

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting**  
**Held January 14, 2013**

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, and Scott all present. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Duricek who was ill. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of regular council meeting minutes of December 10, 2012. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of January 14, 2013 was presented to council. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mayor Mackinnon read a proclamation and presented a clock from the City of Rossford to Dave Jones upon his retirement as Public Works superintendent after forty years of total service to the city. The mayor said that Dave Jones stood out in his service to the city and did a lot that no one will ever hear about and was a person that he never heard any negative comments about. Jeanne Zajac, chairman of the Tree Commission, also congratulated Mr. Jones on his retirement and said that the Arbor Day tree planting will be in his honor this year.

*At this time Mayor Mackinnon asked for a motion accepting his appointment of Tyler Kolb to the position of Public Works Superintendent. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.*

The mayor welcomed everyone back from the holidays and congratulated the cast and crew of the RHS Drama Club for their presentation of the play "Scapino".

Mr. Ciecka said he had just returned from vacation three hours ago and had nothing to report.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A thank you letter from Habitat to Humanity was read into the record.

**ORDINANCES**

**#2012-69 – AN ORDINANCE ENACTING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 1327.16 DEALING WITH THE ASSESSMENT OF COSTS FOR NUISANCE ABATEMENT. THIRD READING.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2012-71 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD. THIRD READING.**

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. Mr. Ruse said he is going to make a motion to table but since no discussion can take place after that motion he first wanted to discuss this ordinance. He noted that under our charter and the ORC council salaries cannot change until the next election. He said this is a dramatic change and not just incremental and includes automatic raises. He feels this is better suited for the public to make the determination and he would like a committee to discuss the possibility of taking this to the voters. Mr. Oberdorf said he would agree but if this was just a sheer increase in compensation but this is based on the change to the OPERS rules. Mrs. Eckel asked Mr. Heban to refresh council on this and Mr. Heban stated the councilman pay cannot change until he or she is reelected and that each individuals pay will be different because of the automatic increases and election or reelection. Mr. Scott said there will always be differences in pay of councilman due to this. Mr. Marquette said he also would like to see this go to the voters as he doesn't like to see our state and federal legislators vote themselves raises and does not think council should either. Mrs. Eckel said that council would really not be voting on raises for themselves but for the next elected council persons.

Mayor Mackinnon said he is not getting nor asking for a raise but he did look into this and when it comes to municipalities in NW Ohio Rossford city council is near the bottom for pay. He thinks council deserves it and that we are keeping up with the communities around us and it also helps attract a better quality of candidates.

*Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to table this ordinance. Vote on the motion was Ruse, Scott, and Marquette aye, Staczek, Oberdorf, and Eckel no with Mayor Mackinnon voting no and breaking the tie. Motion to table failed by a 4-3 vote.*

Vote on the motion to adopt.. Mr. Oberdorf, Staczek, Scott, and Mrs. Eckel voted aye. Mr. Ruse and Mr. Marquette voted no. Motion carried 4-2

**#2013-01 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL AID IN "FIRE PROTECTION" SERVICES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Chief Verbosky said this is a standard mutual aid agreement with the Air National Guard that all other area departments have agreed to. He said that Perrysburg and Northwood councils have already approved. Mr. Scott asked if there would be any problems with who would be in command at the site of an incident and Chief Verbosky said no. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Oberdorf 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. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**#2013 -01 - AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO THROUGH ITS OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is a continuing agreement for Community Development Block Grant funds. Mr. Scott asked if the funds are used on a regular basis and Mr. Ciecka said we have had no recent applications but it is a good tool to have available. Mr. Scott also asked about the cost to the city for administering the funds by Poggemeyer and was told by Mr. Ciecka it is covered by the fund not the city's general fund. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Scott 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. Scott seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

At this time Chief Verbosky on behalf of the Firefighters Association thanked the community for their help in contributing aluminum cans. The department just made their annual donation of \$1500 to St. Vincent's Burned Children fund and since the year 2000 have donated \$23,000 total. He thanked the citizens of Rossford for their continued donations.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Staczek read a prepared statement regarding the events surrounding the Sharp property issue and his disappointment with the mayor's handling of this.

Mr. Oberdorf said the Recreation committee will meet Thursday at 7:00pm. and asked Mrs. Eckel to discuss the Jennings Rd. pump station and the possibility of a committee of the whole to discuss this.

Mrs. Eckel said council should have received a letter from NWWSO outlining alternatives and cost for the Jennings Rd. pump station and asking for action by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Michaels, our NWWSO representative said he did not think NWWSO would be averse to waiting for a committee of the whole meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to hold a committee of the whole meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Jennings Rd. pump station. All ayes. Motion carried.*

Mrs. Eckel congratulated the chairman of the Tree Commission who is graduating from the Tree Commission Academy at the end of this month and thanked Dave Jones for all his help and knowledge over the years.

