbors and for public comments to be gathered.

Motion by Groeneveld; **second** by Baldinelli to hold a public hearing on September 6th at 6:45pm.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

- C. *Request to Purchase New Plow Blade for Plow Truck* - Jeff DeMuri is requesting permission to seek bids for a new snow plow. This would be the same one that was bought 2 years ago for one of the city's 4x4 trucks. The same plow as purchased last time has a trip mold board that is spring activated so hitting obstacles like manholes and valve boxes will not damage the plow or the item that was hit. The total price for the plow and the hitch portion on the truck was estimated value of \$17,000.00

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Flaminio to allow Jeff DeMuri to secure bids for a new plow blade for the city's plow truck.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Public Hearings: None.

Public Comment: None.

Councilmember's Privilege: Baldinelli asked that anyone who was interested look at the centennial apparel. Flaminio wished Stelmaszek well.

Adjournment: **Motion** by Baldinelli; **second** by Dixon-Miller to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried


Clerk

Mayor