

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held January 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Neil Mackinnon III followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Staczek, Oberdorf, Marquette, Eckel, Ruse, Wagner, and Minarcin all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of December 28, 2015. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes except Mrs. Eckel who abstained. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of January 11, 2016 was presented to council. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to accept the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Mackinnon introduced and presented a proclamation to Alexis Schultz who was named first team NBC and honorable mention all-district as a member of the RHS girl's golf team. Mr. Scott said the work on the Colony Rd. pump station continues, noted that all departments are working on year end reports and mentioned that the fire department was just shy of 1000 runs this year, said that until yesterday public works had not yet plowed for snow which kept overtime down, that online registration for all events at the recreation center is ongoing, rec center will offer babysitting service on Valentine's Day, \$8300 drug use prevention grant was received by police department, that the officer retirement is on hold so they will be hiring just one part-time officer from the civil service exam, year-end finances will be discussed at the next meeting, that the planning commission meeting will be held on January 20th to accommodate a 30 day notice for a property that needs to be rezoned, an engineering presentation will be made for the proposed soccer dome for Total Sports and a preliminary plan for another sports dome near the Barney's at Crossroads will be presented and that the city offices will be closed on January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Mr. Staczek asked how much of an increase in runs for fire between 2014 and 2015 and whether the increase could be attributed to mutual aid. Chief Drouard said the increase was 165 runs and it is yet to be determined whether that can be attributed to mutual aid.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

**#2015-60 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND ADOPTING A NEW ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD.
THIRD READING**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said this is the Baumgartner project on Lime City Rd. across from All Saints Church and we are all familiar with the quality of their work. Mr. Heban said this has been approved by the planning commission and council would need a super majority (5) to turn this down. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2015-61 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND ADOPTING A NEW ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD.
THIRD READING**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Wagner said this spot zoning is something he has talked about before and at meet the candidate night and is against. Mayor Mackinnon said it improves that property. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. Marquette, Eckel, Oberdorf, Minarcin, Ruse voted aye. Staczek, Wagner voted no. Motion passed 5-2.

#2015 – 62 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND TO ADOPT A NEW INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR TAX YEAR 2016 AND THEREAFTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette asked Mrs. Freeman how much payroll income tax money we get from people who work in Rossford and live outside the city. Mrs. Freeman said she could not answer that question or give a rough idea. Mr. Marquette said this is a band aid approach and could be addressed some other way and that this approach puts us at a marketing disadvantage with other communities and sends a negative message to the community with being a quick fix to a long term problem. Mr. Wagner said the impetus behind this is the \$2.4m needed to align Lime City/Colony with the ten foot bike path. This is costly for one project and this approach should have been put out to the citizens. He thinks this will have a major effect on any upcoming school levy. He suggested we use our reserves for the first year of projects and put it out to the citizens to vote on. Mr. Minarcin said the bike path is necessary and Mr. Scott said we will receive about \$311,000 in SEMAC money for the bike path and \$310,000 for the realignment and that if we do not use it we lose it. Mr. Staczek said he thinks it got to this point out of frustration for how long it takes things to get from committee to council and that thought that a road levy would compete with a school levy. He said we only had a plan A and that only Mr. Wagner suggested a plan B. He mentioned that a plan C would be to lower the rate from 2.25% before taking the 50%. He feels this should go to the voters. He said a council member made a comment at the last meeting regarding making hard decisions and the voters trusting council with their money. He said they trust us with the money they gave us but not what's in their wallet. Mrs. Eckel said that public works committee has been working on a plan to get roads paved but there is no money in the budget to get this plan done, or even to mill and fill roads in the community that need more than surface coating. She understands the burden on taxpayers and knows this is not a popular idea but it has been discussed for over a year with no alternative plan. She said are roads are bad and it is important to get this done and we will see property values go up. Mr. Ruse said he echoes what Mrs. Eckel said and also that this has been discussed for over a year and finance was tasked with coming up with a plan to pay for.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. Oberdorf, Minarcin, Ruse, Eckel voted aye. Staczek, Wagner, Marquette voted no. Motion passed 4-3.

