

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held January 23, 2017

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

**ROLL CALL:** Oberdorf, Marquette, Ruse, Minarcin all present. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Staczek and Mr. Wagner. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel is expected shortly.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of January 9, 2017 regular council meeting were presented to Council. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried. Minutes of January 16, 2017 special council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Minarcin 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 23, 2017 was presented to council. Ordinance #2017-14 was added to the agenda. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mayor Mackinnon welcomed back Chief Goss who attended the presidential inauguration, welcomed a group of Chinese exchange students and read and presented a proclamation to each student welcoming them to Rossford

*Mrs. Eckel entered the meeting.*

Mr. Scott said the Rec Center will be sponsoring a Parent's Night Out on February 11<sup>th</sup> and that the backflow preventer installation had been completed. He said the roof replacement on the Public Works building is finished, public works crews are rebuilding B dock and doing additional leaf pickup, and that the traffic light by the high school now has a permanent fix. He noted that the NW Ohio Volunteer Fire Fighter convention will be in Rossford June 16-17<sup>th</sup> and the ladder truck will be going to the shop for some maintenance issues. Civil Service has certified the top eleven candidates for the police department and background checks are underway. One full time and one part time are needed with another full time to be hired later this year. The firing range project design is nearly complete. He reminded council that their annual ethics filing is due and outlined the procedure for handling. He announced that Bass Pro in conjunction with the City through the RCVB will be holding its first Walleye Tournament on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event will be at the Rossford Marina with between 50-100 teams anticipated. Hopefully this will become an annual event.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **ORDINANCES**

**#2017 – 01 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN A. H. ROSSFORD HOLDINGS, LLC. AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.**

Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to table the ordinance until February 13<sup>th</sup>. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2017 – 02 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ROSSFORD TO EXECUTE A PARTICIPATORY AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to table the ordinance until February 13<sup>th</sup>. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2017-04 - AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; DECLARING SUCH PROPERTY TO BE EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; DESIGNATING SPECIFIC PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS THAT, ONCE MADE, WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE PARCELS FOR WHICH IMPROVEMENT IS DECLARED TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; REQUIRING ANNUAL SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND; PROVIDING RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40(B), 5709.42, 5709.43, 5709.832 AND 5709.85; AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to table the ordinance until February 13<sup>th</sup>. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2017-05 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO TO ACCEPT TITLE TO CERTAIN PROPERTY AND TO TRANSFER TITLE TO THE PROPERTY BACK TO THE PRIOR OWNER IN CONNECTION WITH A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING TRANSACTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING**

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to table the ordinance until February 13<sup>th</sup>. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2017-06 - AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; DECLARING SUCH PROPERTY TO BE EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; DESIGNATING IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE THAT WILL BENEFIT SUCH PROPERTY; REQUIRING ANNUAL SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; ESTABLISHING AN URBAN REDEVELOPMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND; CREATING A TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL; ADOPTING CERTAIN CITY NONDISCRIMINATORY HIRING POLICIES FOR TAX EXEMPTION RECIPIENTS; AND RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.41, 5709.42, 5709.43, 5709.82, 5709.832 AND 5709.85; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to table the ordinance until February 13<sup>th</sup>. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2017-07 – AN ORDINANCE EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR A ROUNDABOUT AT THE INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTE 65 AND LIME CITY AND COLONY ROADS ALONG WITH A BIKE PATH TO BE LOCATED ON LIME CITY ROAD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf noted that in order to suspend with the third reading we will need all five votes and the worst that can happen is that the third reading would go to the next council meeting. He said that the money the city is paying as our portion is a relatively small amount for other streets and defeating this would be short-sighted. He said that this is a major project and is not enough money to do other streets and we need to look for another way to do that even something as unpalatable as assessments and that voting this down just because want the money to go to other road projects is illogical, that this is a major

