

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held November 13, 2018

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of October 22, 2018 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of November 13, 2018 was presented to council. Executive session to discuss economic development, Ordinance #2018-65, and Public Works and Marina committee reports were added to the agenda. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance committee report from October 22nd was presented by Mr. Densic (see written report). Mr. Marquette asked if our lighting cost is a calculated or metered cost and Mr. Densic said the lights are not metered and the cost is calculated based on number of daylight hours. Mr. Ciecka said the number of watts used also enters the calculation so the new LED lights will decrease the wattage. Marina committee report from November 7th was presented by Mr. Staczek (see written report). Mrs. Eckel said council needs an online interactive calendar to avoid scheduling conflicts. Public Works committee report from November 9th was presented by Mr. Densic (see written report). Mrs. Eckel said the tree lawn parking issue was addressed in the October 4 safety committee minutes and that curbs and sidewalks are the ultimate solution and she is not comfortable with designating widths. She said about fifty trees will be lost in the Colony project and that she has heard a number of complaints from residents on Hillside who we forced to get curbs and sidewalks when Vineyard is not. Mayor Mackinnon said we need to decide who we want to be and that sidewalks and curbs makes us attractive, safer, and prevents road deterioration. Mr. Densic said the request was for the width needed to accommodate fire and safety vehicles and that Vineyard has not yet been designed but we need to look at better methods than curbs and sidewalks from a storm water perspective. Mr. Staczek said some areas in town may not need curbs and sidewalks and the mayor said we need to do it right the first time or it does not get done.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka confirmed that a walk-through will take place tomorrow on SR65 to close out the project, said storm water utility letters are to go out this week, and that the LED light installation will be sub contracted out by Edison.

Mayor Mackinnon congratulated the RHS Band for receiving an excellent rating at the state band competition, congratulated the cast, crew, and staff of the RHS Drama Club for the recent performance, congratulated and congratulated and thanked Victor and staff at Cinco de Mayo for the beautiful

atmosphere and excellent food. He also expressed appreciation and pride in Chief Drouard and our police and fire departments for their response to a medical emergency he witnessed. He thanked the team who participated in the highway dedication and memorial walk last Saturday. He noted a fundraiser taking place next Saturday at the Rec Center for John Worley.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you letters to the city from DECA and to the Police department from Home Depot were read to council.

ORDINANCES

#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

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel said she thinks this solution will turn into a maintenance nightmare and the poles should be replaced. Mr. Marquette disagrees saying we did not pay for black poles originally so we are getting them now at no cost. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except for Mrs. Eckel who voted no. Motion carried 4-1.

#2018 – 61 - 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. This was given a first reading only.

#2018 – 62 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PREMIER PHYSICIANS SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES FOR THE ROSSFORD FIRE AND RESCUE /EMS DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Chief Drouard said this is a housekeeping item and that our physician is part of this group. He said this helps with our malpractice insurance and we need a licensed physician in order to operate our department. Mr. Densic asked when the current contract expires and was told December 31st. Mr. Staczek asked if there is any other group that offers this and Chief Drouard it is very difficult to find someone to do this. Mr. Ciecka said he wrote the ordinance for the maximum amount but it starts out less in the first year and increases over the life of the agreement. Mr. Heban moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were allowed and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2018 – 63 - AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION TO PUBLIC USE OF THE STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES AND FACILITIES IN THE HARMON BUSINESS PARK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is the final step in accepting the Harmon Business Park. Mr. Densic is their a reason for the emergency clause and Mr. Ciecka said the difficulty would be in snow removal on the street if not yet accepted. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were allowed and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2018 – 64 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this was requested by the finance director and is a \$1500 increase over the last three year contract. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were allowed and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes except Mr. Densic who voted no. Motion carried 4-1. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2018-65 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES (NON-BARGAINING) OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, REPEALING ANY PORTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said he vetoed the previous passed ordinance regarding department head salaries because he does not think enough and that he and council have looked at comparable salaries over the last seven years three different times and that is a study, and you would only vote no if you thought that 1) we cannot afford it, 2) our department heads do not deserve it, 3) it's above the market rate, 4) it's not fair, and 5) it's not the right thing to do at this time. He said none of those reasons are true and it is the right time since it's been three years and that this ordinance represents a minuscule difference from what council passed and he would like this passed tonight and this issue put to bed. Mr. Densic asked Mr. Murphree how long council had to override the mayor's veto of the previous ordinance and was told 30 days from the day the clerk received. Mr. Marquette said he likes the Mayor's pay structure but he also likes the finance committee 3% over 3 years idea because he does not want to go through this again down the road and at some point he would like us to consider making sure annual raises take place. The mayor said we can afford this, it is within our budget, the department heads deserve it, most of the raises are below the market rate, and it is the fair and right thing to do. Mr. Heban said if it is within the budget we should do it. Mr. Staczek said no one in the room does not think the raises our deserved but we are clouding the issue and looking at the person not the position, what happens if a new person comes in and do we pay them the higher salary, he likes the finance committee plan, and he is not for passing tonight. Mayor Mackinnon said he looked at the market rate for these positions and we need a package that retains people based on the comparables. Mr. Densic said the 3%/3 year solution was to keep pace with the unions and that further work needed to be done regarding benefits and staffing levels but giving 3% now gave something and did not keep them waiting. The mayor asked what the average was for a public works superintendent and was told \$81,000. Mrs. Eckel did not understand why we should wait to vote on this because two people are missing since we have been looking at this for some time. Mr. Heban moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were allowed and none received. Vote on the motion Heban, Marquette, Eckel aye; Staczek and Densic no. Motion fails 3-2 as five votes needed to suspend.

RESOLUTIONS

#2018-40 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF BARBARA MONTAGUE TO THE STREET TREE COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Heban moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were allowed and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes except Densic who voted no. Motion carried 4-1. Mr. Heban moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried. *This will be given a second reading on November 26 as five votes are needed to declare an emergency.*

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek congratulated the RHS Band.

Mrs. Eckel offered her congratulations to the band, thanked the mayor for the highway sign dedication to Marine Sgt. Christoff, said meetings have begun with Northwood regarding the Safer Grant and working together in some way and said the meeting was very positive, congratulated Cinco de Mayo, and noted that we should advise the contractor at the new high school that the road needs to be cleaned in accordance with the plan and regulations, and recommended moving the second council meeting in December.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to hold the second December meeting on December 17th. All ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Several students from Notre Dame Academy attending for a government class introduced themselves.

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

Neil A. Mackinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council