

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

A regular meeting of the Kingsford City Council was held on Tuesday, September 6th, 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, Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News], Lon Miller and Lon R Bartsch II

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Baldinelli; **second** by Flaminio to approve the August 15th, 2022 City Council meeting minutes.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Groeneveld; **second** by Baldinelli to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Approval of Invoices: **Motion** by Dixon-Miller; **second** by Groeneveld to approve the invoices for August 16th, 2022 through September 5th, 2022 in the amount of \$250,654.13

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Public Works – August 2022

- o Request Authorization to receive quotes for 500 tons of winter sand from local suppliers.

Motion by Remer; **second** by Baldinelli to approve receiving quotes for 500 tons of winter sand from local suppliers.

Vote: Unanimous, motion Carried.

- o Request authorization for Supt. DeMuri to take his S-2, Mark Harper to take his S-3 and Chris Weseman, Nathan Pollock and Jason Gendron to take their water certification through the State of Michigan – EGLE on November 5th in Marquette, Michigan.

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Dixon-Miller to approval the testing for Jeff DeMuri, Mark Harper, Chris Weseman, Nathan Pollock and Jason Gendron.

Vote: Unanimous, motion Carried.

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

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Communications: None.

Manager's Report:

1. The premium cost for next year's health insurance came in and will be increasing by 9.5%. Dental and vision premiums are down slightly making the cost increase to employees who use this benefit about 8.85%. Stelmaszek notified both union stewards and the non-union employees on the upcoming increase.
2. The current school liaison officers are high in department seniority and may not be eligible to perform these duties much longer. Included in the council packet is a request from the Director to send PSO Matthew Brouillette to a school to be trained for this purpose. Director Metras feels Brouillette is the best candidate to take on this responsibility and is requesting approval to send him to this training.

Motion by Remer; **second** by Baldinelli to approve Brouillette attending this training.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

3. After having completed all of the procedures to hire a new entry level Public Safety Officer, the officer changed his mind and decided to stay with his current employer.
4. The MMRMA Camera grant has been approved. The city will be reimbursed for up to 50% of \$24,490 for the cost of providing this camera system at all three city buildings and Lodal Park. MJ Electric is in the process of installing the poles and electricity for this system at Lodal park and Van Ert will be installing the cameras at the three city buildings and Lodal Park during the week of September 12th. After the project is complete the city will also have the ability to have WIFI at Lodal Park.
5. Monthly Utility billing went into effect starting September 1st, 2022.

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

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

A. Bid Opening for New Plow Blade

- a. Monroe Truck Equipment - \$16,468.00
- b. Truck Equipment - \$14,784.00

Motion by Flaminio; **second** by Groeneveld to accept the lowest bid provided it meets the city's specifications.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

New Business:

A. Lease Agreement with Maranatha Church

Motion by Flaminio; **second** by Baldinelli to approve the new lease agreement.

Roll Call: Yes – Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller, Remer, Baldinelli, Flaminio

No – None.

B. Lease Agreement with Prime Pasty King

Motion by Flaminio; **second** by Baldinelli to approve the new lease agreement.

Roll Call: Yes – Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller, Remer, Baldinelli, Flaminio

No – None.

C. Zawada Land Purchase Request for Lot #117 on North Pyle Drive – Stelmaszek went over the letter and the request.

Motion by Groeneveld; **second** by Dixon-Miller to approve the land purchase request from Zawada.

Roll Call: Yes – Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller, Remer, Baldinelli, Flaminio

No – None

D. Request from Dennis Baldinelli to be named the delegate for the city of Kingsford and represent the city of Kingsford at the MML Conference.

Motion by Dixon-Miller; **second** by Groeneveld to approve the request by Dennis Baldinelli to be delegate for city of Kingsford.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

E. Confusion with water bills – There have been a lot of calls and people coming into the city hall regarding the most recent water bills. A request was made to wave late penalties during the month of September

Motion by Groeneveld; **second** by Baldinelli to wave late penalties for the month of September 2022.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Flaminio; **second** by Baldinelli to adjourn as the City Council and reconvene as the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Public Hearings:

A. 6:45pm Hearing for variance request at 840 Cass Avenue - Lon Miller at 840 Cass Ave. 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 allow for the construction of a new garage built 1 foot off of the alley.

Public comment was received by Lon Bartsch in favor of the variance for 840 Cass Avenue.

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Remer to approve the variance request.

Roll Call: Yes – Groeneveld, Dixon-Miller, Remer, Baldinelli, Flaminio

No– None

Motion by Groeneveld; **second** by Flaminio to adjourn the Zoning Board of Appeals and reconvene as the City Council.

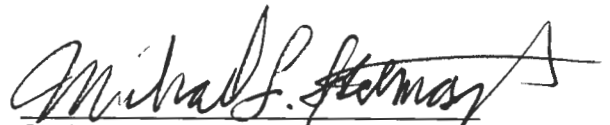
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried


Public Comment: None.

Councilmember's Privilege:

Adjournment: **Motion** by Baldinelli; **second** by Groeneveld to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried


Clerk


Mayor