

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held October 26, 2015

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

ROLL CALL: Staczek, Oberdorf, Marquette, Ruse, Wagner, and Minarcin all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of October 12, 2015. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. *Mrs. Eckel entered the meeting at this time.* All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of October 26, 2015 was presented to council. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to accept the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works committee report from October 12th was presented by Mrs. Eckel (see written report).

Finance & Insurance committee report from October 12th was presented by Mr. Minarcin (see written report).

Public Safety committee report from October 1st was presented by Mr. Wagner (see written report). Mr. Ruse asked for some additional information regarding the accident involving the ladder truck. Chief Drouard said it was caused by a third party at the repair shop, involves no mechanical damage, and that they are waiting on a new bumper before repairs can be completed.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Scott said the Colony Road pump station project is proceeding and that the E. Elm Tree Rd. will be closed during the day this week. He said he will be meeting with the medical director regarding the questions for the NARCAN protocol, will be getting a civil service test for the public works department scheduled, that the marina closed on October 18th with only two boats being removed late, and that Rock the Block went well with about twenty volunteers. He said Pilkington agreed to the planting of about nine trees on their property as a screening on Bacon St. and in fact donated \$500 towards the trees. He said the Halloween parade went very well thanks to DECA and all who helped as did the Halloween Trail afterwards. The flu clinic on October 23rd had light attendance which may be due to being too late. He said Trick or Treat will be on the 31st from 6-8pm with the Haunted Trail to follow from 8-10pm. The deadline for residential rental registrations is November 1st, the last yard waste pick-up will be November 25th, and that for the sixth consecutive year Mrs. Freeman will receive the Ohio Auditors Award of Distinction. He provided council with some correspondence regarding nuisance animal removal and also informed them that he is working with the finance committee to look for additional revenue sources as the general fund has been stagnant since 2010 with less than a 1% increase in revenue and the loss of \$1m from the local government fund provided by the state.

Mayor Mackinnon congratulated Mrs. Freeman on her award, thanked all the department heads, staff, and DECA for a great Halloween parade, and congratulated former administrator Ciecka on receiving the Spirit of Wood County Award. He informed council that in April of 2008 council passed legislation to create a Design Review committee but for various reason it was never formed. However due to a possible sale of the Ford Club and the need for it to be designated an historical building he needs to appoint five members at this time. Mr. Heban explained that the appointment is subject to council concurrence. In order Mayor Mackinnon then nominated Bill Verbosky, Jim Richards, Rex Huffman, Don Leary, and Mike Scott to be on the committee. Each nomination was voted on individually by council with all receiving aye votes.

CORRESPONDENCE

The request for a new liquor permit by James Ferrell was again brought before council. Chief Goss explained Mr. Ferrell owns a restaurant in Bowling Green and is applying for a liquor permit for an address in front of the Target store which currently has a house and barn on it and that at this time Mr. Ferrell has not indicated he has a new business yet. Mr. Scott said we need to respond by either requesting a hearing or not and that the deadline is November 9th.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to request a hearing on this permit request. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ruse would like to know the number of liquor permits we have in the city. Mrs. Eckel asked if he received the permit could he transfer it to someone else and was told no but that he could sell it. Mr. Scott said that Mr. Ferrell is the owner of Sam B's in Bowling Green. A thank you card from Kathy Haberstock was read to council regarding the proclamation she received on her retirement from Mobile Meals.

ORDINANCES

#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

Mr. Wagner moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said the deadline on this passed on October 15th but an opportunity to join may become available in January. Mr. Staczek said it is unfortunate that we passed the deadline but that he did not want to vote on this without complete information. He did call and speak to a company representative and would now recommend and apologized for holding up. Mr. Scott recommended voting this down and coming back with a new ordinance if the opportunity arises later. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All nays except Mr. Ruse who voted aye. Motion failed 1-6.

#2015 – 51 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND TO ADOPT A NEW INCOME TAX AND ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS FOR TAX YEAR 2016 AND THEREAFTER

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman explained that this is a result of Ohio House Bill 5 and that we will have to adopt as after January 1, 2016 are current tax ordinance will be invalid. She said 90% of the language in the ordinance is dictated by HB5. Mrs. Eckel asked if we know what we will lose or gain in real numbers as a result of this change and Mrs. Freeman said we will lose about 1%. This was given a first reading only.