project that benefits the city. Mr. Marquette asked Mrs. Freeman if we have the \$2M in the budget to cover. She said that council authorized \$3M in borrowing to pay for this and other projects. Mr. Marquette said he takes exception that this money was set aside before the project was even decided and there so many other things we could do with \$2M such as restroom facilities at Vets Park or renovating the administration building. He said we are putting a want in front of things we need and would encourage council to consider where else the money could be used saying that \$2M is twenty years of our normal \$100,000 a year road budget. Mayor Mackinnon said this is an opportunity to do a major improvement we could not afford on our own and that we will take care of other roads over the next 4-6 years. Mr. Marquette said it irks him that a grant of \$600,000 causes us to spend \$2M and cut a ten foot swath through people's yards. Mr. Minarcin said that public works has been working on this for some time and that ODOT said this was a better option than realignment and more cost effective. Mrs. Eckel said this was the option she liked the most. Mayor Mackinnon said citizens taxes won't go up as part of this. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and were as follows: Erin Crawford, 544 Bruns said the problem tonight is the absence of two council members and asked what the interest rate would be on the note. Karen Freeman said between 1.25 and 1.5% to which Ms. Crawford responded that would be \$30,000 as the cost of borrowing. Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum asked if the city will receive any reimbursement from the property owners who will get a bike path instead of having to pay for sidewalks i.e. All Saints. Mr. Ruse said he does not disagree with Mr. Appelhans point and Mrs. Scott said that there was never a requirement for sidewalks on the original site plan for All Saints. Amy Marshalko, 28051 Lime City Rd. asked what assessments Mr. Oberdorf was talking about and said we will be spending \$400,000 for a bike path not necessarily wanted by many people. Donna Robinson, 461 Eagle Point Rd. agrees with Mr. Marquette that spending \$2M for a roundabout in one project does not offset the dire needs for road repairs in other areas such as her street from Colony Rd. to the river. She said the taxpayers should decide if they want the roundabout or other city streets fixed and questioned if Eagle Point Rd. will be improved in 2017. Mayor Mackinnon said we have \$25M of road improvements needed and we don't have the money so Eagle Point is off the table in 2017 so we have to prioritize based on available grants. He understands the frustration of people on Eagle Point Rd, Windsor Dr. etc. but we have an available grant to fix a gateway to our community. He understands that this would upset people that we are spending \$2M on one spot when their street is no getting fixed. He said he has no interest in political advancement as a state rep. or county commissioner, he only cares about Rossford. We only have three ways to get money for streets taxes, grants, or growing into prosperity and there is no grant money available for city streets, just state and federal roads. Judy Davenport, 304 Eagle Point Rd. wondered why the intersection has to be done now since it's been that way since she's been around, is it because of the grant money and won't that money come around again. Mr. Scott said if we do not use the grant now we will lose it and lose points when apply for grants again and that the public works committee did a great job in evaluating all the roads and have a list of roads to be done and a timetable but funding fell through so just doing grant projects. Mayor Mackinnon said none of the projects will cost anyone tax dollars. Ken Szceniak, 157 Windsor Dr. said he once worked on a grant application and it is a very arduous process and that he is not a fan of roundabouts but we need to protect the grant money awarded. Vote on the motion to suspend with the third reading was Oberdorf, Eckel, Ruse, and Minarcin aye. Marquette no. Motion fails 4-1 as five votes required to suspend. This was given a second reading only.

**#2017-08 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH WEST ERIE REALTY FOR THE RT.65, COLONY ROAD AND LIME CITY ROAD ROUNDABOUT PROJECT, AND THE LIME CITY ROAD BIKE PATH PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Minarcin asked Mr. Ruse to explain West Erie Realty and Mr. Ruse said that the state has strict requirements for property acquisitions and that West Erie Realty is one of the few firms that meets the guidelines. This was given a second reading only.

**#2017-09 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH TETRATECH FOR THE RT. 65, COLONY ROAD AND LIME CITY ROAD ROUNDABOUT PROJECT, AND THE LIME CITY ROAD BIKE PATH PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes except Mr. Ruse who abstained. Motion carried. This was given a second reading only.

