

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held October 12, 2015

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of September 28, 2015. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of October 12 2015 was presented to council. Marina committee report and Resolution 2015-18 were added to the agenda. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning & Technology committee report from October 6th was presented by Mr. Marquette (see written report). Mr. Ruse said that resolution 2015-17 does not talk about allowed locations of A frame signs. Mr. Heban said the resolution is only a request for the Planning Commission to review the sign ordinance and he suggested that council members make the Planning commission aware of their concerns. Mr. Staczek suggested we create a welcome package for new business owners with relevant ordinances. Mr. Minarcin that we need to keep the rule that does not allow signs to be placed in the boulevard. Mrs. Eckel said she agrees and said we need to limit the locations for A frame signs. Mr. Staczek asked if we are in compliance regarding warrantless searches of rental properties and Mr. Heban explained that we initially request a voluntary search from the property owner and if not allowed will obtain a warrant.

Economic Development committee report from October 9th was presented by Mr. Ruse (see written report). Mayor Mackinnon said he is impressed with the committee and thinks they are doing a great job. Mrs. Eckel said she would like us to look nationally when going out for RFQ's for preparation of the master plan so we get someone with experience working with that amount of acreage. Mayor Mackinnon said he agrees.

Marina committee report from October 6th was presented by Mr. Staczek (see written report). Mr. Ruse said the finance committee had discussed using the security deposit from dock renters to pay for repairs and prevent people from drilling holes in the docks for cleats or grills.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Scott said the Colony Road pump station project is proceeding and that the Crossroads Parkway repaving project will not begin until spring due the contractor having a shortage of trucks and manpower right now but the price will remain the same. He said the Fire department open house went real well and was well attended, that we expect the repaired ladder truck back by the end of the month and that calls are up by 93 calls YTD. He noted that our police cars will be carrying NARCON which is an antidote for heroin overdoses, that we will have a civil service exam to replace one full time and one part time officer, Rock the Block will take place on October 17th at 9:00am in the 200 block of Bacon and that Penta is already replacing sidewalks, The Halloween Parade will be October 25th with the Halloween Trail to follow at Island View Park for younger ages. On October 31st the Haunted Trail for older kids will be held from 8-10pm. There will be a flu clinic on October 23rd at the Recreation Center provided by Rite Aid and insurance will be accepted. Mr. Marquette said we need to look at adding new employees in the public works department as well.

Mayor Mackinnon thanked the Rossford Fire department and Chief Drouard for an enjoyable open house and thanked Councilman Wagner who restored the two memorials at either end of the boulevard.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council was informed of two items of correspondence received, one from the Wounded Warrior Project thanking the city for their donation of \$2,927.29 and one from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a new permit. Chief Goss will research the information on the requested permit and report back to council next meeting.

ORDINANCES

#2015 – 47 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SECURE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT. SECOND READING

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2015 – 48 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO AN AGGREGATED GROUP BETWEEN VOLUNTEER ENERGY SERVICES, INC., AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said this is for gas aggregation. He said the city voted back in 2001 to take part in aggregation programs but we have not moved on this previously because previous programs had no guarantee of savings and had a penalty for getting out. This program guarantees saving of between \$8 – 23 a month and has no penalty for opting out. Mr. Ruse asked if the 2001 program required everyone to be in unless opt out and was told yes. Mr. Ruse said if someone is not on a choice program now they will automatically be entered into this unless they opt out. Mrs. Eckel questioned the short time frame to act on this and Mr. Heban said he does not know the reason why but said Toledo has spearheaded this and has entered into the same agreement. Mr. Ruse moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and Bob Densic, 107 Birch Dr. asked several questions as to how we decided to come forward with this at this time saying he does not think this is the time to buy into this program. Mr. Heban said we are taking the lead from the city of Toledo who did go out for an RFP on this. Mr. Staczek said we are being asked to vote on something when we have no numbers and no background on this company. Mayor Mackinnon asked and Mr. Heban said we are tied into this agreement for two winters. Mr. Marquette asked what the downside is if we pass and was told by Mr. Heban that there may be a better deal out there. Mr. Ruse withdrew his motion based on councilmen still having questions about this. This was given a first reading only.

#2015 – 49 - AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2015 - 25; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said this and the next ordinance are related as an error was found in 2015-25 and we need to repeal it and redo. The error was in the dollar amount which was off by \$400.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested none received. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2015 – 50 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH ED KELLY & SONS, INC., ON THE HILLSIDE DRIVE REHABILITATION PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested none received. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2015 – 17 - A RESOLUTION, PURSUANT TO R.M.C. 1114.03, REQUESTING THE CITY OF ROSSFORD PLANNING COMMISSION TO CONSIDER AMENDING R.M.C. 1137.132 REGARDING TEMPORARY SIGNS AND BANNERS

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said this is the result of a request of the zoning committee and that whatever changes the planning commission enacts they will come back to council for approval. Mr. Minarcin said the zoning committee discussed limiting the size of A frame signs.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave. said his wife's garage signs were removed and he complained to Mr. Zuchowski and nothing has been done for the last four months. He said he is against these signs. Mr. Marquette said he thinks it would be wonderful if we had a plethora of A frame signs as it is in the best interest of city businesses. Mr. Ruse thinks it is worthwhile that we have the sign ordinance reviewed so it is consistent. Mrs. Eckel pointed out that the intent is to create rules for A frame sign and said she does not think anyone is in favor of signs in the boulevard or between the street and sidewalk. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2015-18 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR NAVIGATIONAL AIDS GRANT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF WATERCRAFT, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said this grant will replace four navigation buoys that we lost during the high water this summer. This is a full grant with no cost to the city. Mr. Ruse moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested none received. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek thanked Chief Drouard and the fire department for an excellent open house.

Mrs. Eckel echoed Mr. Staczek's comment and also thanked Chief Goss for doing a great job on marketing the Park & Walk plan for Trick or Treat night, extended a welcome to the new restaurant in the Crossroads and the new business (Lifestyle Nutrition) downtown, and said the Girl Scouts are collecting pet supplies as part of a project.

Mr. Marquette asked if we have an update on the feral cat project and Mr. Scott responded no and that we are looking at a similar service for the skunk problem.

Mr. Ruse agreed we have a skunk problem and said we also have a deer problem in town and gave as an example all the roses and hostas in his yard being gone, and thanked Mr. Wagner for his efforts in restoring the veteran monument signs. He said he will be asking for an executive session to discuss property acquisition.

Mr. Wagner thanked Chief Drouard and the fire department for a great open house and said he belongs to a group that restores bronze veteran's markers and monuments.

Mr. Minarcin extended his thanks and the thanks of the American Legion to Mr. Wagner and asked Mr. Scott why the sidewalk in front of Duly's is blocked. Mr. Scott said that the fascia had rotted and repairs are being made to the front of the building.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave. said that there is a section of Veterans Park near the playground area where steel grates are protruding through the grass. Mrs. Eckel, Mr. Ruse, and Mr. Scott all commented regarding this saying that they believe these are plastic grates that are part of the roadway to the new pump station. Mr. Scott said we will take a look at this. Mr. Appelhans said he also has a section of his front yard with dead grass from the gas pipeline project. Mr. Scott will check on further landscaping.

Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Neil Mackinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council