

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Rossford City Council Special Meeting
Held September 19, 2016

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

ROLL CALL: Staczek, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Ruse, Wagner, Minarcin all present.

APPROVAL TO APPOINT TEMPORARY CLERK: Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to appoint Elaine Bishop as temporary Clerk. All ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

#2016-42 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION TO PROVIDE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CURBS ON COLONY ROAD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott presented curb descriptions and road repair information that amended lineal feet of curbing to 1,150 and amended cost to approximately \$42,000.00. A map/drawing of the area was distributed by Mannik Smith. Mr. Marquette has a problem with some of the property not having curbs and the lack of continuity in making Hillside Dr. all get curbs. Mrs. Eckel said one reason there are not curbs all the way is because of the hill and the natural drainage and curbing the whole road would involve reconstruction rather than just three inches of asphalt. Mr. Staczek agrees with Mr. Marquette about staying consistent but thinks this time there are other factors in play and we need to be willing to bend. Mr. Ruse agrees with Mr. Staczek and Mrs. Eckel and said if we were redesigning a whole new road there than possibly we would curb the entirety but based on the grade we do not need. Mr. Scott said this is a great fix for where we are now. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to amend the ordinance with the aforementioned changes. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor MacKinnon asked if there were any comments from the audience of which there were none. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to suspend the third reading. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Ms. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-42 as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION

Discussion of the 50% tax credit ensued. Mr. Kolb handed out presentation packets. Ms. Eckel then explained that this reduction will generate \$750,000 per year, will only affect citizens of Rossford who work outside of Rossford and pay income tax to another municipality, which is approximately 2,000 citizens, would cost a person making \$50,000/year about \$562.50/year, and that all proceeds are dedicated to roadwork. Mr. Wagner asked if we were overreaching to generate \$750,000 per year. Mr. Ruse stated that if we started now and used \$750,000 each year from here on out, it would take us 30 years to redo every road in Rossford, and then we would have to start all over again, given that roads generally have a 30-year lifespan. Mr. Oberdorf then stated he was in favor of the reciprocity tax and believes that citizens should pay for what is necessary in the community. Mr. Wagner responded that this issue was jammed down our

citizens' throats instead of informing our citizens properly. Ms. Eckel stated that the real issue at hand was finding the money to redo our roads, not how it was presented to the citizens. Mr. Ruse agreed with Ms. Eckel that Mr. Wagner needs to move on from saying that this issue was handled improperly. He then stated that council did nothing wrong in how this issue was handled and that Mr. Wagner needs to support this issue. Mr. Minarcin agreed with Mr. Ruse and believes council made the best decision for the City. Mr. Staczek stated that the community was council's supervisor and that this issue was handled underhandedly in how it was presented to the community. Ms. Eckel stated that right now we have to get the roads fixed and we have to find the money to do so. Ms. Eckel also mentioned that no one had any other ideas for finding the money. Mayor MacKinnon stated that the reciprocity tax came out of committee and was discussed in open meetings. Council decided to go forward with it and the administration decided to let the issue go to the ballot. The time is now for the reciprocity. Mr. Staczek would like the record to show that when this was first brought to Council he personally asked "where are plans B, C, D." Therefore, he did not ignore or wait until the last minute to ask for alternative plans. He did not get any plan B, C, or D from the Public Works Committee. Mr. Ruse commented on other options but stated that the Committee picked what they thought was the best option. Mr. Scott pointed out changes that should be made to the presentation to include up-to-date information and then redistributed. Mr. Scott then explained various graphs in the presentation and noted that one-third of the population is picking up the income tax to cover the other two-thirds that are only paying property tax. This is not a commuter penalty. It is more of a fair-share issue. Ms. Eckel then finished the presentation with explanations of planned roadwork, average amounts we have spent on road in the past five years, other options, and additional strategies. Grant money expiration dates were given by Mr. Scott with the most pressing the SR 65 project which has been extended for a year in order to see what happens in November. The next would be the Colony Rd./Lime City/SR 65 intersection which council has yet to pick one of the three options. Our cost for these grants would be about \$1.2M versus \$1.7M in grants which if we don't use may push us back another five years in getting grant money. Mayor Mackinnon said to get the grant and then lose because we failed to come up with our share hurts us in the future.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Neil A. MacKinnon III
Mayor

Elaine M. Bishop
Temporary Clerk of Council