

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held June 11, 2018

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of deceased former councilman Jim Richards.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of May 29, 2018 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 June 11, 2018 was presented to council. Public Safety committee report and an executive session to discuss personnel matters were added. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Staczek presented the Public Works committee reports for May 25th (see written report). Mr. Marquette said his concern is in that removing the crosswalks in the boulevard and what is our liability if not marked as crosswalks. Mrs. Freeman said we have a bigger liability if we leave them in place with the argument being that we are encouraging jaywalking. Mr. Marquette said he would like to have a committee of the whole to discuss this issue and the tree lawn issue. Mr. Staczek said a proper lighted crosswalk cost about \$250,000. Mrs. Eckel said the safety committee will discuss the crosswalk issue and asked as for the water district coming to a meeting what would be discussed. Mr. Staczek said he didn't know. Mr. Densic said he has received comments from businesses regarding the curb work and the effect on their business and said in the future we need to do a better job in letting businesses know what is going on.

Mrs. Eckel presented the Public Safety committee report for May 30th (see written report). Mr. Densic said he did find a DNR grant program for maritime patrol and forwarded that information to both chiefs and the public safety committee. Mr. Marquette asked who determines where Officer Johnson spends her time – us or the school. Chief Goss said both the school and us and it is felt that keeping her on the Owens campus provides the best safety with other officers checking on the elementary schools. Mr. Marquette said the school should not dictate her responsibilities.

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mayor Mackinnon said his thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Jim Richards, said there is a great summer of events coming up, introduced Ed Reiter, former chairman of Mid Am Bank and grandfather in law of new police officer Bradley McBride. Mr. Reiter said he is one of the last two of the village officers before we became a city, thanked Mayor Mackinnon, related a story about being robbed as the manager of Mid Am in Rossford and the terrific response of the Rossford police department and another story about being deputized in 1968. Mayor Mackinnon then swore in the new officer.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Council was read two pieces of correspondence 1) a letter from the Wood County Board of County Commissioners informing us of a resolution passed by them to add an additional five dollar license tax to be used for maintaining and repairing county roads, highways, and bridges and 2) a thank you letter to

Mayor Mackinnon from Rossford Schools Superintendent Dan Creps for his attendance at the groundbreaking ceremony last month.

### **ORDINANCES**

**#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. THIRD READING**  
Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2018 – 30 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE ROSSFORD CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**  
Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.  
This was given a second reading only.

**#2018-31 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND NORTHWESTERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT FOR STORMWATER BILLING SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Mr. Densic asked if the rate is .50cents per ERU or per bill. Mrs. Freeman said it is per bill. Mr. Densic said this seems a little high. This was given a first reading only.

**#2018-32 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 505.08 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

**#2018-33 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO PURCHASE A CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Mayor Mackinnon said he would like to see this passed this evening. Mr. Densic asked if we have a purpose for the property yet and Mayor Mackinnon responded it would probably be developed as a public parking lot. Mrs. Eckel 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. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2018 – 34 - 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. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Mrs. Freeman said this could go two readings due to the summer schedule and said it is the annual streetlight assessment at the same level as our current rate. Mr. Marquette 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. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2018 – 35 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE/LEASE OF A 2018 JCB BACKHOE LOADER MODEL 3CX-15 SUPER CAB, FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Mrs. Freeman said this has been reviewed by both public works and finance committee and needs to be

passed tonight as the dealer will not hold this for us based on government pricing should he get a better offer. Mr. Oberdorf 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. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2018 – 36 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said this is an annual procedural step required by the Wood County Budget Commission and can go two readings as due in mid-July. This was given a first reading only.

**#2018 – 37 - AN ORDINANCE ENACTING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 521.16 DEALING WITH BAGSTER BAGS AND SIMILAR TEMPORARY DISPOSAL CONTAINERS**

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic asked how far off the right-of-way these will be and was told that Waste Mgmt. requires 16 feet. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Eckel, Oberdorf, Heban, Marquette aye. Staczek, Densic no. Motion fail 4-2 as five votes needed to suspend.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf said everyone should have copies of the previous and revised policy and that the revised policy satisfies his concerns. Mr. Marquette said the wording is pretty final and asked of limiting the use hinder any police programs. Chief Goss said currently he has allowed spouses and certain family members to use the range in order to become familiar with what police do and the new policy would prevent any firearms training for Explorers. Mr. Oberdorf said that the problem becomes what is too much flexibility and cited the use of the range by a private individual to hold a CCW class. He said we spent a lot of money for our police and other police departments to use, not the general public. Mr. Heban said the Chief worked very quickly to amend the policy and did a great job in revising. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Staczek said he shared the thoughts of the Mayor regarding Jim Richards and offered his condolences to the family and said he had attended the DARE and Safety Town graduations and was extremely impressed with Officer Johnson.

Mr. Oberdorf said the death of Mr. Richards was shocking, that he considered him a mentor and that he admired his open-mindedness on issues and looking at both sides rather than researching to prove his point which he tries to emulate. He asked if MSG has a financial responsibility to replace the improper traffic poles and Attorney Heban said MSG is liable but the second issue as to damages would allow them to show a court that if they can make us equal to the requested poles without replacing they could make that argument. Attorney Heban suggested if the poles were supposed to last for twenty years and the paint job is warranted for five years we should require them to escrow an amount to cover additional painting. Mrs. Eckel said as far as who is responsible for the improper poles MSG missed putting black poles in the original specs and missed it again when the contractor issued the contract. She said Officer Johnson has a great relationship with the kids in the DARE program and it bothers her that she won't be in the elementary schools next year, thanked everyone who worked on resolving the 517 Glenwood issue to which Attorney Heban gave the credit to the mayor, and said she too considered Jim Richards a mentor and admired him for how he respected everyone on council even if opposed on an issue and how his

disagreements were in public meeting only and did not carry over onto the internet and she misses that culture on city council and we should try to conduct ourselves in his image. Mayor Mackinnon complimented him for his involvement in many city activities.

Mr. Marquette offered his condolences to the Richards family.

Mr. Heban offered his condolences to the Richards family and suggested a special committee to discuss water. Mayor Mackinnon said we are exploring options but not doing it in public. Mr. Staczek said the public works committee is handling and the mayor is involved.

*Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to hold a committee of the whole meeting at 6:00pm on June 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss parking on unimproved streets, crosswalks, and water. All ayes. Motion carried.*

Mr. Densic said Mr. Richards was a caring soul and the community was blessed to have him.

### **AUDIENCE REMARKS**

None

*Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to go into executive session for the discussion of personnel matters. All ayes. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to return to regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Densic moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to amend the agenda to add Ordinance #2018-38. All ayes. Motion carried.*

**#2018-38 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ROSSFORD TO ENTER INTO A CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH EDWARD J. CIECKA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Oberdorf 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 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.

Mrs. Eckel encouraged everyone to provide Mrs. Freeman a list of issues that they request Mr. Ciecka review.

*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