

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held November 12, 2019

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of October 28, 2019 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 November 12, 2019 was presented to council. Finance and Economic Development committee minutes and an executive session to discuss economic development were added to the agenda. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance committee report from October 28, 2019 was presented to council by Mr. Densic (see written report). Mr. Ruse said salary increases were granted in 2019 retroactive and the information provided will be used in preparing the 2020 budget. Mr. Densic said they are recommending some type of oversight committee for personnel, either a new separate committee or making the responsibility of an existing committee and they would like some input from the law director as to what the boundaries would be for that committee as well as a merit or performance based system. Mr. Densic said the consultant also recommended the creation of position descriptions. Mr. Heban asked what this personnel committee would do and Mr. Densic said primarily for salary review oversight.

Economic Development committee report from November 5, 2019 was presented to council by Mr. Heban (see written report).

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Freeman said the city has signed a maintenance agreement with Gem Facilities Mgmt. to manage the Eagle Point School building and that currently there is a water main break that Gem is handling.

Mayor Mackinnon offered his condolences to the family of former police chief Ron Bielski, thanked Team Rossford for the assistance with the Halloween Parade, said the change in trick or treating to Sunday afternoon went tremendously and was safer for the kids, congratulated the RHS Band for receiving an excellent rating at the state competition, congratulated the Rossford 5th and 6th grade football team for winning the state championship, and reminded council of the WCED Holiday reception on December 12th from 4-6:30pm at the Hilton Inn at Levis Commons.

CORRESPONDENCE

A note from U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown addressed to Mayor Mackinnon thanking him for the work he does in Rossford and asking him to call on the senator when he can help was read to council. A memo from Chief Kitzler regarding his vacation days and acting chief was also read to council.

ORDINANCES

#2019-69 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 AND AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH SPEER BROS. INC. ON THE COLONY ROADWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said not all the storm sewer and water connections in the Colony were documented thus connections were disturbed due to roadway work and that is the reason for this change order. Mr. Densic asked Attorney Heban about the number of change orders and Attorney Heban recommended that a limit of the dollar amount of change orders be put in the original ordinance to avoid this. Mr. Ruse said they have talked about this with Mr. Ciecka at a progress meeting. This was given a first reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

#2019 – 28 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE BORROWER) TO REIMBURSE ITS 303 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE COLONY ROAD FROM EAGLE POINT ROAD TO HILLSIDE DRIVE IMPROVEMENT (CE40W) WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said we applied for this loan a year ago which is for \$239,000 interest free for twenty years for improvements on Colony Rd. between Hillside and Eagle Point. The state wants this resolution in order to show council's intent to repay this loan. Mr. Ruse said we can pass this without the emergency clause as we have no intent to spend this money within the next 30 days. Mr. Marquette clarified that council had approved applying for the loan and this will indicate our intent to pay it back. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to suspend with 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 adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2019-29 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF BETTY WOODS TO THE STREET TREE COMMISSION

Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to suspend with second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2019-30 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD M. TUCHOLSKI TO THE STREET TREE COMMISSION

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to suspend with second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Marquette congratulated all the newly reelected city officials.

Mr. Ruse also congratulated all the newly reelected city officials and school board members. He said our police and fire chiefs and Mr. Kolb were busy with the inclement weather last night and did a great job. He noted that the paving of the turn lane by the high school is scheduled for this week and next but need temperatures to be above 40 degrees.

Mr. Heban thanked the voters for the passage of the levies.

Mr. Densic said a Facilities, Parks, & Marina meeting needs to be scheduled to discuss our application for the CMAG grant due in December and we also have several other items to look at.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

John Folcik, 215 Hannum Ave. said the Pepsi machine at the marina has not worked the last two years. Mayor Mackinnon said we will take care of it.

Two students from Notre Dame Academy attending as part of a government requirement introduced themselves.

Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss economic development. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to return to regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Neil A. Mackinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council