

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held April 8, 2019

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

A moment of silence was observed in respect for the death of former councilman Dan Knorek. The mayor offered condolences on behalf of himself, city council, and all the citizens of Rossford.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of March 25, 2019 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes except Mr. Oberdorf and Mr. Heban who abstained. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of April 8, 2019 was presented to council. Public Safety committee minutes and a presentation by Asst. Fire Chief Stautzenbach on regionalization were added to the agenda. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION**

Bill Verbosky, Leonard Michael, and Rex Huffman were in attendance representing the NWWSD. They presented council with a written report which gave a brief history of the NWWSD, Rossford costs to date, and current news on the proposed regional water district. Mr. Verbosky stated they are a public entity and all their meeting are open to the public. Mr. Densic asked how much of the expense for Rossford was covered by grants or low interest loans and Mr. Verbosky said he would get that information for him and that it usually shown in their meeting minutes as part of the project cost summary. Mr. Densic would like to see this information as part of an annualized report. Mr. Verbosky gave the reasons that Rossford joined the NWWSD such as Toledo wanting to charge a large addition to the base rate and offering no money for infrastructure improvements or repairs as NWWSD as done. He said at the time the city did not have \$5M to eliminate the Colony Rd. and Jennings Rd. pump stations which NWWSD did do for us. Mrs. Eckel asked about the \$822,000 utility funds shown as paid to NWWSD by Rossford and Mr. Michaels said that was money that the city had in these funds at the time of joining NWWSD and they were surrendered to the district. Mr. Densic asked how the breakdown of cost per dollar compares to other water/sewer districts and Mr. Michaels said the rate study is being done now. Mr. Densic asked if the .27cents we pay to Toledo in the Crossroads is a JEDZ or a water agreement. Attorney Heban said it is a revenue sharing agreement negotiated to get water to the Crossroads and if a new water agreement is negotiated would no longer apply. Mr. Staczek said he feels that Mr. Verbosky and Mr. Michaels represent NWWSD not the city. Mr. Verbosky challenged him to look at the NWWSD meeting minutes and he will see that Mr. Michaels and he are the utmost champions of Rossford. Mr. Ruse asked when Rossford will see a rate decrease under the proposed regional plan and Mr. Huffman said the rates would equalize in 2027 which Mr. Ruse saw as a selling point.

Fire Chief Drouard and Asst. Chief Stautzenbach gave council an update on the study of creating a regional fire/rescue department (see written memo).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Works committee report from April 1, 2019 was presented to council by Mr. Ruse (see written report). Mr. Densic asked Attorney Heban to check on the status of the standard contract request and Attorney Heban said he will attend the next public works meeting.

Finance & Insurance committee report from March 25, 2019 was presented to council by Mr. Densic (see written report). Mr. Oberdorf said he was upset over some language in the minutes regarding requesting the administration to look at increasing the user fee before increasing the levy amount, saying it should have come to him or the recreation committee first and that this is not a LA Fitness Center with hundreds of dollars in membership cost and is more than a fitness center and the recreation center cannot make it without the subsidy from the general fund. Mr. Densic apologized for poor minutes and it was not his intention to hold up the vote and he appreciates Mr. Oberdorf comments and the opportunity to clarify his intent. Chief Drouard clarified that the estimate for repairs on the fire truck is \$52,000 and to replace is \$525,000.

Public Safety committee report from April 1, 2019 was presented to council by Mrs. Eckel (see written report). Attorney Heban said in view of the state legislation attaching financial penalties to cities using traffic cameras that the contract with Red Flex has not been signed and will be held off until that legislation is likely challenged in a lawsuit and resolved. Mr. Staczek asked about the fire boat and Chief Drouard said the old fire boat is to be surplus and they are looking at trying to get money from the RCVB for the purchase or lease of a new fire boat. Mr. Staczek asked why the committee wants Ordinance #2019-11 tabled and Mrs. Eckel said the committee wants to review further knowing that some houses cannot get them behind the house.

