

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held February 12, 2018

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of January 22, 2018 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of February 12, 2018 was presented to council. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Densic presented the Finance & Insurance committee report from January 22nd (see written report). Mr. Ruse presented the Public Works committee report from February 2nd (see written report). Mr. Staczek asked if the schedule for public works committee meetings to be held at 6:00 on the second Monday of the month was in conflict with the scheduled recreation committee meetings. Mr. Ruse said they would work something out.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Scott reported the following: registration for spring and summer sports is due by end of February, Spring Break Camp Daycare is March 26-29, and per Mr. Ledesma we had 25 children for the parents night out on February 10th; public works has had a busy couple of weeks with snow removal; work on the police firing range is complete; and that the auditors were here and preliminary report is good. He reminded all elected officials that the financial disclosure statement is due by May 15th and the city will pay the fee but not late fees or penalties. He noted that NWWSD is putting in new water lines on Lime City Rd. with completion expected by mid to late March and that their informational meeting regarding regional water will be on February 15th at 6:30pm at the Quality Inn in Perrysburg. Mr. Densic said he did not receive a financial information packet and Mr. Scott said he would get him a copy. Mr. Ruse asked when the second NWWSD informational meeting will be held and Mr. Scott said he does not know.

Mayor Mackinnon thanked Chief Goss for the amazing open house for the opening of the police firing range and congratulated Sergeant Marek on having the range named after him saying he is one of the top law enforcement officers in the entire country.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Rossford American Legion Post Commander requesting the Memorial Day parade to be held May 27, 2018 was presented to council. *Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to allow the parade to be at 1:30 on May 27, 2018. All ayes. Motion carried.*

ORDINANCES

#2018-02 - AN ORDINANCE CREATING A CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD. SECOND READING

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said this can go three readings and that he can change section 2 regarding number of members if council chooses. This was given a second reading only.

#2018 – 03 - AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said this is a housekeeping ordinance codifying ordinances and resolutions approved previously. Mr. Densic questioned the marina policy regarding open containers and Mr. Scott recommended that go to committee. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2018-06 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH WOOD COUNTY TO FURNISH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said this is a two year contract with no increase in cost for a service the city has to provide that can go multiple readings. Mr. Densic asked if these are services we can bid anywhere else. Mr. Scott said there are few places that offer this and most cities contract it versus the cost of providing themselves. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2018-07 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF IMPROVING STATE ROUTE 65 IN THE CITY BY CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, RESURFACING, PAVING AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND CONCRETE APRONS IN THE CITY, ALL AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said this is for the SR65 project and that ODOT is scheduled to let the contract in mid-March and that we have to show we have the money upfront of which roughly ½ will come back from ODOT. She said this has been discussed previously when council approved up to \$3M in 2016. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2018-08 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE EXPENSE APPROPRIATION FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-65.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said we have an opportunity to hold Balloon Fest next July at the Crossroads. This is a huge event held last year at Levis Commons and drew 20-25,000 people and we anticipate drawing 30-35,000. We have to rent some property from Miller Diversified to hold this event and the events held around this and need to deposit money to hold and have money available for any possible other charges. He also said

he is trying to keep this quiet until major sponsor signs. He said Meijer is covering the cost of the fireworks and that Reset and Total Sports have also stepped up in a large way as have Mannik & Smith and TetraTech. Mr. Staczek asked how much money is coming from the RCVB and Mr. Scott said we don't know yet but they will be financially involved. Mr. Staczek would like to see this go another reading until we know what other money comes in. Mr. Scott said he needs to get the deposit down on the land rental. Mr. Ruse said we don't have the total budget yet and this gives us some cushion for the city expense and he knows RCVB will step up. He said his prior involvement with this in Findlay shows it to be a great event to have with economic benefit to the community. Mr. Oberdorf said he would assume that the amount of money received from sponsors would decrease the city cost. Mr. Scott agreed and said he does not anticipate spending the entire \$15,000. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2018-06 – A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NORTHWEST WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT TO ENGAGE AN OUTSIDE AGENCY TO HAVE A PERFORMANCE AUDIT CONDUCTED DEALING WITH THEIR OPERATIONS

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf said since we have two councilmen absent we should give this and the next two resolutions a first reading. This was given a first reading only.

#2018-07 – A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY OF TOLEDO TO ENGAGE AN OUTSIDE AGENCY TO HAVE A PERFORMANCE AUDIT CONDUCTED DEALING WITH THEIR WATER OPERATIONS

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

#2018-08 – A RESOLUTION REPEALING SUPPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROUNDABOUT AT THE STATE RT. 65, LIME CITY ROAD AND COLONY ROAD INTERSECTION AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR LEGISLATION AND ACTIONS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RELATING TO THIS PROJECT.

