

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held September 24, 2018

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 September 10, 2018 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of September 24, 2018 was presented to council. Marina committee report was added and an executive session to discuss economic development. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Ruse presented the Public Works committee report from September 17th (see written report). Mrs. Eckel asked about full depth reclamation in the Colony and Mr. Ruse said they want that as an alternate. She said Perrysburg has factory coated black poles from 1995 that are still good, that factory coated galvanized last longer than steel, and that she still wants factory coated poles not painted. Mr. Oberdorf said he concurs with Mrs. Eckel and that we are letting MSG have the easy way out for a major mistake and that he is dissatisfied with MSG over this issue. Mr. Ruse asked Attorney Heban how to resolve and he responded that MSG would provide a release based on repainting in seven years. Mr. Marquette said that MSG admitted their mistake and never priced for factory coated poles and asked what the cost is. Mr. Ruse said \$5000 to the city and \$5000 to ODOT for each pole with five poles needed. Mr. Heban asked if there is a warranty on factory coated poles and Mr. Ruse said not on the coating only the pole. Mr. Densic suggested a repainting window of 5 to 10 years and that being our decision.

Mr. Oberdorf presented the Parks & Recreation committee report from September 10th (see written report). Mrs. Eckel said the Rossford Rocks project will be the pathway of painted rocks from various groups at the Rec Center. Mr. Densic asked Attorney Heban to check and see if the park closing time is in the municipal code.

Mr. Densic presented the Finance & Insurance committee report from September 17th (see written report). Mr. Ruse said he thought the 4% pay raise was for three years not two. Mr. Marquette said should we discuss this now or when the ordinance is read. Mayor Mackinnon said he is looking for a first reading tonight and then talking to individual council members and Mr. Oberdorf said he would like to see this go back to the finance committee.

Mr. Staczek presented the Marina committee report from September 14th (see written report). Mr. Densic said the one grant is for the permanent pump out system and the other is a 50/50 grant for shoreline/marina planning purposes only with no construction and will involve years of working with the Army Corps of Engineers and ODNR. Mr. Marquette asked Mr. Kolb how many times the barge was used and was told one time this year. Mr. Staczek said the barge is too heavy and wide to be hoisted out and that there are two marinas with barges. Mayor Mackinnon asked if when needed is the need right now and Mr. Kolb said no, it is not an emergency. Mr. Densic said the barge inhibits the flow of water. Mr. Ruse asked for an approximate cost for a barge to come here and Mr. Staczek said probably about \$250 a pole.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Mackinnon said Trick or Treat night will be on October 31st from 6:00 to 7:30 and the Halloween Parade is scheduled for October 28th.

Mr. Ciecka said Chief Drouard is meeting with Northwood regarding a Safer Grant in the amount of \$11,000 dealing with adequate staffing for fire and emergency response involving the cooperation of Rossford and Northwood. He said Urban Paving will be finishing up this week on the SR 65 project weather permitting, that he had met with First Energy regarding LED lights and he will provide them with the number of lights per street and then they will replace as many as possible from Buck Rd. going north doing total neighborhoods, and he had talked with Chief Kitzler about funding for body cams. He noted brush pickup is this week and Mr. Kolb said that will be followed by leaf pickup. Mr. Ciecka said the records retention commission had met last Friday and a new retention schedule is being submitted to the state. Chief Kitzler said that Meet the Chief coffee and doughnuts will be Saturday morning at Papa Moose's donut shop. Mrs. Eckel asked if Urban Paving will complete the street lining and Mr. Ciecka said yes. Mr. Densic said there are some driveways that have a 2-3 inch lip and Mr. Ciecka said there are 4-9 approaches with a problem that we will look at. Mr. Ruse said these are part of the punch list and that they are looking at the stop line at Eagle Point Rd. and SR 65 and whether it needs to be moved.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2018-30 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE ROSSFORD CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THREE READINGS AND TABLED FOR 90 DAYS.

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

Attorney Heban said council can let this die as we will have a new agreement by the end of September.

2018 – 48 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 505.08 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING

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

Attorney Heban said this came out of committee and will prohibit feeding of wild animals. Mr. Staczek said he does not see how this is enforceable. This was given a second reading only.

