

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held May 28, 2019

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

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

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CLERK: Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to appoint Jessica Benson as temporary clerk. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of May 13, 2019 committee of the whole meeting were presented to council. Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried. Minutes of May 13, 2019 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eckel entered the meeting

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of May 28, 2019 was presented to council. Public Safety committee minutes, an executive session to discuss economic development and labor relations, a staffing study presentation were added to the agenda. Ordinance #2019-25 had number changed to #2019-27 and Resolution #2019-12 had address amended to Hollywood Blvd. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works committee report from May 13, 2019 was presented to council by Mr. Ruse (see written report). Mr. Staczek asked about seeing the designs for Bacon St. and was told they were sent out by Mr. Ciecka and to check his email.

Public Safety committee reports from May 21 and May 28, 2019 was presented to council by Mrs. Eckel (see written report). Mr. Ruse asked about the earmarking of the \$75,000 for vehicle replacement and using that as a marketing piece for voting yes for the fire levy and wondered what Perrysburg/Northwood are doing for maintenance of their fire equipment and possibly having a joint hire to do maintenance on ours and their fire equipment. Mr. Staczek questioned what the school has done regarding security before asking us for a second school resource officer. Mr. Densic suggested we look at neighboring districts to share the cost of a fire boat. Mayor Mackinnon said he is already discussing that with our neighbors.

PRESENTATION

Resource Management Consultants LLC President Rudy Ruiz said they are working on a strategic plan related to fire staffing, equipment, and coverage to determine whether collaboration with Northwood would be beneficial. His report on this will be available by November if not earlier.

At this point an outburst occurred from a member of the audience identified as Michael Leganik regarding handicap crosswalks which Mayor Mackinnon handled very professionally before having him removed from the chamber.

Mr. Ruiz said if any other items come up they will also be reviewed and they will obtain an attorney opinion before the final report.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Mackinnon thanked all those involved with the Memorial Day parade and ceremony especially public works, fire, police, RHS Band, the Rossford American Legion and VFW. He said safety is vitally important to the city and instructed Mr. Ciecka and Mrs. Freeman to find a way to get the fire vehicles

replaced ASAP. He said regarding the Jennings Rd. traffic problem that he has ordered the police chief to step up patrols and enforcement and authorized overtime to make it happen. The speed sign will remain and so will an increased police vehicle presence. He said statements that the city does not care about kids are not true as his actions demonstrate and using Facebook is not as effective as calling the police.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you note from Liam Walsh to Mayor Mackinnon, thanking him for the opportunity to shadow him for a week was read to council.

ORDINANCES

#2019 – 20-AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PURSUE DEBT FUNDING FOR THE COLONY SUBDIVISION RENOVATION PROJECT. THIRD READING

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

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

#2019- 27 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 195.99, PENALTY (FOR HOTEL/MOTEL TAX) OF THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE AND DELARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Attorney Heban said this can go multiple readings. He explained that currently a violation for not paying the hotel/motel tax only carries a \$100 fine and increasing the penalty to what it is for not paying personal tax will encourage payment. This was given a first reading only.

#2019 – 26 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

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

Mrs. Freeman said this is due to the Wood County auditor by July 20th and pointed out some changes to council. Mr. Densic said this was reviewed by the finance committee. This was given a first reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

#2019 – 12 AMENDED - A RESOLUTION BY THE ROSSFORD CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA) FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED ON HOLLYWOOD BLVD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO. SECOND READING

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Several questions from council were asked of Attorney Heban who responded he will research answers to these questions. This was given a second reading only.

#2019 – 13 - 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 AN ADDITIONAL LEVY FOR PURPOSES OF PAYMENT OF PERMANENT, PART-TIME OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER, EMS, ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL TO OPERATE A FIRE DEPARTMENT. SECOND READING

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

Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion was all ayes except for Mr. Densic who voted no. Motion carried 6-1. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2019 – 14 - 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 AN ADDITIONAL LEVY FOR PURPOSES OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE

EQUIPMENT, APPARATUS, APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS OR SITES TO OPERATE A FIRE DEPARTMENT. SECOND READING

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and Jim Verbosky, 302 Jennings Rd. asked why the city has not applied for AFG grants to offset some of these equipment cost as he did when he was fire chief. Mayor Mackinnon said we will get back to him. Vote on the motion was all ayes except for Mr. Densic who voted no. Motion carried 6-1. Mr. Ruse moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2019 -17 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO V.J.'s TOWING WHERE THE INVOICE WAS ISSUED PRIOR TO THE PURCHASE ORDER.

