

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held May 8, 2017

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of April 24, 2017 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes except Mr. Oberdorf who abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of May 8, 2017 was presented to council. Public Works committee report received today was added to the agenda. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Minarcin presented the Finance & Insurance committee report from April 24th, 2017 (see written report). Mr. Minarcin said there was some conflict in what was recommended under new business as to what was asked for in roadway improvements. Mrs. Eckel asked a question regarding the amount of the levy and the timeline for roadway improvements. Mrs. Freeman said she is looking for information regarding urban paving. Mr. Ruse said he did make a motion to have an ordinance and Mr. Heban said he could have ready for the next meeting. Mrs. Eckel presented the Public Works committee report from April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (see written report).

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Scott said the Recreation department reports that the construction on the sports court has been completed, spring sports are underway, and that 36 individuals have used the Silver Sneakers program in the first month. He noted that Public Works picked up 90 truckloads of brush during last week's brush pickup and that summer schedule begins May 29<sup>th</sup>. Fire department will host the NW Ohio Firefighters convention on June 16-17. Police department said the drug take back event on April 29<sup>th</sup> was a success and that bids are again being solicited for the firing range. He said Mrs. Freeman has distributed the monthly financial report with two new bar charts showing wages and overtime and that Mr. Marquette has requested a committee of the whole meeting to discuss financing for road improvements. Rite Aid Children's Miracle Network car show was a big success raising over \$1500. He reminded everyone of Chautauqua from July 19-23 with the Riverfest fireworks on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to hold a committee of the whole meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm to discuss funding for roadway improvements. All aye. Motion carried.*

Mayor Mackinnon thanked Mr. Kolb and the public works department for the cleanup of the marina after last week's heavy rains, apologized to Mr. Scott for any misrepresentation he gave in his remarks at the last council meeting and said the Rite Aid car show was amazing.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from Richard DeVaul, Post Commander of the American Legion was read to council. He requested the support of the Fire and Police departments for the Memorial Day parade on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.

## **ORDINANCES**

**#2017 – 30 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND ADOPTING A NEW ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD. SECOND READING**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said he would like to see this passed this evening as the K of C has a buyer who will be making a substantial investment in making this a multi-family dwelling. Mr. Ruse said that at the last meeting he requested the administration to provide a zoning map of where this is at (Exhibit A) which he still does not have and wondered why it is so hard to get and questioned if there are other properties like this that we could fix at one time rather than one at a time. Mayor Mackinnon said he should just come in and get one. Mr. Ruse said he asked for the map for the whole council at the last meeting. Mr. Staczek agrees with Mr. Ruse and that is the administrations job to get council things they ask for. Mr. Minarcin asked if this has to pass tonight and Mr. Scott said it is holding up financing. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and Ken Gwozdz, 126 Jennings Rd. said he has a problem with Mr. Ruse not knowing where it is. Mr. Ruse said that is not what he said but he wanted to see the zoning for surrounding properties and other properties that have the same problem so we could fix all of them at once. Mr. Gwozdz said that would cause a delay and since 1967 the K of C has been nursing this building and now have no money to repair. They are asking council to approve this zoning change so they can move ahead and that the whole deal depends on the zoning change and that the alternative is to let the building deteriorate. Mr. Ruse again said he does not want to delay the K of C but he asked for a map at the last meeting so we could fix all at once. Mr. Gwozdz said he would have just come in and gotten a map. Mr. Heban said it is difficult to determine what properties are non-conforming since they could have been grandfathered in and the map would not show this. Mr. Marquette said he is sympathetic to Mr. Ruse request and does not think it is his responsibility to come in and get a map but it should not stop us from moving forward. Mr. Ruse said he did not say he would hold this request up but there has been no attempt to fix as a whole while we continue to spot zone. Mr. Gwozdz said they are drowning he does not understand why he is holding up. Mr. Ruse said he is trying to fix so the next person does not have to wait. Mrs. Eckel said we are doing the neighborhood a disservice if we hold this up over a piece of paper (the zoning map). She is more concerned with getting rid of nuisance properties and said it is important we help the K of C out and pass this tonight and then we can make spot zoning a priority if we want. Mr. Wagner said nothing against the K of C which is a wonderful group but his voting history has been against spot zoning and the map could have shown what the area has around it. Mrs. Eckel said that Mr. Heban has said the zoning map would not show all the non-conforming properties. Jim Richards, 415 Superior St. said he understands the concerns expressed but a vote for this change is a vote against blight as the K of C cannot maintain the building and he asks that this be approved in the name of improvement. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except Mr. Wagner who voted no. Motion carried 6-1.

