

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held November 23, 2020

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of November 9, 2020 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Densic 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 23, 2020 was presented to council. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance committee report from November 9, 2020 was presented by Mr. Densic (see written report).

PRESENTATION: Lori Brodie from the State of Ohio Auditor's office on behalf of Keith Faber presented the 2019 State of Ohio Auditors Award with Distinction to the City of Rossford which is awarded to only the top 3-5% of cities. She commended the Mayor, council, and especially retired finance director Karen Freeman for an outstanding job while also recognizing Gina Schell.

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, thanked Mr. Kolb and the public works department for their continuing work on leaf pickup, congratulated Mrs. Freeman and Gina Schell, and reviewed items on the agenda tonight.

Mayor Mackinnon also congratulated our previous and current finance director and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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. SECOND READING

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel asked if this is the same thing several other communities have approved and was told yes by Ms. Murray. Mr. Densic said he asked a number of questions to which he has not received a response. This was given a second reading only.

#2020-79 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A ONE TON DUMP TRUCK THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Mackinnon encouraged council to approve this tonight. Mr. Marquette asked why there was no competitive bidding and Ms. Murray explained this is part of the state bidding program.

#2020 – 80 - AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic said this can be given just a first reading. Mrs. Eckel asked why the fire boat does not show in the budget and Chief Drouard explained the mechanics of paying up front and getting reimbursed. This was given a first reading only.

#2020 – 81 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2019 – 74 THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

Mr. Densic moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a first reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

#2020-23 - A RESOLUTION NAMING THE SAFETY, PLANNING & ZONING ANNEX LOCATED AT 229 EAGLE POINT ROAD, “THE MARK G. ZUCHOWSKI SAFETY, PLANNING & ZONING ANNEX”

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said this is well deserved and overdue as if not for the vision of Mayor Zuchowski in acquiring the Crossroads area we would not be who and where we are today. Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Staczek 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. Heban moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mrs. Eckel thanked council for approving the resolution honoring her father, offered her prayers for the city workers infected with Covid, and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Heban also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Densic asked that the draft of the long-term financial policy be sent out to council for review, said that he had received complaints from residents about semi-trucks using Deimling Rd., thanked Mr. Kolb and the public works department for a great job on leaf pickup, wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and said the Lights before Christmas will go live on Friday. Attorney Heban said that Ms. Murray can post weight limit signs on Deimling Rd.

Mr. Ruse asked Ms. Murray about the lights by Amazon on the parkway and whether they will be activated on a time or traffic basis. Ms. Murray said that is currently being studied.

Mr. Staczek asked how long until the strip of road in front of the post office is completed and said the temporary fill has washed out. Ms. Murray said she had spoken to NWWSD and was told the contractor intends to complete next Monday or Thursday and that public works had refilled last night as washed out by the heavy rain and the contractor will be checking every day.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Brenda Owens, 508 Woodland Dr. said she has an issue with the increase in the yard waste pickup cost that went from \$84 to \$150 a year and requires quarterly payments of which several are months where yard waste is not picked up. She questioned why citizens were not notified of the price hike. Ms. Murray said in order to get the best contract on waste removal and recycling we had to agree to this but that we were told in June at the Committee of the Whole meeting by Waste Mgmt. representative that yard waste could be bagged and placed in the refuse bin and that citizens were supposed to receive a brochure outlining the changes. Mayor Mackinnon said the reality is that the industry has changed since our last contract and that after going out for bids twice this was the best deal we could get.

Mr. Densic said the charge for yard waste was not spelled out in the contract and we need to get with Waste Mgmt. regarding a monthly charge for a service that is only offered from April 1 to November 30.

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

Neil A. Mackinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council