#2015-52 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 1137.13, TEMPORARY SIGNS AND BANNERS, OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE

Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban explained that this is related to Resolution 2015-21 and intended by the committee to go more than one reading. This was given a first reading only.

#2015 – 53 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND ADOPTING A NEW ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD

Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said that attorney Jerry Parker is here representing the property owners on this request to go from PC to R-3 zoning. Mr. Parker explained that his clients have owned the property for six years without any activity but that lately there has been some interest in purchasing for market rate rental properties. The planning commission unanimously recommend this zoning change and he did even insert a

clause that would allow the zoning to go back to PC in 3 years if no activity. He noted that the push has been to add people in that area to support the commercial businesses. Mr. Marquette asked him to define market rate property and Mr. Parker said is what rents go for in that area which is in the \$700-1200 range. Mr. Wagner asked if these would be townhomes or apartments and was told they are not sure yet. Mr. Staczek wants this to go to three readings so he can have more information. Mr. Parker said it is difficult to get people to spend money on plans when the zoning is not in place. He said the cost per acre is what will drive the density of any development and understanding the concerns is what led him to insert the 3 year period in the request. Mr. Oberdorf said he agrees with Mr. Staczek.

This was given a first reading only.

#2015 – 54 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A BOND PURCHASE AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; THE ROSSFORD, OHIO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP; NORTHWESTERN WATER & SEWER DISTRICT; AND U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said this can go to three readings as still being looked at by the RTID at this time. This has to do with the bonds in the Crossroads. This was given a first reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

#2015 -19 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S RE-APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS UHLER TO THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION; 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 Mr. Uhler does a thorough job on the commission and his day job relates to this. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2015 – 20 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S RE-APPOINTMENT OF LARRY SHAW TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said Mr. Shaw is exposed to these types of things in his regular job. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2015-21 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING RULES AND RESTRICTIONS FOR TEMPORARY “A” FRAME SIGNS PURSUANT TO ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE 1137.13(H)

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said this is related to ordinance 2015-52. Mrs. Eckel suggested that a corner business should be able to have two signs. Mr. Marquette said the committee will look at. This was given a first reading only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek thanked the DECA students for an outstanding Halloween parade and said that council should change the rule for filling a vacant council seat. He was told it was not a rule and that council gets to decide how to fill the vacant seat.

Mr. Oberdorf congratulated DECA and their advisor for an outstanding parade.

Mrs. Eckel thanked DECA for all their hard work and all the city services that helped out. She wished all the candidates in the upcoming election good luck, congratulated Mrs. Freeman on her award, and thanked the Mayor for getting the work started on repairing the Ford Memorial. She said the exit and entrance roads to the RHS athletic complex are dangerous and said we need to consider setting a deadline

for getting these fixed and if not done having them closed. Mr. Scott said he has had two discussions with the schools and they are taking it seriously. They have hired Poggemeyer to look at what the requirements were and the cost and then a meeting will be held between the city, school, and Poggemeyer which will address the outstanding issues. He did say the Planning Commission outline of what had to be done is what got them the approval for the complex.

Mr. Ruse asked that when an ordinance or resolution has an exhibit that it may attached. Mr. Heban said it usually is but on this latest zoning ordinance he did not have the information at the time. Mr. Ruse also said we should have an updated zoning map of the city to display.

Mr. Wagner said a great job was done by DECA and encouraged a yes vote on the city 3.5 renewal levy that is used for streets and police.

Mr. Minarcin thanked DECA and encouraged everyone to vote on November 3rd.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

John Folcik, 215 Hannum Ave. asked if it is just the Ford Club that will be designated historic and wondered about the office building closer to the railroad tracks. Mayor Mackinnon said the office building will be razed for a parking lot.

Wendell Charles, 207 Charles Crest said the traffic lane change on the highway is causing confusion and questioned how much we paid for the canine equipment since we only received \$700 for selling it. He was told that the equipment was donated to us at no cost and that only part of it was sold.

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

Neil Mackinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council