Mr. Marquette said he went to school with Dave Jones and has known him for fifty years and that we will miss him. He also said that Mr. Kolb will do a great job. He then asked why the CPR device was not getting funded. Mr. Staczek said it was not included in the fire department budget and that additional information was requested from the fire chief but has never been received and that unanimously the safety committee sees no need to jump into this since this is not a budgeted item. One of the concerns is that use of an auto CPR device has not yet been shown to deliver a better outcome than manual decompression. Mayor Mackinnon said one of the reasons for this purchase is that we are an all-volunteer department and sometimes we do not have four people on a run. He asked the fire chief if one guy can administer CPR and cardiac medications at the same time and was told no. Mr. Staczek said he is not saying he is against this but just wants all the information before moving forward. Mayor Mackinnon said he would like this approved tonight but at a minimum he would like the safety committee and the fire chief to get together over the next couple of days. Chief Verbosky apologized for missing the last safety committee meeting because he was on calls, said the medical director has recommended this as

per the letter in each councilman's mailbox, and the machine can do a better job than a human who gets tired. He said this equipment is also being paid for through a donation.

Mr. Ruse asked if this CPR device is equivalent to the AED device used in heart attacks and was told by Chief Verbosky that it was. Mr. Ruse said when the AED came out it also had debate about its effectiveness but is now accepted and is this the same technology and again was told by the chief yes. Mr. Ruse also said that he understands that there was a meeting last week of the interested parties on the Buck Rd./Lime City interchange that we missed and that the issue is being revisited now that a new traffic study has been completed showing decreased traffic counts from the original estimate. Mr. Scott updated council on the Ohio Chautauqua event which is now planned for July 9-13<sup>th</sup> at Vets Park. He said Mr. Kovasevic has stepped up nicely in planning for the event and that it is coming together well with monthly meetings now scheduled. At this time Mrs. Eckel said the recreation committee meeting on Thursday would be moved to 6:00pm so as not to interfere with the RHS Facility meeting on the same day. Mr. Staczek asked if the committee has considered adding another event like an antique car show. Mr. Scott responded that the Ohio Chautauqua organization does not like to do that but it is a possibility for a Friday or Saturday evening.

Mayor Mackinnon then said that although he feels uncomfortable putting himself in the conversation he wondered whether council wants to approve the CPR device since this money is coming from the casino. Mr. Staczek said he hopes that this donated money is not being looked at like play money over and above their budget and said to bypass the safety committee is an injustice to the people on the committee who only want the information communicated to them. Mayor Mackinnon then asked each councilman their feelings. Mr. Oberdorf said Mr. Staczek makes a valid point in saying this should go through the safety committee but he is worried that hesitating may lead to someone's death. He suggested that the safety committee meet ASAP. Mrs. Eckel said she is willing to rely in the recommendation of the medical director and his research on the device but can make herself available to meet with the safety committee. Mr. Marquette said he would rely on the recommendation of the department head saying that we hire professionals and we should respect their expertise and that he would vote to purchase the device right now. Mr. Ruse said these are all valid points and that a lot of things do not go to committee that should such as the council pay increase. He would like the committee to review. Mr. Scott asked how many other area communities have this device and Chief Verbosky responded that everyone around us has one. Mr. Scott said this should go back to committee as a way to dial down the rhetoric and be brought to the next meeting and Mr. Marquette agreed. Mayor Mackinnon said we have the money, the fire chief and medical director both think we should do it, and that he would like to see it voted on tonight. Mr. Ciecka said to vote on tonight would require amending the agenda and adding an ordinance that is not in writing at this time and needs to be in writing. Mr. Marquette suggested that the parties involved get together as soon as possible.

#### **AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Kris Cuprys, 1 Riverside Drive, voiced her concerns about the proposed pumping station which would be a 15 foot high, 20 x 24 foot building. She said it would destroy her front yard, (she provided a picture) decrease her property value, destroy her view of the river, and that her father agreed in good faith to allow the underground pumping station when he was alive but never would have envisioned a structure like this. She asked council to pursue other alternatives.

Jim Staczek, 417 Forest Drive, said he has a leaky heart but with what he knows now he would not want the proposed CPR device used on him. He said no alternative techniques have been shown to be better than manual decompression and this needs to be studied more.

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum, said things are being posted on Facebook by members of council that criticize people and thought that the city had adopted rules for the use of this social media.

Andrew Cuprys, 200 Bacon, feels the automatic chest compression device is something the community needs and it would bother him if this is not taken care of immediately.

Ken Szczesniak, 157 Windsor, asked about the potential liability to the city if this device is not purchased.

Wendell Charles, 106 Cove Lane, said that what is being forgotten in this conversation about the CPR device is that it is not a miracle thing and there is no guarantee it will save you.

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

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*Neil Mackinnon, III*  
*Mayor*

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*Robert P. Watrol*  
*Clerk of Council*