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said on May 20th^h the city received an invoice dated April, 2018 which it turned out had been misplaced by VJ's. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion was all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek scheduled a Marina committee meeting for next Monday evening and told Mr. Heban he does support the DORA but wants to make sure his questions get answered. He thanked State Senator Gavarone, State Rep. Ghanbari, Mayor Mackinnon and Mr. Densic for their help and efforts at the marina.

Mr. Oberdorf thanked Chief Drouard and Asst. Chief Stautzenbach for all the work they did prior to the safety committee meeting. He asked the mayor to expound about Mr. Staczek's statement regarding the marina and Mayor Mackinnon said he reached out to the state for whatever help they could provide for the high water problems at the marina. Mr. Densic said some barriers will be provided by ODOT for the north wall with hopes to obtain more for the west wall. Mr. Staczek said he is looking at ways to make these barriers look more attractive.

Mrs. Eckel thanked those who put on the Memorial Day parade. Mayor Mackinnon offered his condolences on behalf of himself and city council for the death of her uncle Dan Schick this past weekend. He also offered these same condolences to Ryan Mahaffey on the death of his mother Kathy Mazur-Mahaffey.

Mr. Marquette asked Mr. Ciecka about the status of getting the traffic poles painted. Mr. Ciecka said depending on the weather they should start this week.

Mr. Ruse asked that public works look at the leaning traffic signs on the east side of Lime City Rd. and said he also had questions on the use of fire grants. Mayor Mackinnon asked Chief Drouard to have that information ready for the next safety committee meeting and said we have had great success in the past and currently in getting grants.

Mr. Densic said he thought NWWSD was to patch Hannum Ave. a month ago and asked they be contacted. He also questioned conflicting language on trailer/RV parking and Mr. Marquette said they will look at that in the next zoning committee meeting. Mr. Densic commented on the Jennings Rd. traffic problems and complimented Chief Kitzler and the police department and said council will need to look at long term planning for the park. He also offered his condolences to the Schick family.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Mike Gerard, 5 Riverside Dr. said he was here about nine months discussing the park and said nothing had been done until the incident last Saturday when the girl was almost run over and what is going to be done. Mayor Mackinnon said we will continue doing what is being done now with an increased police presence and he is there all the time and knows what is going on. Mr. Gerard complained about the

screaming and cursing that takes place at the park and said there are days that the gate is not closed at dusk and then engaged in an extended conversation of complaints about the park usage with the mayor. Mayor Mackinnon said he is not getting rid of the basketball courts and we will fix the problem. Kris Cuprys, who said she lives at the corner of Jennings and Riverside, said we do have excessive noise but if we are going to work on this traffic and other problems at the park it sounds like a good idea. She suggested speed bumps and the mayor said we are going to put in temporary speed bumps. Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum, asked if there is a timeline for Hannum to get fixed and what is going to be done and the mayor said Mr. Ciecka will contact NWWSD tomorrow. Mr. Ruse said they are going to patch with nine inches of asphalt. Mr. Appelhans asked again about Creekbend sidewalks and Mrs. Eckel said no legislation has been found mandating sidewalks and Mr. Densic said originally there were problems with the grade and that is the extent of his recollection from the planning commission. Mr. Appelhans said his point is that they have ignored the requirement to put sidewalks in. He also complained about the Goodwill building and asked the fire chief about the potential fire hazard. Jim Verbosky, 302 Jennings Rd., thanked Chief Kitzler for his help at the marina this weekend. He suggested using some orange stakes to define the marina walls during high water periods and asked if the mayor is going to recommend the temporary speed bumps and flashing stop signs and was told he already has. He again asked about we are not applying for fire grants and said he is looking for an answer from the chief.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing labor relations. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing economic development. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Neil A. Mackinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council