

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held May 14, 2018

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of April 23, 2018 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of May 14, 2018 was presented to council. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to accept the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Eckel presented the Public Safety committee reports from April 26th and May 8th (see written reports)

Mr. Ruse said he assumes the traffic signal by the school will have some trouble coordinating until the light at Bergin gets done and said the discussion at public works committee this evening was that they will keep the parking on Elm Tree Rd. on the agenda as to what is allowed and that parking in the tree lawn may become a committee of the whole item and asked if we can ask for reimbursement from police and fire employees for their training cost when they leave. Attorney Heban said we are able to recover educational cost. Mr. Staczek said he has received a couple of complaints regarding properties on W. Elm Tree with debris and abandoned vehicles in the yard and said he would like information from the Toledo Police department on the cost incurred by them for FOI request for footage from vehicle and body cameras.

Mr. Densic presented the Finance & Insurance committee report from April 23rd (see written report).

Mr. Oberdorf said the recreation committee is looking at a different type of levy to meet recreation needs.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Scott introduced Girl Scout Troop 10189 and Debra Musteric. The troop are seventh graders at RJHS and are working on their Silver project which will be a water recycling program using rain barrels. They are asking for the permission of the city to place the barrels and then store at the city during the winter. Mayor Mackinnon said we are agreeable to whatever they need. Mr. Scott said the Rec Center is now taking registrations for summer day camp and summer theatre and that the new recreation center van has been delivered. Public Works completed brush pick-up with 74 truckloads/414 cubic yards picked up. The Police department has been notified that the new full-time officer has accepted a job with the city of Oregon and that we are losing a part time officer to another department. The city is checking the current civil service list to determine if we need a new exam. The Rossford Eagles made a \$6,000 donation to the city to be divided equally between police, fire, and EMS. The new police care has been delivered and is being outfitted with equipment. The fire department strategic planning meetings are ongoing. The Arbor Day event was well attended. The SR 65 construction project is ahead of schedule so far, water line installation on Lime City Rd. continues with topsoil and grass seeding, and new water lines will be installed on Vineyard and Groce St. starting next week. Upcoming events are the Ohio Flags of Honor this coming weekend, Ohio Chautauqua from June 19th-23rd, Glass City Balloon Race July 13th-15th, and Riverfest on August 25th.

Mayor Mackinnon thanked the Eagles for their donation and said he had met with a group trying to organize a Farmers Mkt. and a food truck night. Mr. Densic suggested trying to coordinate those events with the Rec movie nights and asked why there was not better communication and signage regarding

parking at the curb during the SR65 project. Mr. Scott said that per the Shelley Co. it is a liability issue and that if someone parks at the curb despite the no parking signs the individual assumes the liability. Mr. Densic understands this from the Shelley standpoint but said that early on the concern was business is being hurt by the no parking and Shelley should have taken more care in lessening the impact to which Mr. Scott responded it is a short term hurt for a long term solution,.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2018 – 22 - AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 193.19 AND 193.20 DEALING WITH TAX CREDITS FOR RETENTION AND GROWTH OF JOBS WITHIN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD. THIRD READING

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic asked how do define job retention and attorney Heban responded that council/economic development committee can decide. Councilman Heban said this gives us another tool to attract business growth. Mr. Densic said his concern is with different standards being used on a case by case basis rather than a uniform standard. Mr. Ruse said he sees both sides and understands Mr. Densic's point that this is very subjective. Mr. Ruse would like to see the committee have some established guidelines. Mayor Mackinnon said we need the flexibility as the standards are changing all the time and that the power will stay with council and the administration to decide on a case by case basis. Mr. Marquette agrees with the mayor that we will need the flexibility to decide between different size businesses and what they bring to us. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except Mr. Densic who voted no. Motion carried 6-1.

