

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held October 14, 2019

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 23, 2019 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes except Mr. Oberdorf who abstained. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of October 14, 2019 was presented to council. Ordinances #2019-64 and 2019-65 and Public Safety committee report were added to the agenda. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance committee report from September 30, 2019 was presented to council by Mr. Densic (see written report).

Public Works committee report from October 8, 2019 was presented to council by Mr. Ruse (see written report). Mrs. Eckel asked if the whole width of Helen Dr. is being paved and Mr. Ruse said no, just the portion that was disrupted based on the cost and doing all of Vernis Dr. Mrs. Eckel also asked about the safety lane being paved at the new elementary school and Mr. Ruse said he will check the schedule to see if this or next year. Mr. Marquette asked if it was the intent to have the public works department start grinding sidewalks and was told by Mr. Ruse we are just getting a price for a grinder at this point.

Public Safety committee report from October 10, 2019 was presented to council by Mrs. Eckel (see written report).

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Freeman for Mr. Ciecka said the financial statements are in councils mailboxes, that a presentation was made to ODOT for safety grant money for SR65 from the bowling alley to the railroad, that new traffic lights will be installed at Osborn St., that the city closed on Eagle Point School on October 2nd and it is being insured as storage space only and Pamela Rose Auctioneers have been contacted regarding auctioning off the contents and her bid has been forwarded to the Facilities committee. Mr. Ledesma is getting insurance for the one night Haunted House to be held there on October 27th in conjunction with the RHS Drama Club. Mr. Staczek asked why the city is handling the clean out of Eagle Point School, why just one auction company is being looked at from which we only get 50% of the proceeds, and he thought the trailers were supposed to be removed before we took possession. Attorney Heban said he believes the agreement said we will get 100% of the proceeds from the auction. Mayor Mackinnon said he told School superintendent Creps not to worry about emptying out the building. Mr. Staczek said he is upset he is just learning about this now. Mr. Ruse asked if the equipment left inside the building ours or the schools. Attorney Heban said the schools indicated they don't want anything left there.

Mayor Mackinnon said that Trick or Treat night will be October 31st from 6-8pm and the parade is on the 27th at 2:00pm. with the Haunted House after the parade. He congratulated the RHS boys' soccer team for winning the NBC league championship. He said two presentations were made last Friday to ODOT for safety money for crosswalks in the downtown and for the 795/Lime City Rd. intersection. He recommends that council turn down Ordinance #2019-62 as the present value of the truck is only \$10,000 and putting \$75,000 into it will only increase its worth to \$45,000 and would only be good for another two years. He recommends that council approve ordinances #2019-63, 64, and 65.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters of recognition to Sergeants Marek and Kwiatkowski and Officer Goss Sr. from Chief Kitzler regarding their participation in a domestic violence trial that took place October 2-4th. A thank you letter to the police department and Officer Socie from Dee and Bob Berish from Hingham, MA. for his assistance in a minor accident, a request from Donald and Rebecca Anderson regarding the garage at 1200 Dixie Hwy., and an invitation to the Wood County Special Olympics Annual Dinner were read to council.

ORDINANCES

#2019 -53 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 713.03, LICENSE APPLICATION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING
Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to amend with a new exhibit B. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a second reading only.

#2019 – 57 - AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2019-45 AND TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ROSSFORD EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Attorney Heban said the school made minor changes which were approved by Chief Kitzler. One change is that the SRO can only be pulled out of the school for one hour in an emergency and Mr. Densic asked if this is based on the ORC. Chief Kitzler will check on this. This was given a first reading only.

#2019 – 58 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE PER CAPITA RECYCLING PROGRAM WITH THE BOARD OF WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said this is a cleanup ordinance in which the Wood County commissioners have increased the payment for recycling to \$1.50 per resident from the previous \$1.00. Mr. Densic said he would like to see what our cost for recycling is from Waste Mgmt. This was given a first reading only.

#2019 – 59 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE ROSSFORD CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse said this is our annual agreement with the RCVB and he would like approved this evening as the previous agreement expired October 1. Mr. Ruse 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. Ruse moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2019-60 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH SPEER BROS, INC ON THE COLONY ROADWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek said he did not want to vote on this as he did not receive a copy of the ordinance. It was explained that Mr. Ciecka put copies in the mailboxes of council today as only the title of the ordinance was received at the time the agenda was prepared. This was given a first reading only.

#2019-61 - AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2018-67.

