

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held April 27, 2020

The meeting was held via public conference call due to Covid-19 stay-in-place order and was called to order by Mayor Mackinnon.

ROLL CALL: Staczek, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Heban, and Densic all present.

Mayor Mackinnon indicated there will be a public hearing immediately following the approval of the minutes and agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of April 13, 2020 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of April 27, 2020 was presented to council. Public Safety committee report was added. Mr. Densic moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code dealing with the retirement and possible reemployment of Todd Kitzler as Police Chief of the City of Rossford. Mayor Mackinnon asked for public comments and none were received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation committee report from April 13, 2020 was presented to council by Mr. Oberdorf (see written report). Mr. Marquette asked how our department heads are getting direction during this time. Mrs. Murray said information she receives from the state governor is passed on to all the department heads at least every other day if not every day.

Finance & Insurance committee report from April 13, 2020 was presented to council by Mr. Densic (see written report). Mr. Marquette asked what we are doing about Deimling Rd. Mayor Mackinnon responded right now we are doing nothing as we 1) wait to see what are financial position is going forward from the stay-at-home order and 2) look at applying for a grant to redo the road not just tar/chip. He said a temporary fix would hurt are chance of getting the grant. Mr. Ruse disagreed saying the tar/chip would not hurt our grant request and we need it now for a safer road. He said finance would discuss again but he would like an ordinance for the tar/chip project before council. Mr. Heban said with respect to Mr. Ruse that he knows the improvement of Deimling Rd. is a team effort with the Wood County Port Authority and he would like to see that timeline before he would vote for an ordinance for tar/chip project. Mrs. Eckel said the tar/chip does not do much and would just be a band-aid. Mr. Densic said he too would like to see an ordinance before council as the funds come from TIF money not the city general funds. Mayor Mackinnon said that TIF money might be needed as matching funds for the grant.

Public Safety committee report from April 10, 2020 was presented to council by Mrs. Eckel (see written report). Mr. Ruse said a fire grant had been submitted earlier this year and wondered about the status. Chief Drouard said this is a FEMA grant and it will be June/July before we hear back. Mr. Marquette asked what the procedures will be for the marina when opens. Mrs. Murray said there will be signage and instructions regarding social distancing and hand sanitizer dispensers.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Murray thanked all the employees of the city who have kept the city running during this health crisis. She gave a special thank you to Mr. Kolb and the public works department for getting the marina docks in. She expects to reopen the municipal offices the beginning of May with all employees wearing mask. The public will be asked to call first and only if need to be seen in person will they be allowed in after being scanned. The recreation center will remain closed. All committee meetings and council meetings will be conducted via Zoom beginning May 1st. The bids for the Colony/SR 65 roundabout were opened on April 24th with seven bids. An ordinance accepting the low bid of \$1,403,016.20 will be on the agenda for the next meeting. This is an 80-20 project with the city share being the 20%. Mr. Ruse said the bid came in about \$150,000 under the engineering estimate. She asked that Ordinance #2020-25 be given a second reading tonight as she is still waiting on a proposal from Kelly & Sons for a more extensive project. She reminded council members that she is now here full-time and any complaints, suggestions, etc. should go through the administrator first. Mr. Marquette said the Zoom meetings were organized by Mrs. Murry and she did a great job. Mr. Heban asked that the information on these meetings should be given out as soon as possible and Mrs. Murray said it will be out in the next day or two. Mr. Heban also agreed that now that we have a full-time administrator everything should be funneled through her.

Mayor Mackinnon expressed condolences from both he and the city to the family of Kevin Myers, a 1990 RHS graduate who died unexpectedly a couple of days ago. He offered his thanks to all the city employees and department heads saying they are doing an amazing job.

ORDINANCES

#2020 – 25 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE EAGLE POINT ROAD PAVING PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel said she is concerned with NWWSD leaving us this mess to clean up saying 90% of the sidewalks are destroyed. She thinks the street is too narrow for sidewalks and curbs on both sides and think we should do the pavement right up close to the sidewalk with maybe some gravel in between. Her concern is that if we put \$120,000 in this project now it will hurt us if we try to get stimulus money to do a rebuild. Mayor Mackinnon said there is only so much money for capital projects and with Covid-19 would need to tap the brakes until we see the effect on city finances. Mrs. Murray said the budget had set aside \$70,000 for an overlay of Eagle Point Rd. but the NWWSD project tore up this road more than expected thus see asked Kelly & Son to price out a rebuild which she has not received yet. Mr. Marquette said to give up on having curbs is a mistake. This was given a second reading only.

