

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting**  
**Held January 28, 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 Duricek all present. Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Scott. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of regular council meeting minutes of January 14, 2013. Mr. Ruse 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 28, 2013 was presented to council. Committee reports from Recreation and Public Safety as well as an executive session to discuss labor negotiations with police and fire were added to the agenda. .Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Recreation committee report from January 17, 2013 was presented by Mr. Oberdorf (see written report).

Mr. Kovasevic explained the proposed job description for the Asst. Recreation Director, said the primary responsibility will be for additional programming, and said he will be looking for council approval that a civil service exam not be required.

Public Safety committee report from January 18, 2013 was presented by Mr. Staczek (see written report).

At this time the fire chief and the representative from the company demonstrated the automatic CPR device. It was explained that it can perform 100 compressions a minute going 1-2 inches deep as required by the American Heart Association and that all area departments currently have one. Mr. Marquette asked if there was a child size and it was explained the machine automatically sizes and shapes the body and automatically adjusts to compress properly. Mr. Marquette said some web sites are not big fans of this machine and asked what the negatives are. The representative said those are different machines that compressed the entire chest and caused some liver lacerations. This machine only compresses the chest from the top. Mr. Staczek said he also found some negative information but the device is in use all around the world and that the committee would recommend. Mrs. Eckel pointed out that the medical director had indicated that different studies show different success rates based on age groups and that Lucas County first responders had used 50 times last year with a good success rate. Chief Verbosky said it has a better success rate than manual decompression. Mr. Duricek asked how many rescue calls we do a year and how many involve CPR and the chief responded that we had 650 rescue calls of which maybe a dozen involved CPR.

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mayor Mackinnon opened by having the visiting Chinese 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students introduce themselves individually in both their English and Chinese name as well as having their teachers be introduces followed by pictures. He then presented the Ohio Auditor of State award to Mrs. Freeman who received it for the third time.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Council all received individually a letter from Velma Boos regarding the location of the Jennings Rd. pump station.

**ORDINANCES**

**#2013-02 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A DRUG USE PREVENTION GRANT FROM THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek 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.

**#2013-03 - AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban explained that these are changes to our city municipal code that mimic the Ohio Revised Code. He would like for this to be given a first reading only so that the prosecutor may also review the changes. This was given a first reading only.

**#2013-04 - AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 12, 2013 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2012-67.**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this ordinance is needed to recognize the contribution to the police and fire departments from the Eagles and appropriate to the budget so the funds can be expended. He said the fire department will be using to purchase smoke detectors and Chief Goss indicated there funds would probably be used for Safety Town. 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 adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

None

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Duricek said he is glad to be back. He said he disputes the council pay raise passed at the last meeting and not tabled, saying there may be issues in conflict with the charter, and that this should have been reviewed by the finance committee. He does not understand what was the hurry and said council should reconsider. Mayor Mackinnon agreed that the finance committee should have looked at but this was given three readings and finance committee never requested a meeting.

Mr. Ruse said he would like a public works meeting before next Tuesday.

Mrs. Eckel would like the Owens students who are working on trees and landscaping to meet with the beautification committee and share their thoughts.

Mr. Oberdorf stated he has been wrong before during his 67 years of life and that because of his respect for Mr. Ruse and Mr. Duricek he thinks perhaps we should take a closer look at the council pay legislation. Mrs. Eckel said one way would be to rescind the previous ordinance or another would be with a new ordinance. Mr. Heban said the cleaner way would be a motion to reconsider and then council could table and bring back later or introduce a new ordinance.

*Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to reconsider Ordinance #2012-71. All ayes. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to table Ordinance #2012-71. All ayes. Motion carried.*

Mr. Oberdorf said he truly believes that council deserves an appropriate raise looking at the municipalities around us and that having been President of Council for a long time he thinks that any person that does this job deserves a fair raise. Mrs. Eckel stated that there is not only a threshold for salary but also health care in the OPERS legislation. Mr. Oberdorf thinks council lacks cohesiveness with too many things going on behind the scenes and manipulation. He said he tries to do the best thing for the citizens of Rossford but at this point he is not sure how much confidence the council has in him as President. He asked council to write him a note individually as to whether they want him to continue as President of Council and he will abide by the majority. Mayor Mackinnon said he thinks Mr. Oberdorf is doing a fine job and was the highest vote getter in his last election. Mr. Ruse said he echoes the mayor's comments wholeheartedly. Mr. Marquette said there is no reason for Mr. Oberdorf to step down as did Mrs. Eckel and Mr. Staczek. Mr. Duricek said there is some discord on council and that there is always back room stuff going on with things sometimes changing after leaving a meeting and those are the things that drive him crazy. He also said his private emails are also public record as related to council matters with zero self-interest or ego involved. He does not think some discord is necessarily a bad thing. Mr. Oberdorf said there is a time when have to air things out and agreed that some discord is healthy but that discord for the sake of discord is not healthy.

Mr. Staczek said the railroad tracks coming into town are still not repaired and need to be, that we can't wait another 2-3 years for this to get done. Mrs. Eckel said since Pilkington seems to be putting the onus on Rossford to repair perhaps we should just pave over the tracks. Mr. Duricek said that the RTID is trying to work with Pilkington and NWWSD to do jointly, that the problem is about ten years behind schedule, the city should not pay for any of it, and that Rex Huffman is trying to push Pilkington along.

**AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Drew Hanna, the attorney for Kris Cuprys spoke against the Jennings Rd. pump station being placed so near his client's property and also indicated the noise from the generator would be a problem. He said this could be solved by placing this structure across the street in the park. Mayor Mackinnon said that council is working on this and will discuss at the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and will be looking at several alternatives including

improvements to the park and marina. Mrs. Eckel asked Mr. Heban to review our noise ordinances in relation to the generator that will be part of this project.

Kris Cuprys, 1 Riverside Dr. said that 55-60 decibels is what is allowed in her neighborhood.

Rob Socie, 104 Superior St., said there was no place for his patron to park last Saturday night due to the overflow parking from the casino and would like to see a change to the parking regulations to prevent this. Mayor Mackinnon agreed that we need to find a solution to this problem. Mr. Duricek said only casino events causes this problem and we need to address the casino parking situation. Mr. Ruse encouraged the mayor to have his meeting with the casino and be creative.

Chief Goss said that traffic was eventually directed to the overflow lot at IPS. Mr. Socie would also like to see the two trees in front of his diner removed. Mrs. Eckel said this is reviewed by the tree commission every year and gets turned down.

Bob Densic, 107 Birch Dr. thanked Mr. Ruse, Marquette, and Duricek for their stand on council raises. He said there are four issues with this 1) it is against the charter 2) value of raises and proving the worth 3) the reason –eligibility for retirement benefits 4) the automatic raise provision violates the charter and diminishes citizen’s checks and balances. He encouraged council to only serve for short time and move on.

*Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with police and fire. All ayes. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to return to regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.*

Mr. Staczek asked the mayor the current status of the Sharp property and was told that the mayor is meeting with them tomorrow.

*Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Duricek 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*