

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held August 12, 2019

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 July 22, 2019 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes except Mr. Marquette who abstained. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of August 12, 2019 was presented to council. Marina committee report and executive session to discuss real estate were added to the agenda. Mr. Ruse moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Mark Fiala of Organizational Architects, Cleveland said they are the HR consulting firm doing the compensation study of the six different department head positions. He said the report was presented to the finance director and city administrator on July 12th with several recommendations. The report was compiled using compensation survey data from third parties and a select group of several local municipalities. He said they concluded that ½ of our positions are at market level. Mr. Ruse said the report was discussed in the finance committee today and they requested that a few more communities be included in the comparison study. Mr. Densic said the finance committee is going to review the data and forward their comments to Mr. Fiala for follow-up and that this was a very solid report. Mr. Staczek asked if he understands correctly that the report will look for additional data. Mr. Densic said three more local municipalities are going to be added to the data. Mr. Marquette asked when council will see the report and Mr. Densic said he will send out the draft tomorrow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marina committee report from July 31, 2019 was presented to council by Mr. Staczek (see written report). Mr. Staczek requested that the pine trees be trimmed up to about five feet so the marina guards have a clear view. Mr. Ruse asked if the committee is still pursuing ODNR grants and Mr. Densic said the Hazard Mitigation grant was turned down in the first round but they can resubmit up to August 30th.

Finance & Insurance committee report from July 22, 2019 was presented to council by Mr. Densic (see written report).

Public Works committee report from August 8, 2019 was presented to council by Mr. Ruse (see written report). Mrs. Eckel asked if it was determined what the project on Helen Dr. was and was told it was a change to the service that extends into the Colony and that the full width of the pavement will be repaved for the extend of their work.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka said the ballot language for the recreation and fire levies had been approved, that last Friday at the second meeting of the Wood County Transportation Improvement District Mr. Watrol had been elected secretary/treasurer, and that Attorney Heban has the information regarding the second school resource officer and will have the two ordinances for the next council meeting, one for the additional SRO and one for an additional police officer.

Mayor Mackinnon noted that on August 17th at 10:00am the dedication of the new elementary school will take place, that August 24th is the date for Riverfest which is still looking for sponsors, that August 28th at 7:00pm is the dedication of the new football stadium, and again thanked Medical Mutual of Ohio for their sponsorship of the Balloon Festival on September 27th and 28th.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2019-41 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE COLONY ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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.

#2019-42 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2018-67.

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

Mr. Ciecka said the revenue estimate had been increased based on income tax collection and that \$50,000 had been added to the marina fund. Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Ruse 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. Ruse seconded the motion to declare an emergency.

All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2019- 19 - A RESOLUTION NOMINATING LEONARD MICHAELS FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE NORTHWESTERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT AND TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR (NEIL MACKINNON) TO VOTE FOR LEONARD MICHAELS FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE VACANT SEAT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Mrs. Eckel said Mr. Michaels is qualified for the position but that she would like to see him at council and public works committee meetings. Mr. Staczek would like both our NWWSO reps to attend. Mayor

Mackinnon said Mr. Michaels always returns phone calls and is incredibly responsive. Mr. Staczek

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. Staczek

moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr.

Staczek moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek asked if an ordinance needs to be prepared for the \$50,000 in marina electrical work and Mr. Densic said no, the money was appropriated in ordinance #2019-42. Mr. Staczek said he is not against hiring another SRO but he still wants to know what the school is looking at for their own security such as arming teachers.

Mr. Oberdorf said he agrees with some of what Mr. Staczek says but that arming teachers is controversial. He said adding one more SRO is advantageous but we need more feedback on what else the school is doing. Mayor Mackinnon said adding the SRO put another officer on our streets for three months and that this is a safe and smart move he is totally in support of. Mr. Oberdorf said he was glad to see the poles painted and he thinks the Haunted House is a great idea.

Mr. Marquette offered his thoughts and prayers for Karen Freeman and her family.

Mr. Ruse supports adding the SRO and said it would be nice to know what the school does in addition for security. He also said that since a large part of the school district is in the township he wondered if they should share in the cost.

Mr. Densic agreed with Mr. Ruse that we should talk to the township about sharing the cost and he wants to make sure the contract with the schools allows the officer to leave in the event of a city emergency.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Kevin Urrutia, 331 Jennings Rd. said school teachers are not trained to be armed.

John Folcik, 215 Hannum said there is a golf cart for sale on Hannum Ave. and Mr. Staczek said they are asking \$6000 for it.

Joe Nyitray, 210 Birch complained about being warned about having a trailer parked on the street. Mr. Marquette said the zoning committee will look at the regulations again.

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave. said he has seen tractor trailers parked on the highway and the bird squawkers don't work.

Betty Woods, 539 Riverside Dr. is concerned about the roads in the Colony. Mayor Mackinnon said the project is a go we just don't know when it will start.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing real estate. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to return to regular session.

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

Neil A. Mackinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council