

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held February 11, 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, Scott, and Duricek all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of January 28, 2013. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes except Mr. Scott who abstained. Motion carried. Approval of Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of February 4, 2013. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes except Mr. Staczek who abstained. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of February 11, 2013 was presented to council. Committee report from Public Works was added to the agenda. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works committee report from February 1, 2013 was presented to council by Mrs. Eckel (see written report). Mr. Duricek said the traffic count at Buck/Lime City Rd. was discussed at the last RTID meeting and will include weekend traffic counts. Mr. Ruse said the traffic count will be projected twenty years into the future and that the original traffic count was based on the opening day of Penta and that it appears that the counts are less than projected. The counts are being redone including the weekend and when completed will need to be recertified by ODOT. He said based on the counts it could be a smaller project and that Penta has now agreed to contribute \$150,000 plus the right of way they own. Rex Huffman of the Port Authority said they are working on several things of which one is the railroad crossing by Pilkington and that Pilkington has told him it is on their list of things to do. The Port Authority is working with JobsOhio for some grant funding for this and they have also asked Poggemeyer Design for an estimate for a state of the art repair. The request for money from JobsOhio may cause a delay on this project until May or June but it will be a substantially better project with a strong likelihood for state funding. He also said the Port Authority was part of a call for interest in acquiring the Toledo Terminal rail line for a bike path/utility corridor. The previous stalemate was caused by the old rail bridge over the Maumee River and removing and replacing it. He said they are now looking to extend the trailhead into Rossford but will need CSX and the Federal Transportation Safety Board to abandon their line. This will take time but the ball is rolling. He also noted that they are involved in looking at a collaborative grant involving the School District and the City to do something jointly such as an administrative building. Mr. Staczek asked how long the wait will be for the grant for the railroad tracks at Pilkington and was told by Mr. Huffman it is in process and hopefully will be able to bid out in April. Mr. Staczek said one of the ideas for the collaborative grant is to move the city administration offices to the Ford Building. Mayor Mackinnon thanked Mr. Huffman for his efforts on behalf of Rossford and thanked Mr. Minarcin and Mr. Oberdorf for working with him on this grant idea.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to accept the committee report as given.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka said the financial system software conversion begins next week and will take about one week to complete.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you note from the coordinator for the Chinese Student Exchange program was read to council.

ORDINANCES

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

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said the city prosecutor Mrs. Purpura had completed her review and saw no problems. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. 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 declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2013-05 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) LUCAS CHEST COMPRESSION SYSTEMS FOR THE ROSSFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said he would like to see this approved tonight. Mr. Marquette asked if we really needed two units and Chief Verbosky said this would put one in each squad. Mr. Staczek said the Chief had provided a wealth of information on this and the public safety committee had agreed it was better to have two. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse 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 Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2013-06 - AN SECOND 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 Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this was the budget adjustment necessary to purchase the two chest compressors. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Marquette 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. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2013-07 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A COST-PER-COPY AGREEMENT WITH KONICA MINOLTA FOR A POLICE DEPARTMENT COPIER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the current police copier lease is expiring and this will be a new rental agreement based on number of copies through the State of Ohio purchasing program and is a more cost effective approach based on previous usage. Mrs. Eckel 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. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2013 – 08 - AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL UNION NO. 245; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is an agreement for the fire department which provides for a 2 ½% increase for each of three years, an additional holiday (MLK) and an incentive program based on number of runs made and fire inspections completed. 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.

RESOLUTIONS

#2013-02 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF JUDY HEBAN TO THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said he would like this and the next resolution approved this evening. 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. Scott seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2013-03 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S RE-APPOINTMENT OF JESSIE A. LIMON TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

#2013 -04 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS LUCAS AND WOOD COUNTY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said that pending further review he and the Police Chief would like this defeated. 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. Scott moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All nays. Motion defeated.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Ciecka explained that NWWSD had provided a letter with two alternatives including cost for the location of the pump station on Jennings Rd. He said that each of the alternatives is on an opposite side of the tennis courts with Alt. A being east of the courts and Alt. B being west. The substantial difference in cost for Alt. A is a new sewer line being needed from Jennings going east with this being a very deep line. He said NWWSD would finance the cost difference for Alt. A by adding a twenty year surcharge to water bills at .75cents monthly. Mrs. Eckel said she had reviewed the FEMA flood plain maps that showed the likely flood plain and the 1% chance flood area that shows the majority of the ball diamond in the flood plain and that something south of the first base line would be best for a building. Mr. Staczek asked if that information had been updated since the break wall was made higher. Mrs. Eckel said since the break wall is not a dike it most likely did not affect the flood plain. Mr. Scott asked what a park sensitive structure would look like and Mr. Michaels of the NWWSD board said it would probably be a cinder block building with brick facing. Mr. Marquette said he is in favor of Alt. B since no cost to the city. Mrs. Eckel asked Mr. Heban to look into easement language and said she likes Alt. A because the plumbing for the restrooms would be right there. Mayor Mackinnon reminded council we need to consider having ADA compliant restrooms. Mr. Staczek said he agrees with the mayor and said Alt. A prepares us for the future. Mr. Ruse said in looking at both alternatives he sees no difference in one location over the other besides cost for the pump station and said there would only be an estimated cost of \$15-20,000 for a grinder pump for the restrooms to connect to the pumping station wherever they are located. The cost to connect is significantly less that the cost of location Alt. A. Mr. Marquette said that in the talk about esthetics that Alt. B hides the pump station back against the trees while Alt. A puts it in the middle of the park. Mrs. Eckel said there would also be a cost for the pipe and water to be extended to the restrooms. Mr. Ruse said the extension of the water will be necessary wherever restrooms are located. Mrs. Eckel asked if NWWSD had a preference and Mr. Ciecka said no. Mayor Mackinnon asked if we could delay this decision. Mr. Duricek said we need to make a decision on the pump station now and that the cost of the restrooms will be an additional cost no matter where the pump station is located. He said the restrooms need to be discussed by the Park and Finance committees and we do not even have a plan for restrooms yet but the pump station needs to be done now. He said he would be looking at Alt. B. Mr. Oberdorf said the restrooms are a need but that's a future decision and that as Mr. Ruse said additional lines for the restrooms are in the range of \$20,000 which even doubled to \$40,000 is a major savings over the \$284,000 for Alt. A. He said the best decision for the people of the city is Alt. B based on finances and is the sensible thing to do. He said the cost of Alt. A outweighs any benefits. Mrs. Eckel said she would be interested to know if Alt. A would really be in the middle of the park and that the estimate of \$20,000 cost for the bathroom hookup is low.

Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to accept alternative B. Vote on the motion was Marquette, Oberdorf, Duricek, Scott, and Ruse aye. Eckel and Staczek nay. Motion carried 5-2.

Mr. Staczek asked for an update on the driveway at Schreier/Glenwood and was told by Mr. Heban that a meeting with Sharp's and their lawyer and they had indicated without confirmation that they would remove the driveway on Glenwood. This information has not been confirmed or updated yet.

Mr. Ruse suggested that Mr. Ciecka he look at Bass Pro for a access drive example using brick that allows grass to grow up through it and asked Mr. Heban to have a resolution regarding Buck/Lime City Rd. prepared.

Mrs. Eckel asked if the zoning committee has looked at our code for help in resolving the driveway/pole barn issues. Mr. Ciecka said the accessory structure issue is being studied by the planning commission and the third driveway issue is not clear.

Mr. Duricek asked if the drainage issue has been addressed on the Sharp property and Mr. Heban said this is being looked at by Mr. Fredrickson.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

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

*Neil Mackinnon, III
Mayor*

*Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council*