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

#2018 – 09 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO THE CITY OF TOLEDO WHERE THE INVOICE WAS ISSUED PRIOR TO THE PURCHASE ORDER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said this is a bill that came in from last year. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek said he would like access to the television monitors in council chambers to add things, gave a good job to Mr. Kolb and his department, and congratulated Sgt. Marek and Chief Goss on the new firing range. He said he is concerned that the proposed regional water authority would only give ½ vote to NWWSD, said he would like our NWWSD reps to be at council, and said maybe we could contract with NWWSD for maintenance but not as our water provider and contract that ourselves.

Mr. Oberdorf said we are contracted with NWWDS for both maintenance and water and encourage attendance at the informational meeting, said Sgt. Marek well deserved the honor of having the firing range named after him, and asked that we keep Mrs. Eckel and Dale Myers in our prayers.

Mr. Ruse said he will miss the NWWSD meeting on the 15th but encouraged people to attend and said that one vote for NWWSD on the regional water authority does not seem fair. Mr. Scott said it is based on 6% usage. Mr. Ruse said he will miss the next council meeting but he has made his position known on the three resolutions and feel free to vote without him and that there have been many different votes regarding the Colony Rd. roundabout and he supported then and will not change that support.

Mr. Densic asked Mr. Scott about the financial report he wanted to present to council and Mr. Scott said he would like to hold off until March. Mr. Densic offered his congratulations on the firing range saying it was money well spent, said he obtained a copy of the memorandum of understanding regarding the regional water authority and encouraged council to look at, and said that he hopes the resolutions go three readings and in view of the discussions ongoing on regional water authority he has no problem if tabled after the three readings. The intent behind these resolutions is to acknowledge that our people are hurting with high water bills and we need to do whatever we can to lower cost.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Kevin Urrutia, 331 Jennings Rd., thanked Mr. Ledesma for the hard job he does at the recreation center saying he handles all the complaint calls from parents and congratulated him for doing a great job. He asked that the Chiefs, Officer Johnson, and Mayor attend the school PTO meeting when the box tops campaign is final.

Steve Wayne, 104 Homestead Dr., said council knows he has been against the Colony Rd. roundabout from the beginning and said there were six police reports in 2017 at that intersection with only one injury accident and in 2016 only accident which was a deer struck 200 feet from the intersection so he sees no need for the roundabout and that the \$3M could be spent on other roads in Rossford. He said he talked to sixty people and only one said do the roundabout and one said he didn't care but yet council seems adamant about doing. He said the mayor told him it will make a nice gateway to come into town.

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave., said that a \$50 additional license fee for golf carts at Put-In-Bay was ruled illegal and asked why the \$10 fee Rossford charges on auto license plates isn't also illegal. Mr. Heban explained the difference and how the state allows our fee. Mr. Appelhans also said he is against the roundabout.

Jon Klotz, 1204 Dixie Hwy., said he against the roundabout as he has lived here for 30 years and it is not a dangerous intersection. He said he has received vague answers to his questions but assumes the cost will be \$2M to \$3M and wonders where the money will come from to fix the other roads in the city. He agrees the city only wants this for a beautiful gateway into the city but are streets will still be bad and it will decrease his property value.

Paul Laubenthal, 1234 Dixie Hwy., said he seconded the comments of the previous speakers and said council is not using the city's money very well.

Erin Crawford, 544 Bruns Dr., asked that the city consider reducing light pollution when looking at the LED lights and said that she does not believe that if we turn down the grant for the Colony Rd. roundabout it will jeopardize future grants and said the city should look into this further. Mr. Densic said that he believes Toledo Edison is part of the Dark Skies initiative which would keep light pollution down.

Angela Shapiro, 345 Hillside Dr., asked that council please reconsider the roundabout and borrowing \$3M for the project. She said both the contracts let so far have no penalty for cancellation with written notice and the only cost would be for the engineering charges already incurred which are \$90,000. She said it is critical that council research this. She said the city purchased that corner property for realignment and could sell it and return to the property tax rolls. She said she is not against a roundabout at that intersection just not now. She said the penalty on this type of grant is 5 points for two years on future grant applications. She said in knocking on doors most people are against and they will vote no on any additional road levies if this is the priority. She said are tax dollars are worth more than creating a gateway to the city.

Alex Miller, 301 Eagle Point Rd., said that everyone he has talked to favors the roundabout and said there were eight accidents at that intersection in 2016 per police reports with similar numbers in other years. He said the city incurred \$1.2M in grants with almost half going to other road projects. He said the silent community is all for this roundabout and the amount spent of \$88,000 would be thrown away money if we stop the project.

Matthew Haas, 530 Woodland Dr. seconded Mr. Miller and said he is part of the silent majority for this; this has already been passed and let's do it.

Tiffany Densic, 107 Birch Dr., said she has heard a lot of talk about how the roundabout will keep accidents down and said there is a study that disputes this as most of the accidents will occur in the legs going into and thus are not counted as roundabout accidents. Mr. Ruse said the accidents and near misses are facts and we need to move on.

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

Neil A. MacKinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council