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said the change in this is due to selling the bond anticipation note for the Colony road work

and also receiving the final distribution of taxes. Mr. Densic 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. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2019 – 62 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPAIR OF FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINE 30 AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 2018-67 APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said this would fund the repair of an obsolete fire truck and he would recommend we vote this down. Mr. Staczek said he is in agreement with the mayor on this as he is tired of seeing the fire department get used equipment. Mr. Densic said the finance committee did not see this as an either/or situation and he supports getting new apparatus but is concerned that we are one month away from the fire levy vote. He asked the chief if there is any value in having this fixed and kept in reserve and Chief Drouard said yes there is as it impacts our ISO rating in a positive way. Mr. Densic said we should fix it and let it be placed in reserve and if the levy passed purchase new. Mr. Ruse agreed with Mr. Densic and said it is wrong and not true that finance said this was an either/or situation and said finance has been asking for months for information such as something to look at regarding adding hours to staffing. He said we placed a levy on the ballot to purchase new equipment but now want to purchase before the vote and the idea was to fix the old one which we would have back in 45 days and then if the levy passed look at placing that in reserve pending purchasing the demo or a new one. Mrs. Eckel said this was never communicated to safety committee, that they couldn't get ok for 12 hours shifts and it feels like the fire department has to fight for everything. Mr. Ruse said in the past the finance committee has never been given something to look at until last week, just three weeks before the levy is on the ballot. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and Jennifer Hill, 109 Homestead said we are throwing good money away to fix this truck which has been sitting for over a year and is 21 years old when the average life of a fire truck is 12-15 years. She said safety and technology has changed a lot over those 21 years and the NFPA recommends any truck over 15 years old should only be in reserve. She said all our equipment is old i.e. 24 year old ladder truck. Kevin Urrutia, 331 Jennings said he echoes the previous speaker. Barrett Dorner, President of the RFFA, 1311 Dixie Hwy. said he is a firefighter and that we are saving money and time by purchasing the demo truck. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. Eckel, Oberdorf, Staczek, Heban, Marquette voted no, Densic and Ruse voted aye. Motion fails 5-2.

#2019 – 63 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN HME “DEMONSTRATOR” PUMPER ENGINE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 2018-67 APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said he would recommend passage of this ordinance and Mrs. Eckel said a lot of time and effort had gone into finding this demo truck. 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 adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2019-64 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TURNOUT GEAR, HELMETS, SCBA FACE PIECES, GEAR GRID RACKS, AND BOOTS FOR THE ROSSFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said he would recommend approval of this ordinance. Mr. Densic asked what the timeline is for this and Chief Drouard said he may not need all of the money allocated as it depends on the number of new hires. 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 Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All

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

#2019-65 – AN ORDINANCE INCREASING ON-CALL AND DAY SHIFT STAFF TO 12 HOURS EACH AND AMENDING ROSSFORD CONTRACT WITH THE IBEW AND 2019 BUDGET FOR FISCAL 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said this is the most important ordinance on the agenda tonight. Mr. Staczek said he has always supported the fire department. Mr. Heban moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and Jennifer Hill, 109 Homestead asked what the on call evening pay is and Chief Drouard responded five dollars an hour plus the call rate if called out. She said she doesn't think this will help as it is tough to work full time and then be woken up 2-4 times a night for five dollars an hour. Mr. Oberdorf agrees with her and said we need to move towards full-time. Barrett Dornier, President of the RFFA said this is a great step forward. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2019 – 22 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF BRIDGE OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BRIDGES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD FROM WOOD COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. Densic, Heban, Ruse, Marquette, Oberdorf aye. Eckel and Staczek no. Motion to adopt carried 5-2.

#2019 – 23 - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CITY POLICY ON COST ALLOCATION FOR ASSESSMENT PROJECTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Mackinnon welcomed Boy Scout Troop 43 and had the individual members introduce themselves.

Rex Huffman talked about the applications to ODOT for funding and said we had a good team there and appreciated the Mayor and Rich Marchinko being there. He said hopefully we will have an answer in March.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Densic asked Mr. Huffman about the NWWSD agreement with Toledo and Mr. Huffman gave a summary of the steps taken in getting to that agreement for a long term wholesale rate, capacity, and cost of services. Mr. Densic asked that we offer our prayers for Leonard Michaels, former city councilman and one of our NWWSD representatives who has suffered a health crisis. Mr. Densic said he has some concern over the ice dams that may form due to the opening under the I-75 Disalle Bridge being narrowed to approximately 200 feet and is glad that Mr. Staczek will be meeting with the Coast Guard on that issue. *He asked about a committee of the whole meeting and Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to suspend with the November committee of the whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.*

Mr. Heban asked if a stakeholders meeting had been scheduled yet on the O'Brien project and was told no. He said he is looking forward to the Halloween parade.

Mr. Ruse said on behalf of the RCVB thank you for passing the new agreement, agreed that the new water agreement is the best we could ask for, and said he still wants to look at shared fire services.

Mrs. Eckel said passage of the fire truck and on call ordinances was important for the fire department and said the Halloween Parade will be a great event.

Mr. Oberdorf congratulated Chief Drouard and the fire department on their successful open house and also asked that we keep Leonard Michaels in our prayers.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jay Grandowicz, 132 Windsor Drive, thanked council for what they did for the fire department and the community this evening.

Rachel Eckel, 202 Hannum Avenue, said she doesn't like depending on outside help and read a statement on the importance of timely responses to emergency calls based on an actual incident in which she was involved that Northwood had to respond to a call for life support which took twenty minutes.

Barret Dorner, President of the RFFA read a statement in which he took the blame for not recognizing the needs of the fire department and said in the future he will hold himself accountable while working on plans and goals.

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