**#2017 – 10 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A S595-T4 BOBCAT SKID-STEER LOADER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING**

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said this went through the public works committee and is being purchased under state terms. Mr. Minarcin said the finance committee discussed today and we will look at trading in the old one. Mr. Marquette 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. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2017 – 11 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A RETAIL ELECTRIC SUPPLIER AGREEMENT FOR CITY FACILITIES TO BE AWARDED TO THE LOW-COST BIDDER WITH PREFERRED BILLING CAPABILITIES. FIRST READING**

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Minarcin said this was discussed by the finance committee and asked Mrs. Freeman to explain. Mrs. Freeman said the city used Palmer Energy as our broker to bid electric rates for city facilities and that we are too large a customer to use First Energy aggregate rates offered to consumers. She said pricing obtained will be good for only one business day. Mr. Scott said currently we are at 7 cents with the price today being 5.4 cents and that over the next few weeks we will shop for the lowest price before locking in. Mr. Minarcin 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. Minarcin moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2017 – 12 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN INCLUDING REMOVAL OF EXISTING SIREN AND WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING. FIRST READING**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said the tornado siren located on the school property is in bad shape even though it is still working. He said there are no grants available for this and that we had set aside \$25,000 this year to cover but with state pricing should be less. We will also contact the local EMA to see if they can assist in paying for this. This was given a first reading only.

**#2017 – 13 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 151.08(a) (1). FIRST READING**

Mr. Oberdorf said this should go through the recreation committee before considered by council. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to table until February 13<sup>th</sup>. All ayes. Motion carried.

*Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to remove Ordinance #2016-55 from the table. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said the ordinance specified that this would be a local LET but now will be an ODOT LET as specified in 2017-14 and 2016-55 needs to be voted down.,*

*Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. All no's. Motion fails 0-5.*

**#2017-14 – AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT.**

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**#2017 – 01 - A RESOLUTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE §719.04 EXPRESSING COUNCIL’S INTENT TO APPROPRIATE EASEMENTS AND FEE SIMPLE INTERESTS IN CERTAIN PROPERTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING**  
Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Mr. Scott said this is regarding the right of way acquisition needed for the Buck /Lime City Rd. roundabout. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2017 – 02 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DRAFT ADOPTED AMENDED WOOD COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING**

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Mr. Minarcin asked if this was a housekeeping issue and Mr. Scott said yes, that every five years the plan is renewed and adopted by everyone in the Wood County district. Mr. Minarcin 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. Minarcin moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2017 – 03 - RESOLUTION ESTIMATING THE AGGREGATE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO BE AWARDED FOR DEPOSIT, DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES OF PUBLIC FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Mrs. Freeman said this is procedural in that every five years council approves the banks we use and maximum amounts we can deposit. She said this is the same as last time and that these banks have a presence in Rossford and are willing to accept public funds. It does not lock us in and we can change banks at any time. Mr. Scott said this was recommended by the finance committee. Mr. Minarcin 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. Minarcin moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mrs. Eckel encouraged people to try out the new Lewis Family Café, said we should look at a short term parking spot for Vito’s and the dog groomers, noted that Blade bags are still a problem, and said a solution the Eagle Point Rd. problem would be for the residents to pass a petition and be assessed for improvements as was done on Lewis Ave. Mr. Heban said he will follow up with the Blade regarding the bags.

Mr. Marquette offered his condolences to the Stolar family.

Mr. Minarcin offered his condolences to the Bridenbaugh family and questioned if we had an ordinance that would have controlled the painted colors of the former Shubies. Mr. Heban said no.

## **AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Judy Davenport, 304 Eagle Point Rd. said she is pretty sure that the former Shubies should have had to gone to the Architectural Review Committee before it was painted.

*Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.*

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Neil A. MacKinnon III  
Mayor

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Robert P. Watrol  
Clerk of Council