

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held December 14, 2020

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

ROLL CALL: Staczek, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Ruse, Heban, and Densic all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of November 23, 2020 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes except Mr. Oberdorf who abstained and Mr. Marquette who had not joined meeting yet. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of December 14, 2020 was presented to council. Resolutions #2020-24 and #2020-25 were moved to 5A, Ordinance #2020-85 was added along with Marina and Safety committee minutes. Mr. Densic moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS: Rex Huffman made a presentation regarding the EDA grant for the Deimling Rd. project which is repaving of Deimling Rd. and also the section of Lime City Rd. from SR795 to SR20 and sewer main improvements down Deimling Rd. between the Crossroads Pkwy. and Lime City Rd. and a water line extension for future development. He said an application was filed in August for an EDA grant for \$4.3m with the 20% match amount coming from the Port Authority, from the city, from NWWSD, from the county commissioners and county engineer. In November the EDA said favorably looking at application with the proposed grant being less which increased the match from \$1.4M to \$2.2M which increases the Rossford share from \$300,000 to \$1.1M and he hopes we will still support this. Mr. Marquette entered the meeting and asked what is envisioned for Lime City/Deimling and are we encouraging truck traffic down Deimling. He was told still two lanes at 22 feet width and Mayor Mackinnon said it will have local and commercial traffic but not encouraging. Mr. Audet said we are not encouraging but accommodating. Mr. Heban asked that the reimbursement be explained again. Mr. Huffman said originally Rossford would have fronted the entire match of \$1.4M and gotten back all but \$300,000 and the change is now the city contribution would be \$1.1M. Ms. Murray said \$1.4M was encumbered in 2020 and even after this increase the TIF would still have \$5M in it even after this money is taken from the TIF.

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to support the effort to obtain the grant despite the increase. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lane Williamson was here representing the WCTID formerly known as the RTID. He gave a history of the bond issue to build the Crossroads Parkway (\$7.1 million at 8.5%) and how property assessments were issued to pay the bonds back over twenty years. A few property owners challenged the amount of the assessment which the RTID accepted rather than reopen the assessment process to further legal challenges. This was deemed a sensible settlement twenty years ago but did cause a shortfall in the bond repayment in the amount of \$398,798 of which Perrysburg Township has forgiven their share of \$255,868 and Rossford is being asked to forgive their share of \$143,929. The city original share was \$2,550,000 of which they have received back \$5,366,378. Mr. Oberdorf said this seems like the right thing to do and he is in favor. Mr. Marquette asked if any money is coming from the city and Attorney Heban said none. Mr. Williamson explained there is no payment just a mark off of the non-collected amount.

RESOLUTIONS

#2020- 24 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS ISSUED BY THE ROSSFORD, OHIO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE CERTAIN AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE SAME

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 the second and third reading. Audience comments were allowed 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.

Mr. Marquette did not respond on the vote to suspend or adopt.

#2020-25 – A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AND DEBT POLICIES: LONG-TERM DEBT AND LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING, RESOLUTION 2010-23.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic said the city charter requires these policies to be updated at every mayoral election year and has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance committee. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Marquette 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. Densic moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ruse had said he may lose his internet connection and thus he was no longer part of the meeting from #2020-25 till adjournment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance committee report from November 23, 2020 was presented by Mr. Densic (see written report).

Public Safety committee report from December 2, 2020 was presented by Mrs. Eckel (see written report).

Mr. Staczek said he would encourage any home owner cited for political signs to challenge due to not enforcing other signs. He said the city is not enforcing the sign ordinance and cited signs in the Crossroads. He said he shouldn't have to call the administration, that zoning should be on top of it. Mayor Mackinnon said he if sees something wrong that he needs to report it. Mayor Mackinnon asked Attorney Heban and Chief Kitzler about political signs and was told letters are going out to property owners with signs still out to please remove per city ordinance and if not removed penalty is \$100 daily.

Marina committee report from December 10, 2020 was presented by Mr. Staczek (see written report).

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Mackinnon wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He asked council about the December 28th regular council meeting. Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the 12/28 regular meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ms. Murray thanked all the employees and citizens for their cooperation during the COVID crisis, and said most citizen business can be done with out coming in using telephone or email. She reviewed the ordinances on the agenda today and reminded property owners to have their leaves raked and out at the curb for final pickup.