#2018 – 50 - AN ORDINANCE ENACTING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 331.45, UNDER- SPEED VEHICLES. SECOND READING

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

Mr. Staczek asked to reduce the fee from \$35 per inspection to \$20 or \$25. Mr. Heban asked Chief Kitzler how long an inspection would take and was told about 15 minutes. Mr. Densic asked if an inspection is required and the chief said yes per state code.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to amend the ordinance and reduce the fee to \$20. Vote on the motion was Staczek, Densic, Heban, and Oberdorf aye; Ruse, Marquette, Eckel no. Motion carried 4-3.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes except Densic and Ruse who voted no. Motion carried 5-2. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2018 – 55 - 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. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a first reading only.

#2018-56 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES (NON- BARGAINING) OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, REPEALING ANY PORTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette asked what pay increase was negotiated for the union contracts and Mayor Mackinnon responded they received 3% a year for three years. Mrs. Eckel thought it would be a good idea to have the finance committee review and noted that the public works superintendent is the lowest paid department head. Mr. Oberdorf said he had looked at a table given to finance earlier of current salaries and using just a percentage leads to inequality and finance needs to sit down and look at this and go towards a structured merit system and asked if we are going to include seniority and fringe benefits when computing raises. Mr. Ruse said the recommendation for 4% was based on 2% for 2017 and 2018 and having someone come in and do a salary/benefit study and this ordinance does not represent those numbers. Mrs. Eckel asked to see the table and Mr. Densic said he will provide to council as soon as received from Mrs. Freeman. Mr. Marquette said he is anti-study and doesn't see why we would pay a company to tell us what to pay when we know what we can afford and we know the employees. Mayor Mackinnon said he feels we have been doing market research for the last six years and we have looked at what neighboring department heads make and the raises he proposed we can afford and our town looks better that it ever has. He said we are competing to retain talent and council can vote to authorize a study but he will not participate. Mr. Staczek said he is for sending this back to committee and questioned the 4-8% range wondering those numbers came from and he would rather go to an outside entity to determine salaries. Mayor Mackinnon said he looks at what our people do every day and he is comfortable with what he has proposed. Mr. Ciecka noted that when he came to Rossford from Lucas County he came from an organization with department heads and multiple assistants to one with only department heads, no assistants, not heavily staffed, and found out that the city administrator does a lot. He understands council's concerns but these people have not had a raise since 2016.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to refer this back to the finance & insurance committee. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a first reading only.

#2018 – 57 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT DEFENDANTS IN “ORDINANCE ONLY” CASES FILED BY THE CITY OF ROSSFORD

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to ready by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Attorney Heban said this is an annual ordinance and that constitutionally we have to provide a public defender to any defendant who has a chance of being incarcerated. Mr. Ruse 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 except Densic who voted no. Motion carried 6-1. Mr. Ruse moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2018 – 38 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR COASTAL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this needs to be passed tonight. Mr. Marquette asked where our share of the grant would come from and Mr. Densic said it needs discussion but hopefully from the marina fund as the focus of this is how to enhance revenue from the marina. Mr. Staczek 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.

Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2018 – 39 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR CLEAN VESSEL ACT GRANT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF WATERCRAFT AND UNITED STATES FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY
Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. 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. Oberdorf asked if anyone saw a need for a committee of the whole meeting and said that once again there are two to three people who are abusing the brush pickup such as having a tree cut down and using the city to pick it up and that we need to stop doing this.

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to suspend with the October committee of the whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eckel told the mayor that Trick or Treat needs to be from 6:00 to 8:00 and he said he would make that change, noted the Little League football reverse raffle, and said she has no office phone number any longer.

Mr. Ruse said his work number is incorrect on the new information sheet.

Mr. Heban asked about considering an earlier start time to council meetings but council did not respond affirmatively.

Mr. Densic said the truck wash is in the wrong spot for the school construction trucks and we need to follow up on that and that brush pickup needs to be referred to public works for a policy for next year.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

John Colapietro, 1004 Groce St. said the NWWSD had finally put the water tap covers back on but that the replacement of top soil and work done was substandard, and questioned where the storm sewers will be. Mr. Ciecka suggested he meet with him in his office and they can go over the plan and Mayor Mackinnon said he will also discuss the other issue with him.

Erin Crawford, 544 Bruns Dr., asked how dusk is defined for park closing and Mayor Mackinnon said it is at the discretion of the police department.

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

Neil A. Mackinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council