#2016 - 01 - AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION FILED BY PETITIONERS/ OWNERS CAROL BROSSIA STEPHENS, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE; J. SCOTT FULLER; JIM P. FULLER; ROBIN E. FULLER; MATTHEW J. WARTON; CHARLES F. RINKER; AND THE OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION, AS REQUIRED BY THE OHIO REVISED CODE. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Wagner said he has been against this from the very beginning and one of the reasons is this is one of the worst conditioned roads out there and why would we add more roads that need work. Mayor Mackinnon said we will have the money to repair the road now and we will grow the city by 150 acres with no cost to service and only three additional residences requiring city services. Mr. Marquette asked if we had any idea of future plans for this property and was told no by the mayor. Mrs. Eckel said she does not know why we would turn away someone who wants in to the city and that is time we pay to fix the roads. Mr. Wagner asked since this property runs between Lime City and Glenwood roads if we will be responsible for Glenwood Rd. as well and was told by Mr. Heban only ½ of Glenwood. This was given a first reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

#2016 – 01 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO VARIOUS VENDORS WHERE THE INVOICE WAS ISSUED PRIOR TO THE PURCHASE ORDER.

Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Scott said these are three items that needed to be done before a purchase order could be issued. Mr. Staczek asked if we go out for competitive bids for repairs on police cruisers and was told by Mrs. Freeman these are priced with several vendors and that we do use several different shops. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings.

Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Mackinnon presented council with their committee assignments for this year. (see page included)

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Wagner asked how RITA will figure out city income taxes before and after today based on council's passage of the 50% tax credit change. Mr. Heban said they will be meeting with RITA and following up with council as to how the collection will work.

Mrs. Eckel said she thought we had unlimited pickup from Waste Mgmt. for two weeks after Christmas.

Mr. Scott said that residents are able to put boxes and gift wraps in a separate bag next to the recycling bin after Christmas and New Year's and they will be picked up. He said Mrs. Eckel was the only complaint he received. Mrs. Eckel said we need to remind them next year. She asked if we are able to make online payments yet for the rec center and Mr. Scott said we are trying to find a way to handle. She said at the Recreation committee meeting prior to this meeting that a huge increase in participation was noted and complimented Mr. Ledesma for his efforts.

Mr. Oberdorf said all our department heads do a fantastic job with the number of people they have.

Mr. Staczek said he questioned if changing the traffic lanes in front was worth the addition of three parking spots. Chief Goss said there has been only one auto accident there but agrees that people not paying attention and they will try to find a way to make the lanes clearer.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Kathy Piore, 507 Beech St. said there are many people that council does not talk to. She said she moved here not because of the roads but because of grocery stores, family, schools, library, parks and marina, banks and that the community and society has changed. The good old days are not here anymore and people are leaving. Their money can only go so far and a school levy just went on, now council added to their income tax, and there is a new school levy pending.

Tony Koprowski, 545 Maybar complimented everyone in the audience who showed up tonight and said they need to tell people to attend these meetings.

Becky Drayton, 1236 Schreier Rd. asked how \$750,000 annually will fund all these projects. Mrs. Eckel said the money will be used to obtain matching funds. Ms. Drayton asked if the bike path is worth the money and Mayor Mackinnon said there are no sidewalks so this will connect parts of Lime City Rd. and is more for the safety aspect. Mr. Scott said we can use the \$750,000 to go out and borrow money for roads and use for the payback over ten or fifteen years.

Tiffany Densic, 107 Birch Dr. read to council a plan instituted by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon in 1921 for cutting taxes and then read council a list of all the communities in NW Ohio with a lower income tax rate than ours and encouraged council to think about lowering taxes.

Erin Crawford, 544 Bruns, said she moved here from Perrysburg because we offered a 100% tax credit and said people will not move here now due to paying two taxes unless they work in Rossford.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Neil Mackinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council

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