

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held April 25, 2016

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of April 11, 2016 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of April 25, 2016 was presented to council. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks & Recreation committee report of April 11, 2016 was presented by Mr. Oberdorf (see written report).

Mr. Marquette asked if there is a shortage of bidders on the tennis court project and who the summer meal program would benefit. Mr. Ledesma said there is no shortage of bidders and the meal program would be for Rossford children. Mr. Ruse said all our bids should be on the builders exchange website and Mr. Scott said they will be.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Scott said the city will observe Arbor Day on April 29th at 11:00am. at Island View Park with a tree planting in memory of Michael Jakubec, son of former councilwoman Molly Jakubec. He reminded everyone of the NWWSD open house on May 1st, said the Marina opened on April 23rd with guards beginning on May 6th, said the no wake buoys had been installed, Riverfest will be held on August 20th, that the Rec Center is still accepting applications for the summer ball program, and that the drug take back at Rite Aid was very successful with one more scheduled. He noted that the Colony Rd. project is slowly continuing and is now being hand bored as the boring bit is stuck, the Crossroads milling is complete and paving should be done by the end of the week, that the Lime City bridge project begins June 6th and is scheduled to be closed for 60 days, that the public works department interviewed prospective employee candidates today, that brush pickup began today and continues through the end of the week, and that the car show at Rite Aid to benefit the Children's Miracle Network was a big success.

Mayor MacKinnon said that Louis and Patricia Bauer had filed suit in district court against the city regarding the demolition of their property on Glenwood Rd. The mayor gave a summary of the steps leading up to this action and said the city will vigorously defend this action. He also addressed some misinformation regarding the tax credit issue that was put out on social media. He said it was untrue the court rejected the city's argument as the city has not yet responded. He wants accurate information put out there and he will keep everyone posted as this action proceeds.

Mr. Minarcin asked for an explanation of what a TIF is and where TIF money comes from. Mr. Scott said the money in the TIF fund comes from the taxes in the designated TIF area and set aside in a special fund for use in that area rather than going into the general fund. Mr. Ruse explained that TIF money is the increase in tax value received from these properties before and after being designated a TIF.

Mr. Staczek asked about having a public works meeting to talk about how to handle the improvement of Elm Tree Rd. after the water project is completed. Mrs. Eckel said one will be scheduled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to return to regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

One piece of correspondence was read to council— a letter from the Rossford American Legion requesting the support of the police and fire departments for the Memorial Day parade on May 29th at 1:30pm.

ORDINANCES

#2016-20 - 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.

Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek said he did mean for this to be an emergency and that it can go three readings. This was given a first reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

#2016 – 14 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CARL IRELAND TO THE BOARD OF TAX REVIEW; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek asked Mr. Scott to check on a resident complaint that there was no street sign for Deimling Rd. He also said that our ordinance regarding parking campers and trailers in driveways does not reference RV's and should be corrected. Chief Goss and the mayor both said they will talk to Mr. Heban tomorrow regarding this.

Mr. Oberdorf reminded everyone that brush pickup means brush that has been trimmed not trees that are cut down and piled at the street. He asked if anyone had thoughts on a May committee of the whole meeting.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to suspend with the May committee of the whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ruse asked if the maintenance issues at the Recreation Center noted by a resident at the March 28th meeting are being worked on, asked if we have talked to the railroad about improving the crossing on Lime City Rd. while it is closed this summer, and also asked where we are at on the Buck/Lime City Rd. project. Mr. Ledesma said the maintenance issues at the Rec are being worked on, Chief Goss said he is emailing the railroad supervisor regarding Lime City Rd., and Mr. Scott said there is a meeting later this week regarding the Stage 2 design review for Buck/Lime City Rd.

Mr. Minarcin said he is still a little concerned and upset about the fact that we sit here as councilman making an effort to pass legislation to improve our roads, going through committee and a lot of discussion and we bring it out and pass it 4-3 and we still have council people that won't let things go when it doesn't go their way and to him that's pretty upsetting. He thought we were here as a team to work as a

team and when something passes or gets defeated you press on with the next issue. He just wishes you would just let things go as there supposed to be and take it from there.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave. asked if there is any money available in the recreation budget to put some topsoil over the exposed tree roots down at the park and asked if council is looking at doing anything about the mosquito problem. Mr. Ledesma said he will look into the tree root problem and Mr. Scott said the city had purchased 30 gallons of a special insecticide at a cost of \$6000 for a spray program for the mosquito problem.

Rob Warner, 430 Indian Ridge Trail said he is a 35 year resident of the city who just received his estimated tax bill this week and that he is totally appalled that council could turn its back on the people like this and not give them a chance to vote on this. He said council is so incompetent that they don't even know it and that they should resign immediately.

Bob Densic, 107 Birch asked Mr. Ruse and Mrs. Eckel if they have heard anything regarding reducing storm water going into the system using swales and other natural elements and said in regards to the mayor's comment regarding the inaccurate information on social media that he had posted regarding the tax credit action that immediately after finding out his statement was wrong he had corrected that statement. Mrs. Eckel and Mr. Ruse said they have not seen anything specific to Rossford regarding reducing storm water runoff but they are aware and will take that into consideration on any street projects.

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

Neil A. MacKinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council