#2018-23 - AN ORDINANCE ENACTING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 925.05, MARINA GUARD SCHEDULE, FOR THE ROSSFORD MARINA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek this is due to the marina running in the red and losing out to the competition and that we need to attract boaters. He said this reduces marina guard coverage from Monday to Thursday only and that the biggest expense (56%) of the marina is for the guards and this is looking at saving some cost. Mayor Mackinnon said the complaint about this ordinance is that customers signed up earlier on the basis of 24 hour coverage and that after we took their check we are looking at cutting. He said the marina is a jewel and worth the cost. Mr. Marquette asked if we are in breach by cutting hours to which attorney Heban responded that we may have some liability if we gave different hours of coverage when rented the dock space. Mr. Scott said that the marina is not running in the red and said more money was needed last year for dredging. Mrs. Freeman said the marina was \$10,000 in the red last year. Mrs. Eckel said she agrees with the mayor and that having boaters sign up based on 24 hours coverage and then ending that is not right. Mayor Mackinnon said this is not a wise move. Mr. Densic said the intent is to extend marina guard coverage earlier and later in the season while keeping cost the same. Mrs. Eckel again said she is not comfortable with cutting coverage at the same time we are looking at allowing open containers. Mr. Marquette said he cannot support this year based on the letter that was sent out. Mr. Staczek said he concurs with Mr. Marquette and Mr. Ruse said he has no problem with delaying this until next year.

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

#2018 – 24 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 529.07(b) (3), OPEN CONTAINER PROHIBITED

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette asked attorney Heban and Chief Goss to weigh in on this. Attorney Heban said it was thought better to post signs where open containers were allowed. Chief Goss said his concern is the

enforcement with only two officers on duty in the community and he is on the fence with this. Mr. Densic said maybe we should do this on a one year trial basis. Mrs. Eckel thinks this is a good idea and maybe we should look in having one downtown. Mr. Ruse thinks the more this is publicized we will have people from softball games drinking outside the fence. Mayor Mackinnon said that has been going on for years. Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes except Mr. Ruse who voted no. Motion carried 6-1. Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except for Mr. Ruse who voted no. Motion carried 6-1.

#2018 – 25 - AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE EXPENSE APPROPRIATION AND ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017 - 65.

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said this is a requirement to restate the budget to the Wood County Auditor after budget adjustments council has passed this year. This was given a first reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

#2018 – 24 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT WINTER CONTRACT (018-19) FOR ROAD SALT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said this needs to be passed this evening as the contract is due Wednesday. He said it has been reviewed by the public works committee. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban 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. 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.

#2018 – 25 - A RESOLUTION FORMALIZING THE PERMITTED USES OF THE ROSSFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT INDOOR FIRING RANGE.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf said this was his request with the backing of Mr. Densic after he was informed that an individual conducted a CCW class using our firing range. Mr. Oberdorf thinks this is wrong and said in checking with the NRA this is not illegal but is unusual as most instructors take their classes to public ranges or outdoors. He said he talked to the chief at the safety committee meeting and he thinks the chief agrees and asked the chief to forward the range policy to council to review. Mr. Staczek said he agrees with Mr. Oberdorf and he too would like to review the policy. Mr. Densic asked if Mrs. Freeman had checked with our insurance provider and Mrs. Freeman said we would need a certificate from the outsider that we are covered by their insurance and all the participants to sign waivers absolving the city. Mr. Oberdorf said it goes beyond insurance but involves the principle of allowing the public to use it. Chief Goss said the policy for the range has been in place since the 80's and that exception can be made with the permission of the police chief. This was given a first reading only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek reminded everyone of the fire department spaghetti dinner on May 20th from 12-4 at the American Legion.

Mr. Oberdorf noted that the grass on the property at Santus/Glenwood is getting high.

Mrs. Eckel asked about the progress regarding the new traffic light poles not being black. Bob Williams of MSG said they lost track and did not specify that the poles were to be black. MSG is drafting a proposal for having them painted black at their expense using a company that will give a five year warranty. Mrs. Eckel said she does not like the painting idea as she is afraid they will become an eyesore in a couple of years.

Mr. Marquette suggested a possible joint meeting with the school board.

Mr. Ruse said he agrees with Mr. Oberdorf and thinks that Mrs. Freeman said that our insurance does not cover. He also wants council to think about adjusting our summer meeting schedule per the charter. Mr. Heban said he would like continuous updates on the progress of O'Brien Architects with the master plan.

Mr. Densic thanked the Rossford Eagles for their donation and asked for an update on the proposed charter amendment and was told by attorney Heban it was returned by the Board of Elections and from his standpoint there is no future action.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. All ayes except Mr. Densic who abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to return to regular session. All ayes except Mr. Densic who abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

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