### **REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Ciecka said the city will have a pinwheel planting on the front lawn for the prevention of child abuse and ribbons on light poles for child abuse and ribbons placed on the light poles for the Wood County NAMI group which is a family support group for those dealing with mental illness.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Council was informed of two pieces of correspondence regarding the annual Area Office on Aging legislative event and an email regarding camper/boat parking.

### **ORDINANCES**

**#2019 -11 (AMENDED)** - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPEAL OF ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 921.07(b)(3), RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION REGULATIONS, AND ENACTING A NEW ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 921.07(b)(3), RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION REGULATIONS. THIRD READING

Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to table for 30 days. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2019 – 12** - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPEAL OF ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 921.02 AND 921.04. THIRD READING

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2019 – 15** - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPEAL OF ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 113.01(a) AND 113.01(b), EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACTS, AND ENACTING A NEW ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 113.01(a) AND 113.01(b), EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACTS. SECOND READING

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

Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Ruse 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. Heban moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2019 – 17** - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH MANNIK SMITH GROUP CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REQUIRED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DESIGN AND PREPARATION OF BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE EAGLE POINT COLONY SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Densic moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Densic 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. Heban moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**#2019 – 04 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT MAY BE RAISED BY A LEVY AT THE MAXIMUM RATE AUTHORIZED BY LAW WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IS INSUFFICIENT, AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A LEVY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR ACQUISITION OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES IN EXCESS OF THAT RATE. SECOND READING**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka asked that this resolution and #2019-05 both be amended by adding a section 9 which clarifies for the ballot language what the money will be used for on each levy. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to amend adding section 9. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a second reading only.

**#2019 – 05 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT MAY BE RAISED BY A LEVY AT THE MAXIMUM RATE AUTHORIZED BY LAW WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IS INSUFFICIENT, AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A LEVY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR ACQUISITION OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES IN EXCESS OF THAT RATE. SECOND READING**

Mr. Densic moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to amend by adding section 9. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a second reading only.

**#2019 - 09 - A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03(B) REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

Mr. Ciecka said this was recommended by the public safety committee. The fire department will be seeking two levies in the fall, one for 2.8 mills and another for 1 mill. This is the first step to getting how much money each levy would generate. Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Ruse 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. Heban moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Staczek asked about the status of the barge at the marina and Mr. Ciecka said he will get that posted for surplus sale this week.

Mr. Oberdorf reminded us that the RHS play Little Shop of Horrors is this week.

Mrs. Eckel said the Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Total Sports and that the Rec. Dept. is still looking for donations. She asked if there was an update on creating an interactive calendar and was told no but Mr. Ruse said that committee notices are being posted on the website.

Mr. Ruse said that the Balloon Race is back on and scheduled for September 25-27<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Heban said he will be scheduling a charter review committee meeting soon and an economic development committee meeting next week. He also offered his condolences to the Knorek family.

Mr. Densic suggested the zoning committee review the inquiry regarding camper and boat parking and said he has received complaints regarding the noise at Vets Park. Mrs. Eckel and Mr. Staczek both agreed

our current regulations regarding camper/boat parking went through committee before passed and are adequate.

**AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Several students from Notre Dame Academy attending the meeting for a government class introduced themselves.

Jeff Appelhans, Hannum Ave. asked about Creekbend and Mrs. Eckel said she is reviewing old council minutes. He also said he had sent an email to council regarding a foul language ordinance.

Erin Crawford, Bruns Dr. asked who is in charge of the street lights as she does not see a cap that prevents light pollution. Mr. Ciecka said he will check with First Energy. She also asked if someone is keeping track of the overall cost of the roundabout and is the water/sewer work is part of the project. She was told that some is and some is work that needed to be done. Mr. Densic said he will try to get an update for her.

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

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Neil A. Mackinnon III  
Mayor

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Robert P. Watrol  
Clerk of Council