

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held February 13, 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 23, 2012. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of February 13, 2012 was presented to council. Committee reports from Finance & Insurance, Recreation, Public Safety & Health, and Economic Development & Planning were 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

Mr. Ruse presented the report of the Finance & Insurance committee from January 23rd (see written report).

Mr. Oberdorf presented the report of the Recreation committee from January 19th (see written report). Mr. Scott asked the RCVB be added to the groups discussing the Labor Day Fireworks/Festival and Fun at the Fountain.

Mr. Staczek presented the report of the Public Safety & Health committee from January 26th (see written report).

Mr. Ruse asked what the annual cost for maintenance of the vehicle and care of the dog was anticipated to be. Chief Goss responded that the cost will be paid by funds obtained through drug seizures and that last year the department had \$110,000 in seizures without a dog and that using a dog from another department means that any funds received are shared. He also said the vehicle maintenance will be handled like all other police vehicles. Mr. Ruse asked if a canine officer had been proposed and the chief responded that Officer Scott Williams was the only one who showed an interest. Mr. Ruse said this is a good program but is a 24/7 responsibility. Chief Goss said that Officer Williams came to him about the position and that he understands the commitment required and that he is still a patrol officer with this being an added duty. Mr. Ruse said we will not be minus an officer but plus a four-legged one. Mr. Staczek asked about the cost of veterinary care and was told by the chief that he has spoken to Perrysburg Animal Care and that they will do basic care of the dog for free and any additional needs i.e. surgery at cost. Mrs. Eckel asked how it will work if a stop is made and the dog is not there. Chief Goss said a suspect can be held only as long as the average stop for that violation takes. Mrs. Eckel said she doesn't like that the response time may be delayed due to the residence of the officer being in North Baltimore. Chief Goss said that the officer's response time from there can be a quick as 20 minutes if a Code 3 and that currently we wait about 30 minutes for help from the Lake Township dog. Mr. Marquette said he likes the concept but he is not sold on the cost of the program or the response time if not on duty and a concern that a young officer like this may leave our employment. Chief Goss said that Officer Williams is willing to enter into a long term commitment with the city as a handler. Mr. Marquette said another added expense will be the lack of an officer in the community while Officer Williams is in training with the canine. Chief Goss said the end result is that we will be taking money from bad guys and the \$45,000 est. cost will be made up by an estimated \$200,000 in seizures made using the dog. Mr. Marquette asked if the dog is picked already and was told no but that most likely it will be a German Shepherd or Belgian Malinois and that the kennel will assign a dog to the officer at the time of the 6 week training course. Mr. Marquette said his biggest concern is that the officer lives in North Baltimore which is 30-40 minutes away while the study he looked at recommended proximity of 10-20 minutes and that he will be driving a city vehicle round-trip to North Baltimore every day. Mr. Staczek said the committee went back and forth on the travel issue. Mr. Duricek said citizens ask him why we are patrolling I-75 and say we don't belong there but are using it as a fundraiser. He admits we do stop crime but said that I-75 patrol is an issue. Chief Goss said the majority of crashes are on I-75 or the entrance/exit ramps so that speed and traffic enforcement on I-75 is important. Mr. Ruse said that the use of the drug enforcement fund is very restrictive and this is a great use of these funds even though he does have a little concern on the distance of the officer but that is out of our control based on state law. Mr. Scott asked why the rush on this and was told by Chief Goss that the training class starts on April 9th if we want the dog in time for the summer months. He said the kennel is holding a spot for us but needs to know now or we would have to wait until fall. Mr. Scott asked if the drug money is earmarked and was told the use must be related to drug enforcement. Chief Goss said the dog is also more than a narcotics dog and that he will also be great PR for the department. Chief Goss was asked about needing a warrant to search a vehicle and he responded that current law allows a warrantless search if the dog alerts to the presence of drugs. Mayor Mackinnon said he started to look at this when he did ride alongs in January of 2011 and this came up with every officer. He reiterated that the fund can only be used for drug enforcement and can't be applied to the general fund. He said this will make us safer and better, that the SUV will be purchased using the drug fund, that Officer Williams was the only one to sign up to be the canine officer, that the dog will serve as a deterrent, and that both Sergeant Marek and Kitzler support this. Mr. Marquette said he likes everything about this but his concern is the cost. Mayor Mackinnon said the program will pay for itself. Mr. Oberdorf said that council has asked a tremendous amount of questions, received a lot of information, and that we should move ahead in the meeting.

