

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held November 24, 2014

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of November 10, 2014. Mr. Minarcin 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 24, 2014 was presented to council. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to accept the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance committee report from November 10th was presented by Mr. Minarcin (see written report).

Parks & Recreation committee report from October 27th was presented by Mr. Marquette (see written report).

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka said the schedule is still on track for Hillside Dr. to get finished this year but that last week's freezing weather did cause a setback. He said all the utility poles have been moved and the next step is to finish the curbing and then hopefully get the asphalt, at least a rough course, before winter sets in. The city is understanding of the difficulty of on street parking during the holiday.

Mayor Mackinnon thanked everyone who came out for the tree lighting this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2014-62 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES (NON-BARGAINING) OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, REPEALING ANY PORTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *TABLED FOR 30 DAYS ON 10-13.*

Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Minarcin gave a timeline of this ordinance beginning with a first reading on September 8th, tabled for 30 days on October 13th and salary and benefit comparisons then done showing significant differences which justify the increases requested. Mr. Wagner said the comparables are there, the ability to pay is there, but he sees no one else in either the public or private sector getting 5% raises and that is his concern. Mr. Ruse said to counter Mr. Wagner's statement is the fact that in all the comparisons done over ten years that even with a 5% increase spread out over two or three years we would still be trying to make up past deficiencies. Mr. Staczek said Mr. Minarcin did an excellent job with his research but he agrees with Mr. Wagner and said he believes the fact that the community turned down council raises justifies rejecting the arguments for these raises. Mr. Marquette said Mr. Oberdorf had relayed to him that he would like to see this tabled for another meeting so he could vote on it but said it was totally up to council. Mr. Marquette also commended Mr. Minarcin and the committee for the excellent packet prepared on this issue. He agrees with Mr. Wagner that this should be spread out over several years and would like to see it uniform with the bargaining units. Mayor Mackinnon said that this raise today if approved is fair and right and

would still have us below the market rate. He said he could not ask for a better team citing as an example Mrs. Freeman being awarded the state auditors award for five consecutive years. He said we can afford it, it is fair, it is the right thing to do, and we still will not be where we need to be. He said the citizens turning down council raises have nothing to do with this. Mr. Wagner said he does not look at this as turning these people down, that they deserve to get paid, he just wants to see this spread out over time. Mr. Minarcin said we will never catch up if we do 3% a year for three years, that 7.5% was needed to get us in line now, and that we have the information and reasoning to support this increase. Mr. Ruse noted that the raises given to collective bargaining units contain other things other than the salary increase such as uniform allowances which are an economic advantage. He said we have the information to back up the numbers. Mr. Marquette said he does not disagree with what anyone is saying but he still would like to see it spread out over three years. He said he does not like playing keep up with the Joneses and he does not care what other people pay. Mayor Mackinnon said it was council that asked for comparables with other communities. Mr. Staczek does not agree with group raises and said there should be some kind of merit system and this should remain tabled until Mrs. Eckel and Mr. Oberdorf can add their input. Mr. Minarcin said he has not received a single call or comment from a citizen regarding these raises and that we did our homework and our people are worth the raise we are talking about. Mayor Mackinnon said this has been tabled for 30 days already, all the information has been compiled, and even with this raise were still below the market rate. He said to turn this down would be sending the wrong message to our people. Mr. Minarcin said this has nothing to do with the turned down council raises.

Mr. Staczek moved to amend this ordinance to 7.5% over three years but then moved to table which died for lack of a second. The motion to amend also died for a lack of a second.

Mr. Wagner moved to amend the ordinance to 9% over three years retroactive to July which was seconded by Mr. Marquette. Mr. Minarcin would prefer to do one year at a time as we don't know what our financial situation will be next year. Vote on the motion to amend was Wagner, Marquette aye; Minarcin, Staczek, and Ruse nay. Motion fails 2-3.

Mr. Ruse then moved to amend the ordinance to 9% over three years retroactive to July and making Mrs. Freeman's salary equal to the fire and police chief salary. Mr. Heban said this should be a two-step process.

Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to make Mrs. Freeman equal to the fire and police chief. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to amend the ordinance to a 3% raise per year for three years retroactive to July 8th. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2014-72 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2013-63 ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING

Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a second reading only.

#2014-73 - AN ORDINANCE TO AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING

Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a second reading only.

#2014 – 75 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RECREATION CENTER TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Kovasevic said this is unused equipment sitting in storage. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Minarcin 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. Marquette moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr.

Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2014-76 - AN ORDINANCE AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Wagner said the committee is still researching bids and that we still have the opportunity to adjust next year's budget depending on what decision is reached. Mr. Ruse said we have two bidders that presented a variety of options but that the committee is down to two scenarios 1) the same service as we currently have but at \$40,000 in increased cost and 2) every week pick up of trash but only every other week for recycling which is a savings over what we are currently paying and that we may possibly rebid this using just these two scenarios. Mr. Marquette asked if there would be a cost to the homeowner for the cart and was told no by Mr. Wagner. Mr. Minarcin said the only cost to the homeowner would be for yard waste pickup. This was given a first reading only.

#2014-77- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH VERNON NAGEL, INC ON THE COLONY ROAD/ HILLSIDE DRIVE STORM WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ciecka said that changes came about due to existing utility lines being in locations not shown on the map and that the changes were not in the contract. Mr. Ruse said we have no choice but to pass this and commended the city especially Mr. Ciecka and Mr. Kolb for pushing this to completion. He said in the future we need to coordinate these projects upfront better. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner 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. Ruse moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2014 – 22 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MELANIE SAYRE TO THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek said Mrs. Sayre has an outstanding resume but that he and the mayor had a heated discussion over the failure to reappoint Mr. Densic to this position. He said Mr. Densic has done an outstanding job on the planning commission and that he believes this failure to reappoint is political retaliation for Mr. Densic's stance on school issues. He said that is the mayor's right but council as the right to say no. Mayor Mackinnon said he has never seen Mr. Staczek at a planning commission meeting so he does not know how he could say he has done an outstanding job. He agreed that Mr. Densic is qualified but that he and Mr. Densic share a different vision for the city and that it is his right to appoint someone who shares his vision. Mr. Staczek asked the mayor to publicly state that this is not a political vendetta and the mayor responded it was absolutely not a vendetta, that they just have different visions for this community. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings.

Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion was Marquette and Minarcin aye, Ruse, Wagner, and Staczek nay. Motion fails 2-3.

#2014 -23 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF VICKIE GALLAGHER TO THE STREET TREE COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said she has the background and expertise for this position, has been on the commission for a long time, and she serves it very well. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Marquette 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. Minarcin moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr.

Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2014 – 24 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN WEAKS TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Mackinnon said Kevin is a lifelong Rossford resident who is well educated and has great passion for this community and its appearance. Mr. Minarcin 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. Minarcin moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Marquette thanked Mr. Densic for his efforts during his time on the Planning commission.

Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to suspend the December Committee of the Whole meeting and hold the January Committee of the Whole meeting on January 5th. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ruse wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and said we are very blessed.

Mr. Wagner questioned why there is no Walk/Don’t Walk sign at the crosswalk by the high school and

Mr. Ciecka said that is part of the future project to upgrade the signals on SR65. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Minarcin wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Bob Densic, 147 Birch Dr. said the city has seen a large amount of work done by NWWSD and that he believes we need better project management with city involvement i.e. patching standards based on size of patch. He commended our public works department and told Mayor Mackinnon that they may have disagreed on some things but he believes they have the same vision for the city.

Ron Hufstutler, 355 Riverside Dr. said that NWWSD does not care about the roads in the Colony saying that in October all the roads were blocked because they realized the construction season was ending and worked on all the roads at once. He said there have been problems with mail, newspaper, and leaf collection getting through, roads not being compacted and said this winter will see major problems with the roads and we will lose these roads. Mayor Mackinnon thanked him for his comments.

Mr. Minarcin said the feral cat issue is still being researched.

Mr. Ciecka said as of 10:00am this morning the Wood County Sheriff department began our dispatching.

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

*Neil Mackinnon, III
Mayor*

*Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council*