#2020-26 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVING CHANGE ORDER No. 7 AND AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH SPEER BROS, INC ON THE COLONY ROADWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel asked if they didn't plan for cold weather protection and Mr. Ruse said not for the driveways and the unexpected late cold snap that occurred. Mr. Densic 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. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2020 – 27 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVING CHANGE ORDER No. 8 AND AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH SPEER BROS, INC ON THE COLONY ROADWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Ruse moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2020 – 28 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVING CHANGE ORDER No. 9 AND AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH SPEER BROS, INC ON THE COLONY ROADWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

RESOLUTIONS

#2020 – 09 - A RESOLUTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE §727.12 RELATING TO THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING VINEYARD DRIVE AND GROCE ROAD IN ROSSFORD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING

Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Attorney Heban said he would like this passed tonight so letters regarding the assessment can be sent to the property owners. These letters will have the assessed amount which the property owner can contest. Council would later vote on a second resolution regarding the actual assessment. Mr. Marquette said council does not know about this project and Mrs. Murray said she can forward him detailed information and Mr. Ruse said this has been a long project that has been discussed by public works committee and in their minutes. Mr. Heban moved and Mrs. Eckel 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 Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2020 – 11 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO BRUCE J. HAVERS CO., INC. WHERE THE INVOICE WAS ISSUED PRIOR TO THE PURCHASE ORDER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

#2020- 12 - A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RESOLUTIONS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED WHICH CREATED THE TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (TARTA) BY: (1) ADDING LUCAS COUNTY AS A MEMBER OF TARTA; (2) ELIMINATING TARTA’S 2.5 MILL PROPERTY TAXES AND SUBSTITUTING A .5% SALES AND USE TAX AND; (3) ALLOCATING MONIES FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTED TO TARTA TO DIRECTLY FUND ITS OPERATIONS AND ALLOCATE MONIES FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTED TO OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES FOR THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF MASS TRANSIT RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE; PROVIDED THAT SUCH CHANGES ARE CONTINGENT UPON VOTER APPROVAL OF THE NEW TARTA FUNDING SYSTEM AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said the citizens just recently voted to stay part of TARTA which is an amazing tool for our future development and that approving this resolution is the right decision to make. Mr. Heban said he has spoken with a couple of people including our TARTA rep Kevin Weaks regarding this. He said that Amazon would not have located here if we had not had public transportation and that a .05% tax is small and this is the right thing to do. Mr. Densic said this is a massive change to the funding structure

and he has a number of questions that he would like to look at further thus would like to see go to a second reading. Mayor Mackinnon said this helps our citizens by reducing their property tax and continues the level of service and we should be the first community to support and move this forward. Mrs. Eckel questioned what happens to the money we get refunded from TARTA that goes to our TIF. Mayor Mackinnon thought that would continue and Mr. Ruse disagreed. Mr. Heban said this just gives the citizens the right to decide. Mr. Marquette said he agrees with Mr. Heban but that we need to do due diligence and get answers to our questions. Mr. Staczek wants the divisive innuendos to stop, making it look like he is against TARTA which is not true and would like to see questions answered before we vote on this. Mr. Ruse said there are still questions to be answered and understood. Mr. Heban said this saves the citizens a 2.5 mill property tax versus a .05 sales tax. This was given a first reading only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek asked Mrs. Murray if she had any update on trying to get a beverage vending machine at the marina. She said she is still trying to get some company down there.

Mr. Oberdorf said after we get through this pandemic situation, we need to reinvigorate the charter review committee.

Mrs. Eckel was excited that the roundabout bids were opened, thanked the chiefs and Mrs. Murray as to how smoothly the public safety meetings are going and how well the city is handling the crisis.

Mr. Marquette thanked Mrs. Murray for stepping up to organize the Zoom meetings without needing the zoning/technology committee.

Mr. Ruse echoed Mrs. Eckel's comments on the roundabout, said the public hearing regarding the Vineyard/Groce project has already been held and the residents are ready for this project to begin, and said he appreciated all the support on the Colony project change orders while noting that future project ordinance will have a 10% contingency built in to eliminate or decrease the need for change order ordinances.

Mr. Heban said he has been in contact with O'Brien but due to work had to miss the last two conference calls and asked the mayor for an update. Mayor Mackinnon said the master plan is not on pause anymore, but due to the Covid some retail projects he was going to announce are on pause, but they are aware that Circle K and Kenworth are going forward, that Capital Tire is being built, the animal hospital is moving their site within the Crossroads, and that the entertainment district is on hold as hotels and restaurants wait for the pandemic to end thus he has told them to hold up. He also informed council that Amazon has asked to increase the truck parking from 300 to 719 spots. Mr. Heban thanked Mrs. Murray and Ms. Schell saying they are doing an awesome job.

Mr. Densic thanked the public works crew for getting the marina docks in and said the electric safety improvements have also been completed at the marina. He echoed Mr. Oberdorf's comments regarding the charter review committee and said the Covid-19 task force had their first meeting and they have a lot of work ahead of them and that we will see an impact on tax revenues.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

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

Neil A. Mackinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council