

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held January 23, 2012

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, Scott, and Duricek all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of January 9, 2012. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of January 23, 2012 was presented to council. Committee report from the TARTA special committee was added to the agenda. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY: Mayor Mackinnon swore in new full-time Police Officer Adam Meyers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TARTA Committee report was presented by Mr. Scott (see written report). Mr. Ruse said that invitations will be extended to our TARTA representative and Mr. Gee for the next meeting on January 31st.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to accept the committee report as given. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka pointed out the fiscal officer certificate given to council regarding the three bond ordinances and also the financial audit that each councilor and mayor needs to complete and return. He said he attended a meeting on January 18th with ODOB on the local government innovation fund which introduced programs and the application process for potential grants and loan funds related to mergers and consolidation of government services. The grants are limited to \$100,000 per project and require a 10% share from the applicant. Loans are also available up to \$500,000 with zero interest and an eleven year payback term for implementing activities. He said a grant application may be formed for dispatch shared services or regular dispatch with Lake Township, Northwood, Walbridge and ourselves. He said they had met today to discuss this and they are going to work to formulate an application by the deadline for a grant for a regional dispatch center.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2011-58 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AN ADDENDUM TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (OPBA) PATROL OFFICER’S UNIT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said he believes everything has been worked out in regards to this one year appointment and the ability for Chief Goss to keep his seniority in the event he returned to the regular ranks. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2012-03 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,430,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING AT A LOWER INTEREST COST CERTAIN OF THE CITY’S OUTSTANDING VARIOUS PURPOSE IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2001, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse said this and the next two ordinances were talked about at the last meeting as part of the finance report. It will result in a 14% savings in the amount of about \$60,000 annually. Mr. Scott said the lower cost results from a lower interest rate, NWWSD taking over a fair amount of the bonds and rolling an annual bond recurrence into this long term. Mrs. Freeman will have information regarding the savings numbers available at the next meeting. This was given a first reading only.

#2012-04 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,580,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING AT A LOWER INTEREST COST CERTAIN OF THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING VARIOUS PURPOSE IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2002, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a first reading only.

#2012-05 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$650,000 TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING CERTAIN ROADS AND APPURTENANCES AND INTERESTS THEREIN FOR PUBLIC USE AS A PART OF THE CITY'S SYSTEM OF PUBLIC STREETS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

#2012-06 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DESIGNATED COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said the Economic Development and Planning Committee met last week and reviewed both this and next ordinance and would like to submit to council for approval. Mr. Oberdorf asked for more explanation from Mr.

Ciecka who said that the ORC provides that the city may designate community entertainment districts that meet certain requirements such as a minimum of twenty acres and developer investment in the property. One of the benefits is the ability to obtain additional liquor licenses which is believed will encourage additional interest and spur efforts to increase development in the Crossroads area. Miller Diversified feels this will assist with their efforts to spur further development. Jerry Miller of Miller Diversified said in the last year some opportunities for restaurants and other entertainment venues have come up but they are not interested without the ability to obtain a liquor license. The formula allows one license for every five acres and the code specifies hotels, restaurants, retail, educational, motion picture theatres among other uses. Mr. Ruse said this will not supersede any of our zoning designations in that area and Mr. Heban said that is true and that the code also allows council to revoke at any time in the future. Mr. Marquette asked if this would allow sexually oriented businesses and was told no. Mrs. Eckel asked if entertainment districts spur development by bringing business to the same location and Mr. Miller said yes, they believe it will add value and bring more business in. Mr. Ruse said this does not need to be passed as an emergency but would need to be passed at the first meeting in February. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and Bob Densic of 107 Birch Dr. asked if designating an entertainment district precludes us from doing in other areas and was told no. Vote on the motion 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.

#2012-07 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DESIGNATED COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

#2012-08 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE 2011 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WITH EBONY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the city engineer had recommended a change order for addition asphalt. Mrs. Eckel asked for where and was told the Grassy Creek subdivision. 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 adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2012 - 04 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF NANCY RUST TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel 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. Oberdorf moved and

Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2012 -05 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY, COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

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

#2012 -06 - A RESOLUTION OPPOSING EFFORTS BY THE STATE OF OHIO TO TAKE OVER THE COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAXES, AND URGING STATE LEGISLATORS TO REJECT AND OPPOSE ANY AMENDMENT TO PENDING AND/OR INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION THAT PROPOSES TO TRANSFER COLLECTION AND/OR CONTROL OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAXES TO THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION.

