

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held January 13, 2014

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of December 23, 2013. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried. Approval of special council meeting minutes of December 16, 2013. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of January 13, 2014 was presented to council. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka commended the Public Works department for a fine job on snow removal last week, said he had received a number of questions on garbage pickup and said it was not delayed but there was a lot of confusion so Waste Management will pick up in excess of the three container limit this week, noted that the fire department manned the station twenty four hours for two days due to roads slowing response times, said the planning commission met last week and recommended approval of Ordinance #2013-71 dealing with public lands and cell towers. Mayor Mackinnon thanked Mr. Kolb, Chief Verbosky, and Chief Goss for a good job during the snow emergency and asked who is responsible for clearing the fire hydrants and Mr. Ciecka said we are asking the property owner to take care of hydrants in their right of way. He also said the nuisance board will hold a hearing on January 16th at 2:30pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2013-71 - AN ORDINANCE ENACTING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 521.14. SECOND READING

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek said the brochure and information he gave council previously informed council about these so called charitable group bin owners not responding to calls from businesses that want removed from their property. Mrs. Eckel asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to comment on this. Louis Bauer Jr. 271 Margaret Pl., Perrysburg said he had the same problem in Perrysburg at his car wash and said the city of Perrysburg had never really resolved. Mr. Marquette he has seen an article in the Suburban Press saying that Oregon and Toledo are also pursuing ways to stop these bins. Mr. Ruse said he is in favor but wondered why this did not go to the zoning committee first and what happens when it goes into effect. Mr. Ciecka said the Village of Holland had picked up the bins and notified the bin company that it had so many days to pick up. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and Bob Densic, 107 Birch Dr., Rossford asked if the property owner is liable. Mr. Heban said the ordinance does make the property owner jointly liable but only if they authorized the placement of the bin. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2014 - 01 - AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 FROM THE OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION, SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE ROSSFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the grant is for \$40,000 with a \$13,000 match from the city and the purpose is to purchase two power lift cots for the fire department. The match will be funded by the fire department obtaining a 3 year 0% interest loan.

If the loan is approved this will authorize the administrator to make the purchase which must be completed by April 9th. Mr. Marquette asked why this was not sent out for bids and Mr. Ciecka said we were looking at a particular brand of cot manufacturer that the department liked and had state contract pricing. Mr. Oberdorf said he had seen the demonstration of the powerlift cot and was impressed saying if it can prevent workmen compensation claims it will be money well spent. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2014-02 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1132.02 (ZONING DISTRICTS AND REGULATIONS) OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this was accepted by the planning commission and that the city is currently in discussion with Verizon about locating a cell tower at the Wales Rd. public works facility. This would require a zoning change to allow on public land as a special use and would still require each application to be approved by council. Mr. Staczek questioned why we are doing this now before we have an application from Verizon. Mr. Ciecka said without the zoning change he cannot proceed on this and said approving the zoning is not giving any kind of implied consent. Mrs. Eckel asked how this was different from the ordinance passed in November regarding cell towers in parks and was told by Mr. Heban that the first one dealt with a request to the planning commission regarding amendment to the zoning code. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2013-28 – A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT MAY BE RAISED BY A LEVY AT THE MAXIMUM RATE AUTHORIZED BY LAW WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IS INSUFFICIENT, AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A REPLACEMENT LEVY FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES IN EXCESS OF THAT RATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2013-29 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT MAY BE RAISED BY A LEVY AT THE MAXIMUM RATE AUTHORIZED BY LAW WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IS INSUFFICIENT, AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A REPLACEMENT LEVY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR ACQUISITION OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES IN EXCESS OF THAT RATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING

Mr. Wagner moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek said he would like to see a plan coming from Pilkington on how they intend to resolve the issue of the railroad tracks coming into town. He said one of the benches in the downtown area appears to be broken and in the wrong spot, that the sign for the Habitat for Humanity house should be taken down, asked about an abandoned house in the Indian Hills area and asked why blue bags are still being seen. Mr. Ciecka said the owner of the abandoned home has made an appeal to the county for funding to have it demolished and that the blue bag ordinance went into effect on January 9th at which time letters and copies of the ordinance were sent to all media. Mr. Heban said he and the prosecutor are working on a plan on how this will be enforced. Mr. Staczek also offered complaints about properties at 201 and 202 Osborn St. noting there are two sheds and indoor furniture on the outdoor front porches. He complimented Mr. Kolb and the public works department as well as the police department for their efforts during the recent snow storm.

Mr. Oberdorf said the city had received an AAA bond rating and complimented Mr. Ciecka and Mrs. Freeman for achieving this and asked for comments. Mr. Ciecka said the bond rating is a good sign of our fiscal responsibility over the last several years in lowering expenses, adhering to the budget, and accumulating a significant reserve despite slow revenue growth. Mr. Oberdorf also congratulated Mr. Kolb and the public works department for their efforts during the recent bad weather and said all the city departments had performed well.

Mrs. Eckel thanked Mr. Ciecka and Mrs. Freeman for their hard work resulting in the excellent bond rating and thanked Mr. Kolb and the public works employees for doing a great job. She said the city should look at a snow emergency ordinance that would get vehicles off the street during bad weather to make street plowing easier. She also said she appreciated all the council members who do significant amounts of research on their own of items they are involved in.

Mr. Ruse thanked all the departments for their efforts on snow and achieving the triple A bond rating noting that all departments reduced expenses. He said the finance committee will meet on January 27th prior to the regular council meeting. He asked Mr. Ciecka for an update on the engineer RFQ and was told it will be advertised this week. He also noted street lights out on the boulevard and was told by Mr. Kolb that a purchase order has been issued for new lamps and a contractor to make repairs.

Mr. Wagner will schedule a public safety meeting to discuss upcoming fire levies.

Mr. Minarcin thanked everyone saying it was a great team effort.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Bob Densic, 107 Birch, Rossford said he had received \$500 in donations for charity from his Christmas light show, suggested the city develop a facility plan and align it with the grant for studying the joint city/school facility and offered his assistance.

James McNeil, 423 Indian Ridge, Rossford commended Mrs. Eckel for bringing up the need for a snow emergency ordinance saying he had a neighbor who left his car in the street for the three days of snow which left a foot of snow piled up by the street.

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

Neil Mackinnon, III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council