

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held September 26, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President of Council Oberdorf followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Oberdorf said the mayor was expected shortly.

ROLL CALL: Staczek, Oberdorf, Marquette, Ruse, Wagner, and Minarcin all present. Mrs. Eckel was expected shortly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of September 12, 2016 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes except Mr. Wagner who abstained. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of September 26, 2016 was presented to council. Ordinance #2016-43 and Resolution #2016-27 were placed on agenda ahead of report of mayor and administrator as Mr. Ruse needs to leave meeting early. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.
Mayor Mackinnon entered the meeting at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Ohio EPA was read regarding a public hearing to be held on October 19th in Elyria, OH regarding the proposed NEXUS pipeline.

ORDINANCES

#2016-43 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF BACKFLOW PREVENTERS AND WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said this is a requirement of the NWWSD. This will prevent bad water from getting into the water system and is for the safety of everyone concerned. Mr. Marquette asked why it is our financial responsibility and Mr. Scott said these are our buildings. Mr. Ruse asked why we are waiving the competitive bidding requirement and Mr. Scott said very few companies do this installation. Mr. Wagner said this was reviewed and recommended by the finance committee and one of the concerns was not enough time to do competitive bidding and get this done before the weather changed. Mr. Oberdorf said he agrees with Mr. Wagner about the weather consideration but hopes we are not setting a precedent for the future. Mr. Wagner said he is not advocating either way but is just pointing out the thought process on this. Mr. Staczek said that those are good points but we are only looking at \$1900 over what the city administrator is authorized to spend without council approval. Mr. Staczek 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. Staczek moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2016 – 27 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said this is an annual housekeeping task that certifies the amounts to be assessed to homeowners. He needs this approved this evening as needs to be at the county by October 1st. Mr. Minarcin said this was recommended for approval by the finance committee. 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. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Mackinnon said he had made an executive decision after talking to the Toledo mayor to have our trick or treat night coincide with Toledo's on October 31st. He also said council could change if they wanted but he had set the hours from 6:00 to 8:30pm after hearing from parents who requested the extra half hour due to after school activities preventing their children from starting at 6:00.

Mr. Scott reported that the Rec Center's Parent Night Out was a big success, that the Community Bonfire will be October 5th at Vet's Park, the Karen Swartz Memorial Run will be October 8th, and the Halloween Parade is on October 30th. He said tentative opening of Colony Rd. will be in the middle of October, weather permitting, that the Lime City Bridge opened only five days after scheduled opening despite two week delay due to demolition, and that brush pickup is this week. He then introduced Rex Huffman representing the Wood County Port Authority.

Mr. Huffman said that back in 2012 the Wood County Port Authority tried to get an improvement project going for the railroad crossing at Pilkington which has been repaired many times. He said a grant was not obtained so it was repaired again but these repairs do not last. He said the estimated cost in 2012 for the improvement was \$230,000. He said he went back to Jobs Ohio this year in view of the \$40M furnace project at Pilkington and the renovation of the IPS Ford building and these tracks being the main entrance to the city. The new estimate is now \$500,000 due to bigger approaches to the tracks. He said with a 50% grant from Jobs Ohio and significant sums from the Ohio Rail Commission and other entities that almost the whole project is funded. The good news is that the funding is doable but the challenge is the timing as Pilkington has not signed off as they need assurance that the track itself would be closed no longer than two days. He said it is hoped that the project would be completed before the end of the year but said this is very preliminary and we have a long way to go. *At this time Mr. Ruse left the meeting.* Mr. Staczek thanked Mr. Huffman saying he has been waiting five years for news like this. Mr. Scott in response to Mr. Marquette's question said that Pilkington operates like most businesses using just in time and that bringing in by truck is cost prohibitive and storing materials longer affects the glass composition. He said Mr. Huffman is being fairly modest as this was a monumental task. He said the city will have no money involved in this, only sweat equity. Mr. Minarcin thanked Mr. Huffman and the Wood County Port Authority for this major project. Mayor Mackinnon said thank you on behalf of himself and the citizens of Rossford.

COUNCIL

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to excuse Mrs. Eckel. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek noted that the fill area by the Greek Church is almost done and wondered if it exceeded the allowed height elevation. Mr. Scott said that is being looked into and have the Ohio EPA involved

Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Ruse who left the meeting early. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Wagner asked that we get a new city flag for the flagpole out front as the current one is faded and tattered.

Mr. Minarcin said it is great to end the meeting on a high note with the news about the Pilkington railroad crossing,

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Avenue asked if Mr. Scott had gotten the cost per household for trash pickup that he had requested. Mr. Scott said he did not have it yet.

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

*Neil Mackinnon
Mayor*

*Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council*

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