**#2017 – 32 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT WINTER CONTRACT (018- 18) FOR ROAD SALT. FIRST READING**

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

**#2017 - 33 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1132.02 (ZONING DISTRICTS AND REGULATIONS) OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE. FIRST READING**

Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said this only deals with the downtown area allowing a special use for the drive up window and Marco's will still have to go to the planning commission for approval of their building plan. Mrs. Eckel 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. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried

**#2017 – 34 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1909 DEALING WITH VACATION BENEFITS FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS. FIRST READING**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette asked what is the driving force behind this change as only difference appears to be one year in the 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> year. Mr. Heban believes this will conform department heads benefit to that in the union contracts. Mr. Minarcin said that department heads should be treated equally with the employees and said he would have the finance committee review this. This was given a first reading only.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**#2017 – 07 - RESOLUTION AMENDING CITY POLICY 1. 6 COMMUNITY USE OF CITY PROPERTY TO INCLUDE THE DIGITAL SIGN AND STREET BANNER POLES. FIRST READING**

Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said this was written four years ago but for some reason never went to council. Mr. Wagner asked if we were thinking of a fee for using the digital sign and Mrs. Freeman said no as the policy is that the use is for community organizations and we share it with the library. Mr. Wagner thinks we should revisit this as any organizations could come in and ask to post on the sign. Mayor Mackinnon said we have had no problems in the last four years and let's not complicate this. This was given a first reading only.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Staczek thanked Rite Aid, reminded council that the contract with NWWSD is coming up in a year and that they need to start looking at options, and said there is a proliferation of temporary signs in the Crossroads that we need to look at. He asked why the fire boat was moved against where the marina committee set it to be and said he had received no response to the request to Chief Drouard for the training hours on the boat for the last three years. Chief Drouard said the boat had been moved back to where it was originally docked after he was approached about moving it back to where it used to be if no one requested that space. Mr. Staczek said this is a wall dock with the highest rental price and that the municipal code says the marina committee has the final say on dock spaces and transfers. He wanted to remind the administration and mayor to respect the committees. Mayor Mackinnon said the office approached the chief about moving the boat and the chief felt that was the best spot for saving lives. The mayor said he would not want to have his name associated with moving a rescue boat if it cost lives. Mr. Staczek and the mayor disagreed with who had the floor and the mayor allowed Mr. Staczek to

speaking who asked the mayor to follow the correct process for assigning docks. Mayor Mackinnon said this is the only dock issue he has been involved in over the last six years, he understood that Mr. Staczek was upset by the move, and he made the decision to move the spot as the best place to save lives.

Mrs. Eckel asked Mrs. Freeman to let her know when she is ready to discuss future projects, said she is still seeing school levy signs everywhere and they should have been removed by now, noted that in regards to getting things like the zoning maps we need to get better and that exhibits for ordinances and resolutions before council should be provided and we need to get this problem cleaned up. It has been a frustration for her in asking for things over and over again.

Mr. Ruse said we had a problem with temporary signs a few years ago and now we have several properties with vinyl signs and other temporary signs and he questioned if we changed the policy or are we ignoring it. Mr. Heban said we allow 30 days for temporary signs and Mr. Ruse said it seems completely random as to who is allowed to do this.

Mr. Wagner asked Mrs. Freeman to provide an outline of estimated revenue to all of council.

Mr. Staczek asked Mr. Heban to provide a copy of the procedures of how the meeting is supposed to proceed.

#### **AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Ken Gwozdz, 126 Jennings Rd. said he disagrees with Mr. Staczek's interpretation of the charter saying that as chairman of the charter committee it was strong mayor, city administrator, and then council. He said he is concerned about an article in the Rossford Record regarding the roads in the Colony saying it has been fifty years since Jennings Rd. saw improvements and said the meeting between Mr. Scott, Mrs. Freeman, and the Colony association seems to show they are getting special treatment. As far as he is concerned if they want to go to Perrysburg Township let them go.

*Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek 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