

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held February 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Neil Mackinnon III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins who passed away February 6, 2015. Mayor Mackinnon said Mayor Collins was a great man who loved his family, his neighborhood, the City of Toledo and was a big fan of Rossford. He saw us as a neighbor and a partner and he was loved and will be missed.

ROLL CALL: Staczek, Oberdorf, Ruse, Wagner, and Minarcin all present. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to excuse Mrs. Eckel. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of January 26, 2015. Mr. Staczek 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 9, 2015 was presented to council. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to accept the agenda. All ayes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning & Technology report from meeting on January 29th was presented by Mr. Marquette (see written report). Mr. Staczek said he agreed with the thought process of Mr. Minarcin on the feral cat/skunk issue except for curbing backyard bird feeders. Mr. Minarcin explained he only wanted residents to try to keep seed off the ground which attracts the skunks and squirrels.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka said the annual report from the police chief had been emailed to council and that the fire chief had provided them the fire department annual report. Mayor Mackinnon again expressed his condolences to the Collins family and the City of Toledo.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2015 – 03 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND CITY ENGINEERS ESTIMATES FOR THE 2015 STREET REPAVING PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a second reading only.

#2015 – 04 - AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.

Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this had been discussed with the finance committee and was the result of some oversights in budget preparation. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin 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. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2015-05 - AN ORDINANCE AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the city received bids on January 24th with the bid from Waste Management being the only one. Three options were bid – our current program which allows for three containers and weekly recycling, a second option which is three containers and biweekly recycling, and the third option which calls for a 96 gallon refuse cart and same size of recycling cart with weekly refuse pickup and biweekly recycling. The lowest bid price is option 3 at \$269,000 annually. Our current program would cost \$306,000 and option two at \$292,000. This is based on a three year contract. The recommendation is to accept option 3. Mr. Ciecka noted that Waste Management will provide a smaller cart (64 gallon) for those residents who request that and also work out something for those mega-recyclers who need more than 96 gallons every other week such as a fee for a second cart. Mr. Minarcin asked when the six month extension with Waste Management is up and was told the end of April. Mr. Minarcin asked about arrangements for the elderly who may not be able to handle the carts. The Waste Management representative said there will be an opportunity to request a smaller (64 gallon) cart. He said bags will not be picked up as the driver does not exit the truck. Mr. Wagner said his concern was the biweekly recycling and wondered if a second cart would be provided free and was told no, there would be a small fee. He also asked Mr. Heban about problems with placement and storage of the carts and have we looked at an ordinance to handle this. Mr. Heban said we have an ordinance now and depending on what council does it may need to be amended. Mr. Ciecka said our ordinance is silent as to the storage of refuse containers and would have to be amended. Chief Drouard asked if our current recycle bins will be picked up when replaced by the cart and was told yes. Mr. Ruse asked for a procedure for notifying Waste Management when someone or an entire street is missed for pickup. Mr. Ciecka said that Waste Management has a website but that the majority of missed cases result in a call to the city offices and that both Mrs. Ogdahl and Mrs. Shelt have a direct line to the dispatcher for Waste Management. Mr. Ruse wondered if these carts will be a problem on some of our narrow streets or streets with curb parking. The representative said they currently do it now. Mr. Marquette asked if there is a cost for the carts and was told no, the cost is built into the rate. Mr. Staczek asked if this means we are looking at eliminating trash bags with only hard containers allowed and was told yes. He also complained about only one bulk item being picked up which means you can't put a mattress and box springs at the curb in the same week. He said he is not sold on option 3 and has concerns and suggested this go for more readings. Mr. Oberdorf said this system works in larger cities thus it should work in Rossford and that all concerns can be worked out. The most important question is do we want this. He said he sees an awful lot of plastic bags not in garbage containers and said that is a problem. He is in favor of this and said it is a cost savings to the city while still getting refuse taken care of on a weekly basis. He said Waste Management gave us great service during the holidays and he is totally in favor. Mr. Heban said our code as written requires refuse to be in a container and plastic bags are not permitted.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum asked what the cost would be for yard waste. Mr. Ciecka said it would be \$12 per pickup or \$84 for a eight month service. The Waste Management representative said an additional yard waste container could be provided for a small fee for those who use for leaves etc. Barb Weir, 1252 Grassy Court said she is concerned about these carts sitting out in front of homes. Mr. Staczek said he agreed with Ms. Weir and said this needs to go three readings and that this just came before us tonight. Mayor Mackinnon said this has already been out for bid twice and discussed in committee and in council for almost a year. Mr. Wagner said he agrees with Mr. Staczek that this should go three readings. Vote on the motion was Oberdorf and Marquette aye, Ruse, Wagner, Minarcin, and Staczek no. Motion fails 2-4. This was given a first reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

#2015-01 - A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND ADDING THAT POLICY TO THE CITY OF ROSSFORD POLICY MANUAL.

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said this came out of the zoning & technology committee and can go three readings. This was given a first reading only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Ruse thanked the police and fire chief and Mr. Kolb for the annual reports. Mr. Staczek thanked the public works department and the fire department for the extra time they have put in during the bad weather.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, 177Hannum Ave. asked when the Riverfront Hotel is being built. Mayor Mackinnon said that was a misquote and there will be no hotel.

Wendell Charles, 106 Cove Lane asked who went to other communities to study this backward parking. Mayor Mackinnon said no one had and that the city was just using this parking lot as a test and explained the reasoning was to see if it would work to increase parking in our downtown area.

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

Neil Mackinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council