

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held October 8, 2018

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of September 24, 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 October 8, 2018 was presented to council. Finance and Public Safety committee reports and Ordinance #2018-59 were added to the agenda. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Densic presented the Public Works committee report from October 1st (see written report). Mr. Marquette asked if there was an estimated cost to the safety study and Mr. Densic said not at this time.

Mr. Densic presented the Finance & Insurance committee report from October 1st (see written report). Mr. Marquette asked what the 3% raise totals in dollars and Mrs. Freeman said she has not figured that yet and Mr. Densic said can figure out by looking at the ordinance and comparing to the previous salary.

Mrs. Eckel presented the Public Safety committee report from October 4th (see written report). Mr. Heban asked what the total cost of the body cams is and Mrs. Eckel said \$36,000. Mr. Staczek said curbs and sidewalks are the answer to prevent off-street parking and this issue should remain in the public works committee not safety as first responders are not engineers. Mr. Heban responded that safety was asked to handle this issue at a committee of the whole meeting.

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mayor Mackinnon thanked everyone involved in the RHS Homecoming and said they loved the Rec Center venue, noted that Lutheran Church of the Master will be collecting canned goods during the Halloween parade, and said the September financial reports are in council's mailboxes.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you letters to the Mayor from Beverly Rowell regarding transportation for the football game and from the Sgt. David Christoff fundraiser were read to council along with a notice from the Wood County Board of Elections regarding the change in voting location and a letter of appreciation from the Rossford McDonald's for Coffee with a Cop.

**ORDINANCES**

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

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban moved and Mrs. Eckel 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. SECOND READING**

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a second 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. SECOND READING**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said there was talk of hiring an outside consultant at the las meeting but this is something he has been looking at for the last several years and that he looked at comparables for the last five years in the northwest Ohio market and other northwest municipalities and the numbers he came up with were fair and equitable and what department heads deserved. He felt the assistant recreation director is grossly underpaid for what she does and should be worth \$20 an hour and the clerk of council for the time he puts in is worth \$5800. He said we can afford it, our people deserve it, and we need to retain people. Mr. Oberdorf said he respectfully disagreed as council referred this back to the finance committee and they took a logical approach and looked at percentages and are realistic figures while being frugal. Mr. Densic said finance looked at inflation and the consumer price index but agreed they want a broader study. Mrs. Eckel said she thinks the numbers are close in a lot of instances but Mr. Kolb is not paid enough. Mr. Oberdorf thinks we need to adhere to the subcommittee recommendation and if we are going to make arbitrary changes we should just do away with the subcommittees. Mayor Mackinnon said department heads have gone three years without a raise and his ordinance with his numbers would be on the agenda right now except for the absence of Mr. Ciecka. Mr. Densic said the original recommendation from finance was a 4% raise and the study. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All nays. Motion defeated 0-6.

**#2018 – 58 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MANNIK SMITH GROUP AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, 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.

**#2018-59 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES (NON-BARGAINING) OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, REPEALING ANY PORTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.**

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

None

## **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Staczek thanked the fire department for hosting the open house.

Mr. Oberdorf referenced an email he received from Chief Drouard regarding a grant and said it is a step toward regionalization.

Mrs. Eckel said the factory coated poles in Perrysburg have been there since 1995 and show only fading while the agreement with MSG would be to paint and then paint again in seven years. The MSG representative Dean Niese said he agrees painted poles won't last as long as factory coated and will fade differently but said there are examples i.e. Maumee of painted poles. Mrs. Eckel is concerned about how

long we will have these poles and said that we will probably have to scrape and paint these poles and shut down the intersection to do so and she is disappointed in this solution. MSG apologized for the situation but said the recommendation for painting in place was decided after talking to contractors who said that was better than replacing the poles. He agrees that this is an unfortunate situation and admits MSG failed but they believe this is the best approach.

Mr. Marquette asked where ordinance #2018-56 came from and the mayor said from the administration.

Mr. Heban congratulated Ivory Anderson for receiving the RHS Award of Distinction and thanked the mayor and the administration for setting up the handicap parking for football games.

Mr. Densic asked for the status of the lawsuit from the Rossford Schools and was told by the mayor there has been no change and asked Mrs. Freeman to get him our cost of the suit thus far. Mr. Densic said the Baumgartner has been going on for two years with no progress. Mrs. Eckel asked for an update on the Baumgartner property and Attorney Heban said he will talk to Mr. Baumgartner again. Mr. Staczek said it is upsetting to see no effort being made on Baumgartner's part. Mrs. Eckel asked what the fines are and Attorney Heban said \$100 a day since May. The mayor said he will forgive these fines if progress is made on taking care of this as he said stopping work on the project and fining him is not in the best interest of the city. Mrs. Eckel agrees that this did clean up that parcel but that these trusses were put up even after he was told no and that he did it on the day of her aunt's funeral when he knew the zoning inspector would not be available. Mr. Staczek asked if the mayor waives the fines or extends the time can council overrule that. Attorney Heban said it is administrative versus legislative and once council passes the rules it is up to the administration to enforce or not. Mayor Mackinnon said he has done a lot of nuisance abatement in the city over the last six years so he is not soft on this but looking to do what is best for the city and what Baumgartner did was wrong and it will come to an end. Attorney Heban said he understands the frustration but that a stop work order was issued the day after they knew the trusses were going up. Mr. Densic said the use of the property is also a concern i.e. the backhoe sitting in a residential area. Attorney Heban said the use has been noted and Mr. Baumgartner has been told the property cannot be used for business and that the backhoe will be moved out when construction is completed.

#### **AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Robert Hirzel, 653 Marilyn Dr. said he thinks the Baumgartner garage is too close to the property line and his trees died when they dug the footer.

Charles McKnight, 651 Marilyn Dr. said he sent an email to council today and said this problem has been going on for two years and even though the fines started in May the mayor says he is going to rescind which is not in the best interests of Mr. Hirzel and himself who having been looking at this barn for two years. He said he and Mr. Baumgartner had a conversation ten days ago in which they disagreed about this issue and he wants something done. Mayor Mackinnon said this will be taken care of.

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum, asked why the sidewalks in Creekbend are still not done and is council ever going to require this be done.

*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