

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held November 9, 2020

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of October 26, 2020 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 November 9, 2020 was presented to council. Ordinance #2020-78 was added to the agenda. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION: O'Brien/Gateway. They said Rossford is an authentic company town whose leadership is leveraging history and making Rossford the Crossroads for a new economy. Our centers of opportunity are the downtown anchored by the marina and the casino/entertainment district along with Buck Rd. and the Crossroads Center. The connectivity of these is critical and making greater downtown a walkable transit served destination. Slide presentation showed the scope of work, examples of their previous work, and illustrated character zones, implementation matrix, and building illustrative plans. They will look at branding for the city which is usually signage, lights, and fencing. They will make recommendations on downtown strategies and policies and riverfront opportunities and said infrastructure and investment is the key. The calendar for completion is a draft report by late December or January 2021, a staff review in January, council work session in February, and a plan review and adoption in March 2021. Mr. Densic would like to see the council work session sooner so that council input can be incorporated into the plan. *Written information attached.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance committee report from October 26, 2020 was presented by Mr. Densic (see written report).

Public Works committee report from November 3, 2020 was presented by Mr. Ruse (see written report). Mrs. Eckel said she would like to see a schedule ahead of time from NWWSD as to when they plan to work on Hannum Ave. She noted that there is damage to Birch, Highland Drive, Cherry Lane, and Homestead Drive from the construction trucks on the Eagle Point Rd. project that has not been repaired other than our own public works department fixing the potholes left behind. Mr. Staczek wants better detailed plans and communication from NWWSD before they do projects involving tearing up roads.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Murray thanked all the employees for their efforts during the COVID crisis, thanked the community for their patience during this time, and reviewed items on the agenda tonight.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2020 – 76 - AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTENT TO PALMER ENERGY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PURCHASE ENERGY GENERATED BY OHIO LOCATED UTILITY SCALE SOLAR FACILITIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTHWEST OHIO AGGREGATION COALITION (NOAC) 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 this does not box us in to anything. Attorney Heban said this contract was reviewed by his office and it does allow us to terminate on this specific issue at any time. Mr. Staczek noted we had asked for some answers to questions raised at the last meeting. Ms. Murray said she will follow-up on that. This was given a first reading only.

#2020- 77 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINSTRATOR TO REQUEST STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR TRANSPORTATION, STORM WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE YEARS 2020-2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic said this RFQ will give us a pool from which to select. Mr. Densic moved and Mrs. Eckel 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. Staczek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2020-78 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FROM THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FUND 290, THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND AS A FIFTH INSTALMENT BEFORE DECEMBER 28, 2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic would like to be able to use these funds for other designated items if not needed for Covid related salaries. Per Attorney Heban the ordinance should be amended.

Mr. Densic moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to amend the ordinance in Section 1 to include the following language “the administration is further authorized to expend funds specified in Exhibit A at its discretion for the uses set forth therein if unused for Covid related payroll.

Mr. Densic moved and Mrs. Eckel 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 Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

None

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek said the O'Brien presentation was painful due to the technical difficulties and he would like them here in person at a Committee of the Whole meeting or if done by zoom would like the presentation materials ahead of time. He said the traffic light sensor on Glenwood and SR65 is not picking up traffic and Chief Kitzler explained that is due to people pulling over to far to the left.

Mr. Oberdorf asked when the repairs to Glenwood Rd. and Santus Drive by done and Ms. Murray said we will receive notice one week prior due to road closure.

Mrs. Eckel said she agrees with Mr. Staczek's comments and said that Halloween Trick or Treating from 1-3pm was awesome.

Mr. Ruse asked Ms. Murray to make sure we have the follow up information related to Ordinance #2020-76 prior to the next meeting as he believes this is a time-sensitive issue.

Mr. Densic asked Ms. Murray to make sure that O'Brien is in contact with the Smith group when looking at the marina. He said that a sinking fund cannot be created that sets money aside for apparatus.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

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

Neil A. Mackinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council