

City of Kingsford  
Regular Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers  
Monday, August 21st, 2023

A regular meeting of the Kingsford City Council was held on Monday, August 21st, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

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

Also present were: City Manager Mike Stelmaszek, Anthony Edlebeck, Denise Edlebeck, Maggie Lanthier [Daily News], Bob Goodreau and Josh McCole, City Attorney, Bruce Brouillette

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

A. Regular Council Meeting – August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Motion** by Flaminio; **second** by Baldinelli to approve the minutes of the special meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as amended.

**Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.**

**Approval of Agenda:** **Motion** by Baldinelli; **second** by Dixon-Miller to approve the agenda as amended.

**Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.**

**Approval of Invoices:** **Motion** by Dixon-Miller; **second** by Freeman to approve the invoices from 8/8/2023 thru 8/21/2023 for payment in the amount of \$369,110.76.

**Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.**

**Consent Agenda:**

A. Public Safety

B. Treasury Report – Training request for Holly to attend a virtual training with the Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Association. Cost only for session and materials. This is to maintain her certifications.

**Motion** by Baldinelli; **second** by Flaminio to approve training and expenses for Holly to attend the MMTA fall session.

**Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.**

C. Centennial Committee Minutes

**Motion** by Freeman, **second** by Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the consent agenda.

**Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.**

**Public Comment:** None.

**Communications:**

A. Breitung Township Letter – Congratulatory letter from the Township trustees regarding Kingsford's Centennial event.

B. Breitung Township School's Letter - Formal Letter from Breitung Township Schools with their intent to hold a bond election for Breitung Township Schools on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Motion** by Dixon-Miller; **second** by Baldinelli to receive and place on file the letter from Breitung Township and Breitung Township Schools.

**Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.**

**Manager's Report:**

1. FA Industrial Services had a \$675 discrepancy but was still the lowest bid and won the bid process. The total bid for the East Breitung Reconstruction project will be \$1,063,436.90 (see attached bid sheet). This amount will be offset by the \$280,000 of funding by the state Category F funding making the cost to the city about \$783,436.90. This project includes watermain and access line replacement for East Breitung and two blocks of Woodbine Street (from E. Breitung). The remaining cost will be paid for by the city's Major Streets (202), Sewer (590), and Water (591) funds.
2. The request from Tracey Payette at our last meeting was investigated. This was in regards to the broken fence at 401 Sterling St. After speaking to both Kyle Mulka and Jeff DeMuri and the City Manager attending the site himself, the current fence 5 foot, 4 inches too close to the alley. If the city was to take responsibility for this, it would set a precedent for eventually repairing all the aging fences built similarly on that block and throughout the city. The attached letter was sent to Gerald Payette in response to Tracy Payette's request.
3. As set by the City Council in Resolution #2023.7.3.1 regarding the upcoming Civil Service Referendum, Exhibit B (Notice of Election) are to be published October 28th, and 31st, 2023 and Exhibit C (Notice of the Last Day of Registration) are to be published October 7th, and 31st. These publications are necessary to follow State Law.
4. Our four recruits (Andrew Mann, Trevor Povolo, Toby Wheeler, and Rebecca Person) are scheduled to graduate from the Academy on August 18th, 2023. If all goes well, they will be starting at the department on August 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st, 2023 respectively.
5. We have had two Council Members and myself sign up for the MML Conference on October 18th – 20th, 2023. This is the last call for interested Council members, availability is rapidly diminishing.

6. There will be a tour of the VA facility in Iron Mountain on August 30th, 2023 for local Officials (refer to attachment) from 9:00am to 10:45am. Lois Ellis is requesting an RSVP with her before August 25th, 2023 if you are interested in attending.
7. Stelmaszek notified the council regarding the new squad car that is down due to what they thought was a bad engine but may only be a coolant issue. Our new leased vehicle is now being outfitted sooner than originally planned to make up for the down vehicle.
8. Due to the Labor Day Holiday the next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Motion** by Baldinelli; **second** by Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the manager's report.

**Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.**

Old Business

- A. Purchase & Development Agreement with Josh McCole for Lot #112 & 124 on Evergreen Court Resolution #2023/8/21.1 – This is consistent with our past agreement with Josh with the exception that it is two parcels and not one. Josh understands that the clock begins with both parcels once the agreement is signed. Stelmaszek requests approval for the Mayor and City Manager to sign the agreement to sell the two parcels to McCole and Company LLC and adopt resolution 2023/8/21.1 authorizing the sale.

**Motion** by Baldinelli; **second** by Dixon-Miller to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign the agreement and adopt resolution #2023/8/21.1.

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

**No – None.**

- A. Revised Ordinance #297 – One change was made to the pleasure of the council at the last meeting to allow fireworks on any federal holiday until 11:45pm but only on the day of the holiday. Stelmaszek requests approval to pass the amended ordinance. Flaminio requested a list of the federal holidays which include: New Years Day, Martin Luther King Jr's Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Groeneveld asked if there were any concerns from the public prior to the council's vote. Baldinelli mentioned that it was a few too many times to light fireworks.

**Motion** by Flaminio, **second** by Dixon-Miller to adopt Ordinance #297.

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

New Business

- A. UPAA (Upper Peninsula's Assessor's Association) Training for Kyle Mulka – The Training will take place in the UP and is in-person training. This course is mandatory training to maintain his assessor's certification. Baldinelli requested Kyle to take both classes that were being offered with Stelmaszek stating he would notify Kyle.

**Motion** by Baldinelli; **second** by Freeman for Kyle Mulka to attend the UPAA training.

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

- B. Resolution # 2023/8/7.1 –Stelmaszek went over the resolution that summarized Anthony Edlebeck's accomplishments to the city. Stelmaszek thanked Tony for everything he has done for the city. A round of applause was heard. Tony approached the council thanking them for the opportunity for working for the city mentioning he had a good working relationship with past and present council members. He mentioned that we have good employees, wonderful citizens, and a great heritage in the city. He said he is just happy to be a part of the city and wishes the city all the best. Groeneveld stated that Tony Edlebeck is the most selfless man he knows stating it was an honor for him to be able to give it to him.

Public Comment: None.

Councilmember's Privilege: Freeman thanked Tony for his continued dedication to the city noting that he is still involved with many committees. Dixon-Miller stated she has learned so much from Tony over the years. Flaminio thanked Tony mentioning the roles he played with the Jubilee and then the Centennial. Baldinelli mentioned that he has enjoyed working with Tony over the years stating they are still on a couple of committees together. Groeneveld mentioned that the Detroit Free Press wrote an article about the history of the city and talked to Tony for over four hours and to him for only four minutes joking that he received all the credit even though it was all Tony.

Adjournment: **Motion** by Freeman **second** by Baldinelli to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm

**Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried.**

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Mayor, Joseph Groeneveld

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City Manager, Michael Stelmaszek