Mr. Scott presented the report of the Economic Development & Planning committee from January 18th (see written report).

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 said that he and the mayor had a series of conversations with ODOT last week regarding the Phase I street lighting issue and that a change order was proposed and approved by ODOT and sent to U.S. Utility. He said the new schedule calls for completion of this project by mid-April. He has also met with the contractor for the Phase II lighting project. Mrs. Eckel asked what the change order is for Phase I and what the cost is. Mr. Ciecka said the change is in the fuse size and means of access to the electrical connections and the cost is approximately an additional \$20,000 which hopefully will be paid by an additional TMACOG grant.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#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. SECOND READING

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said that Mrs. Freeman had sent an email to members of the finance committee explaining that these new bond issues will result in a savings of \$1.15m in interest over the life of the bonds, that the splitting off of the water/sewer debt takes \$1.13m off Rossford's books, and that the city will realize annual savings by changing the \$650,000 note to a bond. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Scott 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. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#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. SECOND READING

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

#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. SECOND READING

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

#2012 -09 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES AND TO AMEND THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 2011-55; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

#2012 -10 - AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, TO COOPERATE WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOLS GRANT PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this has previously been reviewed by council and will result in \$500,000 of work within the city including a pedestrian bridge over the creek on Glenwood Rd. and sidewalk upgrades at the junior high, Eagle Point school, and Indian Hills school. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. 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.

#2012- 11 - AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A SIDE AGREEMENT TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (OPBA) PATROL OFFICER'S UNIT AND COMMAND OFFICER'S UNIT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Mackinnon said he is passionate about this and that it makes our community better and safer. He doesn't want to wait until fall and lose this time. He said it is a tool that pays for itself while making us better and also better equipped. Mr. Duricek said the casino will bring crime and this will help with an upfront show of force and that as long as the drug fund pays for it and pays to support it without using the general fund he is okay with it. Mrs. Eckel said she supports the dog but is concerned with the cost of a 40 mile commute and wear and tear on the vehicle. She would like to see the cost laid out for council. Chief Goss said the wear and tear on a vehicle is worse in town with the stop and go driving for 2 shifts a day versus the highway miles on the SUV. Mr. Staczek said he can't tell the fire department they can't drive one mile for lunch in their vehicle and then approve driving an SUV back and forth to North Baltimore and that he supports waiting until he can get more information. Mr. Marquette said he is getting the feeling that everyone likes the concept but is worried about hitting the general fund to support the cost. Mrs. Eckel said why not wait two weeks and Mr. Ciecka said the problem is the logistics of having everything in place to make the April training class i.e. the handler must take the vehicle with him. Mr. Oberdorf said he is in favor of the program but is not in favor of the dog being kept in North Baltimore and that he thinks the cost will be supported by the drug fund. Mr. Ruse said one of the first questions when he came on council was how to utilize specific funds and that this is an ideal use of the drug fund. Mrs. Eckel is concerned about the maintenance of the vehicle ending up being paid by the general fund without something in writing. Mr. Ruse said this will be part of the finance committee agenda to make sure all costs for the canine unit are tracked and supported by the drug fund.

Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and Todd Kitzler, 1111 Dixie Highway, speaking as a private citizen said that the residence of the officer is not as important as his job performance. Joe Minarcin, 220 Jennings, said that drugs are a big issue and since the money is there we need to take care of this. Steve Vedra, 170 Hannum, said he is not against the program itself but he wants a guarantee that the vehicle cost to maintain won't be paid out of the general fund. Ken Szczesniak, 157 Windsor Dr., said he lauds everyone for taking this initiative and that a strict accounting can be done to track the cost of the program. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except for Mr. Staczek who voted no. Motion carried 6-1.

