

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held October 22, 2018

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of October 8 2018 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of October 22, 2018 was presented to council. Executive session to discuss labor negotiations was added to the agenda. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mayor Mackinnon congratulated the RHS Band on reaching the state band competition for the first time in school history, congratulated 8<sup>th</sup> grade RHS football team for being league champs, and said he would like council to grant the pay raises he proposed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you cards from the Kolb family for remembrance of Lisa's brother, from Norb Heban to Chief Kitzler for the response to speeding complaints on Schrier Rd., and a letter from former resident Lizz Dobmeyer offering thanks to our first responders were read to council. Liquor permit requests were received from Heroes and Cinco de Mayo and council had no objection and did not request a hearing.

**ORDINANCES**

**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. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette asked if a buyer had been found for the barge and Mr. Staczek said no but we are still looking for one. Mr. Densic suggested several entities to reach out to for interest. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#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. SECOND READING**

Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban asked if this was time sensitive and Mr. Ciecka said this has been for council for some time. Mr. Densic said this may not get done this year due to weather but he would prefer this go to three readings as Mrs. Eckel is absent. This was given a second 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. SECOND READING**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said this is long overdue and his numbers are not far off from the numbers recommended by finance. Mr. Marquette said the mayors figures are for this year and what about next year. The mayor said the raises would be immediate and retroactive to January, 2018. Mr. Marquette said the advantage of what finance proposed is the 3% goes in line with what the bargaining units received. The mayor said department heads have not had a raise since July 2016 which would make it easy to explain to the bargaining units. Mr. Marquette said he would like the mayor and finance committee to get together and work this out and the mayor said he had no problem doing that. Mr. Densic said the finance committee recommendation was for 3% and for an exhaustive study of salaries and benefits. He recommended that council stick with the ordinance as drafted. Mr. Oberdorf said he sees where the mayor is coming from but this is the recommendation of the finance committee and council should vote on this before doing anything further. Mr. Heban would like to see an increase in the public works salary before he voted. Mr. Staczek said he agrees with Mr. Oberdorf and this is a stopgap to provide some increase while the study is pursued. Mr. Marquette said he is still in favor of the finance and mayor coming to an understanding. Mayor Mackinnon said the difference is not that great and our staffing levels are as lean as we can get and he does not see what the study will accomplish. Mr. Staczek 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 except for Mr. Heban who voted no. Motion carried 5-1. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said this is a disappointing decision.

**#2018 – 60 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TOLEDO EDISON, A FIRST ENERGY COMPANY FOR THE CONVERSION OF CITY OF ROSSFORD STREET LIGHTS TO LED LIGHTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said using the city street light assessment fund we can take advantage of a program to replace street lights with LED lighting at \$344 per light fixture. Our street lights are unmetered and charges based on a calculation and charges will be reduced with the LED's with the advantage of LED being the life of the light and uniform color. He said using available funds we can convert about 53% of the city street lights and that the plan is to do north of Buck Rd. Mr. Ruse said this has been on the public works agenda for over a year and that the previous administrator was holding discussions with First Energy that are now coming to fruition and that we will look at doing more lights next year before the program ends. Mr. Marquette and Mr. Densic said they hope this passes tonight as the waiting list is growing and that LED lights are better lights with uniform color. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban 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. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Mackinnon reminded everyone that the Halloween Parade is October 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm and Trick or Treat is October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm.

**RESOLUTIONS**

None

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Marquette congratulated the non-bargaining employees for receiving a well-deserved raise and said he voted for it now to get the process started but he would still like to see the finance committee and the mayor get together to reach an agreement.

**AUDIENCE REMARKS**

None

*Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. All ayes. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to return to regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Heban 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