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. THIRD READING

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette said the citizens don't often understand the process. Mayor Mackinnon and Ms. Murray both said citizens can opt out at any time. Mr. Staczek said citizens don't know anything about this and who would monitor to see if savings occurred. Mr. Densic said this ties the city in for twenty years and

citizens who have already opted in to electric aggregation would be enrolled in this and he is not in favor of this because of the automatic opt in. Mr. Heban asked if private citizens can opt out at any time and was told yes. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adopt. Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Heban vote aye, Staczek and Densic voted no. Motion carried 4-2

#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. SECOND READING

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were allowed and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#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. SECOND READING

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic thanked Ms. Schell and Ms. Murray for their hard work on this and the prior ordinance. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were allowed and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2020 – 82 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel asked if the volleyball people talked to the administrator about either building and suggested keeping some of the kitchen equipment for the recreation center. Ms. Murray said no action will be taken on this until the spring but wanted to get on auction list 4-5 months out. Mr. Staczek said we should look at offering school desks to home schoolers and Attorney Heban said that should be done through the school system. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were allowed and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2020-83 - AN ORDINANCE SETTING ROSSFORD MARINA FEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were allowed and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2020-84 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were allowed and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2020-85 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 925.04, RULES AND REGULATION OF THE ROSSFORD MARINA, AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 925.04 WITH REVISED MARINA RULES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Densic moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette asked why this is an emergency and Mr. Densic said the city is trying to get the letters out to boaters this year. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were allowed and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

At this time Mr. Heban said he wanted to reconsider his aye vote on Ordinance #2020-76. Attorney Heban said this is the same meeting so that can be done. A revote on the motion to adopt was done and Staczek, Heban, Densic voted no, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette voted aye resulting in a 3-3 tie. Attorney Heban said he will have to research the mechanics of this and the mayor said we can join at any time. Mr. Heban said he doesn't like that citizens have to opt out rather than opt in. Mr. Marquette said we have been doing this for a number of years and if citizens don't want to take part in only have to make a phone call. Mr. Staczek said he agrees with Mr. Heban and citizens need to be better educated on their choices. Mr. Marquette asked if this cost or saves money and Ms. Murray said the goal is to use solar to save money and citizens wanting to opt out of electric aggregation already had that opportunity last year and this is only an attempt to reduce rate by using solar. Her only concern is the twenty-five-year agreement for the city. Mr. Marquette asked if a lot of people have called in regarding electric aggregation and was told no by Ms. Murray who asked that we table tonight and have Mr. Snavelly from Palmer Energy come in to answer questions. Attorney Heban said this has nothing to do with citizens opting in or out of the program but only where Palmer buys their electricity from. He said according to the charter the mayor can vote to break the tie. Mrs. Eckel said there are a lot of people out there who are energy conscious and would like this program. Mr. Densic said citizens can search for their own energy company if they so choose through the apples-to-apples PUCO program. Mr. Oberdorf does not think many will go out on their own to search for an energy company and those who want to opt out will find a way to do so. Mayor Mackinnon said he agrees with Ms. Murray to table till the next meeting so everyone can do some more homework and then at that time he would be more than willing to cast the deciding vote if need be. *Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to table to the next meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Before casting his vote, Mr. Densic asked if it was proper to table this since already voted on and it was a tie. Attorney Heban said he thinks this is proper since the mayor did not vote to break the tie.*

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek said no company comes into a community to save you money but come in to make money and wished everyone a great holiday.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to suspend with the January committee of the whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eckel wished everyone a safe and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Mr. Oberdorf asked about the status of the repair to Glenwood Rd and Ms. Murray said it will be cold patched until the spring. He wished everyone a great Christmas and safe New Year.

Mr. Marquette wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mr. Heban wished everyone a great Christmas.

Mr. Densic questioned the Waste Mgmt. bill for yard waste pickup December to March when there is no pickup. Ms. Murray said the city is trying to get Waste Mgmt. to explain in writing. Mr. Densic wished everyone a Merry Christmas and said there has been tremendous support of his light show with over 5000 candy canes handed out and \$3100 in donations to Samaritans Purse thus far.

Mrs. Eckel said we need to get a deposit from NWWSD to hold the contractor responsible for road repairs.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

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

Neil A. Mackinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council