

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held June 8, 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, Marquette, Ruse, Heban, and Densic all present. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to excuse Mrs. Eckel. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of May 26, 2020 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried. Minutes of June 1, 2020 committee of the whole meeting were presented to council. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes except Mr. Oberdorf and Mr. Heban who both abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of June 8, 2020 was presented to council. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to accept the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS: TARTA representatives were Rossford's board member Kevin Weaks, Dan Woodcock, president of TARTA's board, general manager Kim Dunham, and legal counsel Joan Rife. They introduced Russell Mills of BGSU who reviewed the study completed by the university (see package).

Joe Luzar of the Workforce Initiative of the NW Ohio Regional Growth Partnership talked about the importance of TARTA transportation saying that a major part of workforce elements is regional transportation and it is used to retain and attract companies and the want for it is present in northern Wood County. Rex Huffman of the Wood County Port Authority echoed Mr. Luzar saying the effort is being made to get better TARTA transportation in northern Wood County. Mr. Staczek said he appreciates TARTA but the language in the resolution is loosely worded which is what he has a problem with and that it is council's duty to vet the resolution. Mayor Mackinnon pointed out this only deals with the funding mechanism for TARTA. Attorney Heban said this has nothing to do with TARTA membership which was resolved years ago when the citizens of Rossford voted to stay a member. Joan Rife said leaving TARTA will still require the unanimous consent of all members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance committee report from May 26, 2020 was presented to council by Mr. Densic (see written report).

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Murray said that the Colony project is in the final stretch with paving to begin the week of June 15th weather permitting and that Colony Rd. is also going quickly with paving of it and Eagle Point Rd. set to begin the week of June 22nd. She noted there will be a SR65 roundabout pre-inspection meeting on June 15th with construction set to begin July 6th. She informed council that in tonight's ordinances are a new police vehicle, surplus property, and the Deimling Rd. project. She again thanked all city employees for their efforts during this time.

Mayor Mackinnon thanked Team Rossford and Mr. Kolb, Chief Drouard, and Chief Kitzler for their help in preparing for the rally last Saturday as well as Chief Hummer of Lake Twp. and Wood County Sheriff Mark Wasylyshyn and Julia Mack, Jodi Summer, and Brother Washington Mohammed of Black Lives Matter. He asked for a motion to bring Resolution #2020-12 off the table. Mr. Heban moved and Mr.

Marquette seconded the motion to return tabled Resolution #2020-12 to the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2020-35 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND ORDINANCE 2019-74. SECOND READING.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a second reading only.

#2020-39 - AN ORDINANCE UNDER SECTION 727.25, OHIO REVISED CODE, ASSESSING UPON THE LOTS AND LANDS WITHIN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD TO PAY THE EXPENSE OF LIGHTING THE STREETS, ALLEY WAYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN SAID CITY AND FURNISHING ELECTRICAL ENERGY THEREFORE, DIRECTING THE CLERK TO CERTIFY SAID ASSESSMENT TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE PLACED UPON THE TAX DUPLICATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

#2020-40 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

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

#2020-41 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE POLICE VEHICLE THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse said the state program allows us to go to local dealers to see if can match the deal and asked if we had done that. Chief Kitzler responded that we have used Lally Chevrolet for the last four years and they do a good job doing the necessary modifications but he can explore that option next year. Mr. Heban 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. Heban moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2020-42 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

#2020 – 43 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE WOOD COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY, NORTHWESTERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, AND THE WOOD COUNTY ENGINEER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Attorney Heban said this agreement was proposed by the Wood County Port Authority and he has reviewed it and found it legally sufficient. Rex Huffman of the Port Authority said he has talked previously about this project with the public works committee and city council regarding this reconstruction of Deimling Rd. from Lime City Rd. to Simmons Rd. This is an old rural road which has never been updated and the project will have a total cost of \$4.9M with \$3.9M being road and \$1M being sewer with \$1.4M being local funding and an application for grant funding supplying the rest . A grant application is pending through the Wood County TID for \$250,000 and won't have an answer until July or August. Local funding will come from other agencies with Rossford's share being \$300,000 but we need this cooperative agreement as the Port Authority is the lead agency but won't own the road thus need co-applicants and that the local match money is available at the time of application. Rossford will backstop the entire \$1.4M as part of the TIF so the application can be filed rather than wait 3-4 months to get the agreements for the other entities. Mayor Mackinnon said this is a \$4.9M improvement which will cost the city \$300,000 which will come from TIF funds. Mr. Marquette asked if this involves Perrysburg Twp. and Mr. Huffman said yes as part of the roads in the project are in the township. Mr. Heban asked Attorney Heban if council would vote again on the final agreement and was told yes. Mr. Staczek asked if Perrysburg Twp. is contributing to this and Mr. Huffman said the county engineer is paying for the township. Mr. Densic is there a risk to the city of being stuck with the entire \$1.4M and Mr. Huffman said the only risk is the ODOT money through the TID and commerce money which is a \$400,000 risk which may mean Rossford could owe \$700,000. Attorney Heban pointed out that if we did not receive the grant this would have to come back to council. 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.

RESOLUTIONS

#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. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic thanked Ms. Dunham and Ms. Rife for replying to his questions and then said there are two issues at the heart of this 1) membership and 2) change of funding. His concern is that these two issues are addressed on a single ballot issue and thinks this is a violation of the ORC in that there should be one

resolution to address the expansion to new members and then six months later another to address the change of funding. He said he has no problem with either of these two issues just them being on the same ballot issue. Mayor Mackinnon said having TARTA keeps us attractive to business and investment. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes except Mr. Staczek and Mr. Densic who voted no. Motion fails 2-4 as five votes needed to declare an emergency. Motion failed. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except Mr. Staczek and Mr. Densic who voted no. Motion carried 4-2. Mr. Oberdorf said the if the problems that Mr. Densic brought up existed it would have been addressed by legal counsel. Mr. Heban said being a member of TARTA has brought us many opportunities.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Ruse said he is disappointed that we are being shortchanged by the fixed amount we will receive if the TARTA funding agreement passes versus what we are receiving now from the TIF and noted that the RCVB board made a decision that this years Stroll The Streets will be a slimmed down version with food trucks only that will need to comply with state requirements and the possibility of farmers booths later and the city having the decision whether to have music at the gazebo.

Mr. Heban said he attended the protest last Saturday and they were extremely respectful and the city handled very well. He would like to meet with Attorney Kevin Heban regarding the DORA.

Mr. Densic thanked the mayor and Bass Pro for the marina golf cart and hopes we move quickly on Eagle Point/Indian Hills schools.

Mr. Staczek thanked the mayor and Bass Pro for the marina golf cart.

Mr. Oberdorf thanked Mr. Kolb and the public works department for their assistance in the protest.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

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