

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held February 8, 2016

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of January 25, 2016. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of February 8, 2016 was presented to council. Public Works committee report was added to the agenda. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance committee reports of December 14th, 2015 and January 25th, 2016 were presented by Mr. Minarcin (see written reports). Mr. Marquette asked how the two properties on Osborn St. were acquired and he was told by Mr. Heban that the properties went to a tax foreclosure with no bids thus the city acquired at no cost.

Zoning & Technology committee report of February 2nd was presented by Mr. Marquette (see written report). Mr. Ruse said that regarding the angle parking the public works committee is working with the city engineer on an overview of downtown parking availability.

Public Works committee report of February 1st was presented by Mrs. Eckel (see written report).

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Scott said the work on the Colony Rd. pump station is at a standstill for the next 7-10 days as the contractor works on freeing up a bore head that became stuck while drilling. He said applications are being accepted through February 17th for the civil service exam for public works to be held March 5th. This will be for one additional employee and one replacement. The recreation center will be offering babysitting services on Valentine's Day from 5-9:00pm and online registration for all summer programs is ongoing. A weather spotting class will be held in Bowling Green on March 3rd to become an official spotter for the weather service. The WCEDC dinner is on March 23rd and the city has a table and let him know if going to attend. . He and the mayor met with the plant manager of Pilkington and were told they will be rebuilding a furnace this summer which brings about \$40 million of work and demonstrates there continued presence in Rossford. Sunshine Law training will be on Friday April 8th from 8:45 - 12:15pm at the MLK Plaza and is at no charge. Council is asked to see Mr. Scott for registration. The RBA Fair will be on March 5th from 9-2:00pm. and volunteers for manning the booth are needed. Open Checkbook participation will be announced on February 11th. He said a petition was received today regarding placing a referendum on the ballot to overturn Ordinance #2015-62 (tax credit ordinance) and that the city has up to 90 days to file with the county before mailing or delivering to the county.

Mayor Mackinnon said that in regards to the tax credit petition that the city will hold for the minimum of ten days and deliver to the county without delay. He noted that this weekend is the Belkofer Memorial Wrestling tournament at the high school.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council was advised of one piece of correspondence – the hearing date of March 3rd regarding the liquor permit request of James Ferrell. Mr. Minarcin asked what are our options and Mr. Heban said he will attend the hearing .Mayor Mackinnon said he does not want to tie up a permit without an existing business end user. Mr. Heban said he will get a memo to council regarding this. Mr. Ruse would like to know the number of permits allowed in the city. Mayor Mackinnon said he is not sure of the number but

that this request is in the newly designated entertainment district. Chief Goss updated council on the transfer request of Petros LLC and council did not request a hearing.

ORDINANCES

#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.
Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.
Mr. Wagner said he has been against this since day one as this property is located on Lime City Rd. which is the worst road in the city and we would now be responsible. He also said there are no water lines to fight a fire which means we would need 1000 feet of hose to the nearest hydrant. We can't afford to take care of our roads now so why are we taking on more bad road. Mayor Mackinnon said the property owners came to us and want to be part of the city. He said there are only three homes involved and this makes us better. He said he has developers interested if this passes who have ideas for this land.
Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except Mr. Wagner who voted no. Motion carried 6-1.

#2016 – 02 - 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
Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.
Mr. Heban said his office completed the sexually oriented business analysis and council can go forward with this if they so desire. This was given a second reading only.

#2016 – 05 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2016 CHEVROLET TAHOE FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.
Mayor Mackinnon said this is our budgeted annual vehicle purchase.
Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel 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. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

None

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek said he had received two complaints from the Rosedale area regarding people dumping brush and debris in the island area and a contractor hooked up to the fire hydrant with no meter. Mr. Staczek said he had checked with NWWSD and was told there needs to be a \$500 deposit and a meter is required. He said there needs to be a marina committee meeting next week and also that he appreciated seeing the number of citizens in attendance this evening.

Mr. Oberdorf said he had received only one name for the tax review board and asked council to please get more names to him. Mr. Minarcin asked why no tax preparers are allowed on the board and Mrs. Freeman said with only three board members the concern was that if one of their clients appeared before the board they would have to abstain from voting.

Mrs. Eckel said the public works committee will meet on February 17th at 9:30am.

Mr. Wagner said council is here to represent them and it is clear by the petition and the number of people here tonight it is clear that they feel council did not do that. He said he was called out for not accepting that council's decision was final but that nothing is final until it goes to the U.S. Supreme Court and he thanked them for doing what they have to do.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

James Kinker, 9734 Deimling Rd. said the proposed soccer dome by Total Sports will be in his backyard and is not needed and will also affect his properties leach field. This was reiterated by his mother, Mary Barber of the same address.

Bob Densic, 107 Birch Dr. said he represents several groups on the tax credit issue and that 824 signatures were obtained by 21 petition circulators in only 8 days with probably less than ten people declining to sign and that this issue will be on the ballot in November. He said the original ordinance was passed by the voters in 1989 and any change should also be passed by the voters. He said you cannot judge the health of the city by its checkbook but only by the checkbook of its citizens. He said we have high water rates and the second highest tax rate in the county and although he understands what the city is trying to do the community just cannot afford and this will be soundly defeated in November. He asked council to reconsider their approach to roads and vote to rescind Ordinance #2015-62. He said we need to do this together.

Eunice Rinker, 8491 Wales Rd. thanked council for their positive response to the annexation request and said this would not have happened if Mrs. Stevens had not received such a nasty response from the zoning meeting she had with Perrysburg Township. She appreciated the cooperation they received from Rossford. She also noted that this property has been in their family since 1836.

Katie Poire, 507 Beech St. asked Mayor Mackinnon what ideas the developers have that are interested in this newly annexed property. Mayor Mackinnon said one of the ideas was residential and the other was distribution/warehousing.

James Kinker again commented said why develop this while they have been waiting for years to see the Crossroads developed and somebody to buy their property. Mayor Mackinnon explained the economic slowdown that affected the development of the Crossroads.

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

*Neil Mackinnon III
Mayor*

*Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council*