

City of Kingsford
Regular Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers
Monday, October 3rd, 2022 6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Kingsford City Council was held on Monday, October 3rd, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

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

Also present were: City Manager Michael Stelmaszek, Maggie Lanthier [The Daily News], DPW Superintendent Jeff DeMuri, City Attorney Bruce Brouillette & Floyd Lindholm

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Baldinelli; **second** by Remer to not approve the September 19th, 2022 City Council meeting minutes until corrections are made.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

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

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Approval of Invoices: **Motion** by Groeneveld; **second** by Dixon-Miller to approve the invoices for September 20th, 2022 through October 3rd, 2022 in the amount of \$288,638.92

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

A. Public Works Report – September 2022 – a brief discussion took place.

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

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Communications: None.

Manager's Report:

1. Stelmaszek mentioned that 8 hunters signed up for the city hunt and 3 deer have been taken so far.
2. Scott Sternhagen and others from CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) will be at City Hall next week to initiate the city's annual audit. This is the first audit with CLA. It will be interesting to see how they view the accounting procedures.
3. Attached to the council report is a copy of the banner proof that will be in the official district volleyball program. It includes the plug for the city's centennial event next year.
4. Tanya has requested to attend a training event in Mount Pleasant this November hosted by the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks to count toward her next certification. She plans to split the cost with another attendee. This will be her second training event this year. Two events per calendar year is the most Stelmaszek has supported for an administrator in the past. Stelmaszek requests approval from the council to send Tanya to the training.

Motion by Remer; **second** by Baldinelli to approve Tanya attending the training and costs associated.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Flaminio **second** by Dixon-Miller to receive and place on file the Manager's Report.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Public Safety Director Wage Resolution – There was an error in the wage resolution that was provided to council at the previous meeting. The wage increase for top pay should be \$750 higher (refer to attached resolution #2022/10/3.1). When preparing the prior resolution Stelmaszek added \$750.00 to both of the first- and second-year increases. To get the \$1,500 increase for top pay that was advocated for. Stelmaszek should have increased the second-year rate or top by rate by \$1,500.00 shown in the attached resolution. The council voted for an approved \$1,500 increase for top pay but it was wrong on the resolution. Stelmaszek requests approval of the Public Safety Director's wage resolution #2022/10/3.1.

Motion by Baldinelli; **second** by Flaminio to approve the Public Safety Director Wage Resolution #2022/10/3.1.

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

No – None.

New Business: None.

Public Hearings: None.

Public Comment: None.

Councilmember's Privilege: Groeneveld revisited the idea of having council emails mentioning that Kingsford is one of the few that does not have emails for council members. Stelmaszek reiterated that it is available to anyone who would like it but believes there should be some training on it. City Attorney Bruce Brouillette voiced his concern for having emails for council members. Dixon-Miller mentioned that she does

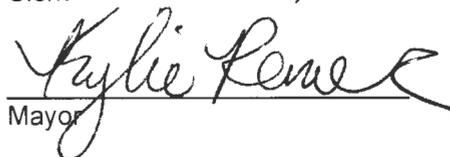
not support getting emails for council members due to being at risk of saying something incorrect and being held liable. She mentioned that if people would like to bring something up to council, they should make the effort to come to the meetings. Flaminio stated that if anyone on the council wants an email, they just need to be careful but that he did not want an email address for himself. A lengthy discussion took place. Remer addressed Dixon-Miller's comment about coming in to attend the meetings noting that there are individuals that have disabilities that would like to attend the meetings but are unable to and that she would like to be available to them as well.

Adjournment: **Motion** by Groeneveld; **second** by Dixon-Miller to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried



Clerk



Mayor