#2012-12 - APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH SHALLOW CREEK KENNELS INC. TO PROVIDE AND TRAIN A CANINE TEAM FOR THE ROSSFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT; 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 Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except for Mr. Staczek who voted no. Motion carried 6-1.

#2012 - 13 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2012 -14 - AN ORDINANCE SETTING ROSSFORD MARINA FEE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek said the City Facilities, Parks & Marina committee will meet next week to discuss this and didn't think this needed to pass tonight. Mr. Marquette said the marina committee had recommended this already and Mr. Ciecka said that people are already coming in to ask about dock rentals and it is only a modest increase. Mr. Scott said the rate increase is based on the popularity of the floating docks. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to suspend with the second and 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 adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2012 -15 - AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE ROSSFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said he does not want this to become the Rossford Highway Patrol and not take away a patrol officer from the city proper. Mr. Staczek said Rossford has the reputation of having an Iron Curtain when crossing the tracks into Rossford

as far as law enforcement and he does not want a canine officer sitting in the parking lot at the Methodist church. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and Ken Szczesniak, 157 Windsor, asked if there was the possibility of purchasing a hybrid vehicle and was told by Chief Goss that they are not available for police packages yet. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except for Mr. Staczek and Mrs. Eckel who voted no. Motion carried 5-2.

RESOLUTIONS

#2012 – 07 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AS A COLLABORATIVE PARTNER WITH LAKE TOWNSHIP, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO IN MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND PROGRAM 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 this request concerns the feasibility of a regional dispatch center. Our current contract is with Lake Township and this is part of the incentive to look at shared services. Lake Township will take the lead as the applicant but they need partnership agreements in place in order to apply for the funds to do the feasibility study. Mr. Scott said this is a step forward in getting communities to work together. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek said he has a moral dilemma over criticizing one department over the use of vehicles and then approving another department to use.

Mrs. Eckel said residents need to call NWWSD if the contractor working on the sewers did damage to their yard. They should also contact the city.

Mr. Marquette thanked Officer Williams for taking on the position of canine officer and committing his family to the responsibility of having the dog.

Mr. Ruse said an additional appropriation of \$50,000 for road resurfacing will be discussed at the next Finance & Insurance meeting and that he also intends to move that Ordinance #2011-57 be brought off the table at the next council meeting. He also asked the law director to research a way to streamline the procedures for passing legislation. Mr. Heban said he will provide a memo on that topic. Mr. Scott notified council that a new women's clothing store going into the Crossroads (Route 21) is the result of our relationship with Buxton and a lead passed on to Ramco and came about from attending last year's ICSC conference. He also noted that the City Paper had voted Urban Flowers as the #1 florist in the Toledo area.

Mr. Duricek said the City Facilities, Parks, & Marina committee will meet at 7:00 on February 20th. He said the Planning Commission meeting talked about accessory structures which he will bring to committee and work on and also adult entertainment and internet gaming. The Zoning Regulations & Technology committee will discuss this when they meet on the 22nd at 7:00.

Clerk of Council Watrol said he would be preparing a written letter for their files but in view of how often we underappreciate the departments in the city he wanted to personally thank Sergeant Marek, Officer Baker, Chief Verbosky and the life squad, Dave Jones, Tyler Kolb, and Kevin Sujkowski for their professionalism, respect, and demeanor in response to a call that he was involved in on Friday afternoon.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Kevin Leck, 151 Bergin, said he had received a \$300 water bill which is a huge increase over previous bills and only occurred after the new water meter was installed. Mayor Mackinnon said that is a problem that is being worked on and is taken very seriously.

Joe Minarcin, 220 Jennings Rd., said that the intersection of Colony Rd. and Dixie Hwy. is more important to fix than putting in a roundabout.

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

Neil Mackinnon, III
Mayor

Robert Watrol
Clerk of Council

