

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held September 11, 2017

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

ROLL CALL: Staczek, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Ruse, Minarcin all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of August 14, 2017 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of September 11, 2017 was presented to council. Ordinance #2017-54, Ordinance #2017-34, and public works committee report were added to agenda. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance committee report from September 5th was presented to council (see written report). Mrs. Freeman said a reduction in the HAS contribution would conflict with union contracts so this will not be changed in #2017-46.

At this time Mr. Marquette asked if council needed to excuse Mr. Wagner from the meeting or accept his resignation. Mr. Murphree said council needed to do neither. Mr. Wagner's resignation was effective August 18th and council has until September 18th to fill his seat or it falls to the mayor. Mayor Mackinnon said his intent is to leave it vacant until the November election. Mr. Oberdorf, Mrs. Eckel, and Mr. Staczek agreed with not filling the vacant seat so close to the election.

Recreation committee report from August 14th was presented to council (see written report). Mr. Minarcin asked Mr. Ledesma if there is another program other than Silver Sneakers for people in AARP's and Mr. Ledesma said he had not heard of one but he will check into.

Public Works committee report from September 5th was presented to council (see written report). Zoning committee report from September 6th was presented to council (see written report).

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mike Scott reported that the NW Ohio wrestling program at the Rec Center was a success with about 230 in attendance and a portion of the proceeds going to the Rec for sports programming. CVS will be administering flu shots on September 20th at the Rec Center, on September 23rd there will be a Little League reverse raffle, on October 14th is the Karen Swartz 5K, on October 28th is the Haunted Trail, and on December 16th is the Rudolph Run. The public works department brush pickup is scheduled the week of September 25th with brush allowed out front one week prior. The police department firing range project is ongoing, officers Hudak and Baker are now officially retired, Officer Jodi Johnson was inducted into the NOW Law Enforcement Hall of Fame, Nar can training is complete, and new police officer Brandon Lewis will be sworn in this evening. In regards to Economic Development he said that Harmon Development roadwork and building construction is ongoing and site work has begun on the connector road. The fire department pancake breakfast was a success and open house is scheduled for October 9th

from 6 to 9:00pm. Interviews are ongoing to replace 6 people. John Vrablic and David Merrell have recently stepped down from the Tree Commission and the city would like to thank them for their more than 30 years of service on this commission. Colony Road is open to local traffic only through Thursday of this week as work is done on the manhole covers. Rt. 65 will be closed for ten days during the replacement of the crossing at Pilkington. This is a WCPA project in conjunction with the COR, Pilkington, the Railroad Commission, Jobs Ohio and the Wood County Commissioners. He suggested Trick or Treat night be on October 31st and said the Halloween parade is scheduled for October 29th.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to hold Trick or Treat on October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the Halloween Parade sponsored by DECA be held October 29th. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Scott introduced Dave Wigent from Wood County Jobs and Family Services who spoke in support of the levy renewal for their program. He said the levy has been in place since 1988 and that they handle child abuse and neglect cases as well as elderly abuse and neglect cases. He said last year there were 894 child abuse complaints and 260 elder abuse complaints in Wood County with Rossford having 47 child and 12 adult cases investigated. He said their costs are being driven up by the number of total cases and the number of neglect cases caused by the opioid epidemic.

Mayor Mackinnon presented a retirement gift of Officer Randy Baker and conducted the swearing in ceremony for new officer Brandon Lewis.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2017-34 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1909 DEALING WITH VACATION BENEFITS FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS. THIRD READING.

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Minarcin said the finance committee has been working on this since May and their recommendation is to adopt what is done under the police contract and that this will affect all non-union full time employees. Mr. Murphree said he went back to the drawing board and reviewed the original policy Ordinance #1909 which had a confusing method of accrual and that the police method has the least amount of problems in administering. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adopt as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2017 – 46 - AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to amend changing Section 1 to the Savage Insurance Group and the second whereas from an increase of one half of one percent to a decrease of 6.8%. Mayor Mackinnon said this needs to be passed this evening. Mr. Ruse said the reduction in premium is good but he finds it hard to believe how much we contribute to the HSA account each year and we need to look at changing the union contracts moving forward. Mr. Oberdorf said he appreciated Mr. Ruse's remarks. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2017 – 49 - AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said this is a housekeeping item updating our municipal code. Mr. Ruse said that in committee it was discussed that when this comes before council we should also update any changes to the zoning map. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2017-53 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE EXPENSE APPROPRIATION AND ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2016-48 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS AND TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH MANNIK & SMITH FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES. FIRST READING