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek said this was discussed in committee and all agreed this infringes on our home rule rights and that the state cannot do a better job than what RITA does for us at a 2% cost. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek 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. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek thanked the Sisters of St. Francis for hosting the prayer service for civic leaders and said that he, along with the Mayor and Chief Goss had attended and also thanked the seniors at All Saints Church who held a meeting for the mayor that he also attended. He recommended the mayor direct Mr. Ciecka to contact CSX to pick up the rails they removed when repairing the railroad crossings or let the city have them for scrap value and then donate the money to the Senior Center. He said he had talked to the owners of the Stop N Shop and they expressed their anger over having to remove some of their signs when other sign violations were not enforced. He said we should have the public works department remove signs that are placed in the boulevard at the Crossroads. He also scheduled a safety committee meeting on January 26th at 5:30pm.

Mr. Oberdorf asked if anyone saw a need for a committee of the whole meeting in February and also asked if there had been any further dialogue regarding the roundabout and was told no by the mayor and Mr. Ciecka.

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

Mrs. Eckel asked who is responsible for repairing the yards after NWWSD does work and was told by Mr. Ciecka that NWWSD is. Mr. Jones said they will be scheduling specific dates to start repairs in the spring and that none are done after October 31st. He recommended calling NWWSD directly to ask when yard will be repaired. She said she has also received several complaints about low water pressure on Hannum Ave. over the last 1 ½ months. Mr. Ciecka said he will discuss with NWWSD. She then asked if any progress has been made on the street lighting projects. Mr. Ciecka said he had met with the contractor for Phase II today and that the city engineer sent a response to ODOT ten days ago regarding the connector problem with Phase I and is waiting for them to review and respond to the contractor. She asked about the \$200,000 from the Hollywood Casino and how it is being handled. Mayor Mackinnon believes this is designated for safety but that no money has been received yet. Mr. Ciecka said it will be sent when the casino opens and it will be up to council as to how it is spent.

Mr. Ruse asked for an update on the potential of addressing the railroad crossing by Pilkington. Mr. Ciecka said he will call the plant manager again. He said he had been part of a quick tour of the old Ford Club earlier this week and that people are looking for ideas to utilize the building. He also said he will be scheduling a public works meeting to discuss roads.

Mr. Staczek said he had been told that a truck was seen dumping liquid waste into the sewer across from Rite Aid. Dave Jones said that was not true, it was NWWSD trying to unplug the sewer, not dumping.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Larry Bridenbaugh, 822 Lime City Rd. expressed concern about the interior condition of the old Ford Club saying the floor upstairs was weak ten year ago.

Steve Vedra, 170 Hannum Ave. didn't understand the amount of money that would be spent for a roundabout in order to be "green" when he saw four semis idling at the casino. He also said something needs to be done about the yellow bags being tossed on the driveways. He noted a boat at the corner of Hillsdale and Riverview that sticks out over the road and said it needs to be moved.

Bob Densic, 107 Birch Dr. said the fact the state auditor could not do a performance audit of TARTA because of poor records is another reason to get out of TARTA. Mr. Scott said that has not affected the revenue numbers we are getting from TARTA as reported by the county and not affecting the mission of looking at cost and future possibilities and possible hiring of a consulting group. Mr. Marquette asked what the consultant is going to tell us and Mr. Scott said they would be able to tell us where we are at today as far as ridership and then what we need and what we need to do. Mr. Staczek said sooner and later it is going to come down to whether or not we want to be in TARTA and what is the time frame to make that decision. Mr. Scott we have about fourteen months to get on the ballot. Discussion ensued about the city doing its own survey. Mr. Oberdorf asked if anyone in the room felt qualified to develop a transportation system on their own and said he didn't and that is why we need a consultant to conduct the survey as they have the expertise and know the questions to ask and can give guidance on developing our own system if that's the way we decide to go. Mr. Marquette said council is assuming Rossford wants out of TARTA and that we need to do a survey of our own to determine if that's what the citizens want. Mrs. Eckel said before we spend money on a consultant we do need to get answers to some basic questions from our citizens. Mr. Ruse said the decision has not been made to definitely get out but the discussions are whether to put that choice on the ballot and then what is our plan if the answer is yes, we want out. Mr. Staczek asked if we couldn't contract with TARTA if the city decided to vote to get out. Steve Vedra said he was on council when we joined TARTA and that there were 6-7 families at that time that relied on TARTA to get to their jobs. Terry Krukemyer 511 Front St. Pemberville, OH. a candidate in the Republican primary for county commissioner introduced himself to council. He said he grew up on SR 199, is an OSU graduate, has a graduate degree in finance and is walking the entire county to become familiar with it and introduce himself to the electorate.

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

*Neil Mackinnon, III
Mayor*

*Robert Watrol
Clerk of Council*