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said this does not include the cost of engineering for storm water lines on Hillside. Mr. Ruse said this is all in line with the capital plan which was adjusted earlier this year and has been discussed several times in committee and that we need to move forward. Mrs. Eckel said the committee talked about whether the work would be able to be bid in January and it appears so. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2017-54 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP /SALT TRUCK, LIFT/BUCKET TRUCK, AND CAB AND CHASSIS OF A SECOND DUMP/SALT TRUCK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said this has been reviewed by both the finance and public works committees. Mr. Scott said we are replacing two very old trucks that are hard to get parts for. Mr. Minarcin said the finance committee went over in detail and sent to the public works committee. Mrs. Eckel said the bucket truck we are trying to purchase is used and in demand and she would recommend we approve this tonight. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2017 – 14 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF MARY KAY SCOTT TO THE STREET TREE COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING

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

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek thanked the fire department for a great pancake breakfast, said he will be scheduling a marina committee meeting, and said he has received complaints about the basketball courts at Vets Park regarding the language, cars being driven on the grass for lighting after court lights are turned off, and according to the marina guards when confronted are going out the back gate adjacent to residences. He also showed and talked about the screws holding the court on the edges and said they are coming up. He suggested maybe we set hours on the basketball court like 9:00am to 6:00pm. He also thought this could be used for tennis but has never seen it used for

tennis. He also wondered about what is going to happen to the old basketball court. Mayor Mackinnon said he lives close and the one time he heard bad language he talked to them and he knows his son is down there every day during the summer along with kids from other communities. He is not saying that what Mr. Staczek said is not true but he is down there all the time and he has not seen any of that.

Mr. Oberdorf said Mrs. Cooper wants him to thank the fire and police department for their quick response to the emergency involving the death of her son, offered his congratulations to Officer Jodi Johnson on her award, said it was nice to see new faces in the audience, said he has not heard any complaints about Vets Park, and said Mr. Staczek should have brought these concerns to the recreation committee.

Mrs. Eckel thanked Dr. Merrell and John Vrablic for their years of service on the tree commission, congratulated Officer Jodi Johnson, and thanked the participants in the discretionary fund for sending dinner to her while she was recuperating.

Mr. Marquette recognized Mr. Wagner for his service on council, said he is glad Mrs. Eckel has recovered, and thanked Dr. Merrell and John Vrablic for their years of service to the tree commission.

Mr. Ruse welcomed back Mrs. Eckel, asked legal to review if a fourth council member can attend committee meetings and speak without violating sunshine laws, and said the Colony design is moving along and we need to get NWWSD involved in the discussion.

Mr. Minarcin offered his congratulations to Officer Johnson and thanked Dr. Merrell and John Vrablic for the many years of volunteering on the tree commission. He initiated discussion on tabled ordinances and said if the committee doesn't follow up how do we know what is going on.

Mrs. Eckel suggested a list of tabled ordinances. Mr. Ruse said we should update periodically and circulate to council. Mr. Staczek said a couple of times a year would be sufficient. Mr. Minarcin said how is he going to know why no action is being taken. The clerk responded that no action is being taken because they were tabled. Mr. Minarcin said they can get lost in the shuffle and the clerk said the two tabled ordinances acted on tonight were not lost in the shuffle.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Bob Densic of 107 Birch Dr. suggested Don Leary be considered for the tree commission and Mrs. Freeman said he had already been asked and declined. He said the committee minutes are not up to date on the website saying that last planning commission minutes are from January or April and he has not seen any other committee minutes. He also suggested that depending on the work done on a road that full width replacement be considered.

Charles McKnight of 651 Marilyn Drive said he sent an email to the Mayor and council that did not qualify as correspondence and Mayor Mackinnon apologized and said he had acted on it and a letter had been sent regarding the Baumgartner garage. Mr. McKnight said he is concerned that it has taken this long since going back to last October.

Bob Hirzel of 650 Marilyn Drive asked if any correspondence had been received from the Baumgartner's in response to the letter and was told not as of yet. Mr. Murphree said he does not believe any communication has been received indicating that will not comply.

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

