

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held February 22, 2016

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of regular council meeting minutes of February 8, 2016. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of February 22, 2016 was presented to council. Public Works and Marina committee reports were 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**

Recreation committee report of February 8, 2016 was presented by Mr. Oberdorf (see written reports). Public Works committee report of February 17<sup>th</sup> was presented by Mrs. Eckel (see written report). Facilities, Parks, & Marina committee reports from February 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 were presented by Mr. Marquette (see written report).

**PRESENTATION BY ROSSFORD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH RE: TAX ASSESSMENT**

Greg Arnold, attorney representing the church gave council a handout (see attached) regarding the property at 169 Bergin St. and explained that the church purchased this property in 2015 as part of a foreclosure action and only after its purchase did the church become aware of a special assessment added to the tax bill for the teardown cost of the vacant building. The church is asking for relief from this approx. \$7000 special assessment. Mayor Mackinnon explained that this property had been vacant and went into foreclosure and was torn down by the city after sustaining a fire. He said the lot really has value only to the church and if the city owned it we would have to maintain it probably forever. He also said the owners are deceased. Mr. Heban clarified that this special assessment is from the demolition cost. Mr. Oberdorf asked if we do an ordinance relieving the church of this assessment will this mean that the city absorbs the cost and was told yes by Mr. Heban as no estate was filed on behalf of the deceased previous owners. Mrs. Eckel asked what would happen if we do not do this and Mr. Heban explained without the church owning it would go through a tax foreclosure action and either the city or school would have to take or it would revert to the state of Ohio if no private party bid on it. Council agreed that Mr. Heban should prepare an ordinance for the next meeting to resolve this.

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mayor Mackinnon said that at a future meeting he will recognize several RHS students for academic achievement as well as the RHS boy's basketball league co-champions.

Chief Goss explained to council that he is seeking to apply for a safety grant that would be used to revamp the police shooting range. He said no matching funds are required but some percentage of matching funds would increase the chances of obtaining the grant and that money would come from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund. The grant requires a collaborative partner that we have as multiple entities use our range. Mr. Ruse said he is not against the grant but thinks this should be discussed with the safety committee. Mrs. Freeman explained that the grant cannot be use for budgeted items and that finance committee looked at a 10% match.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Council was advised of two pieces of correspondence- 1) from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control notifying the city of a 35% distribution of a licensing fee from Wholly Toledo Softball in the amount of \$40.00 and 2) a letter from Tommy Love regarding the Labor Day fireworks and there undesirable effect on the marina boaters.

### **ORDINANCES**

**#2016 – 02 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND ADOPTING A NEW ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD**  
Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2016 – 06 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH WOOD COUNTY TO FURNISH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Mayor Mackinnon said this is a mandated housekeeping measure. Mr. Heban said the cost is \$3100 for the year and does not have to pass tonight. This was given a first reading only.

**#2016 – 07 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO PURCHASE A CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Mr. Heban explained that this was a parcel owned by West Valley Development that was missed when all their property was auctioned in Ironwood. The parcel cannot be donated due to legal reasons and thus the city is offering to purchase for \$250 contingent on council approval. This was given a first reading only.

**#2016 – 08 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONVEY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE WOOD COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Mr. Heban asked this be given a first reading until the Board of Education indicates their willingness to also convey their interest in the property. This was given a first reading only.

**#2016-09 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE EXPENSE APPROPRIATION AND ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2015-63 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Mrs. Freeman said that the police bulletproof vests expired last year and it was budgeted to purchase new vests but no purchase order was created. The new police hire with one additional vest is what took the cost slightly above the budgeted amount. Chief Goss said 50% of the cost will be reimbursed by the US Department of Justice. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2016 – 10 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

*Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to amend the ordinance by adding surplus fire hose to the list of property. 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. 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 as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2016 – 11 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH TETRATECH FOR THE RT. 65 URBAN PAVING PROJECT, PHASES I AND II; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes except Mr. Ruse who abstained. Motion carried 5-0. Mrs. Eckel said as mentioned in the public works report this will be for repaving SR65 thru Rossford. Mr. Marquette asked what are the two phases and Mrs. Eckel said Phase 1 will be from the casino to the library and Phase 2 from the library to the west city limits. Mr. Ruse said there are conflicting dates given and this could be sooner than 2017. Mr. Minarcin asked if this includes new curbs and Mrs. Eckel said no, curbs would be cost the city would have to pay and that TetraTech will calculate and give us the cost for curbs. Mr. Wagner said we discussed these projects were discussed by finance committee and that a committee of the whole meeting needs to be held so that public works and finance can discuss this together and asked for a first reading only. He said we have million dollar output upfront before any grant is returned to the city. Mrs. Freeman said that she did give a two year time frame before any grant money comes to the city because until the project is done she cannot apply and that the engineering cost is in the budget. Mrs. Eckel said the cost goes up if we miss the cycle. A special meeting was requested by council for February 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm to discuss this project and other road issues. This was given a first reading only.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**#2016 – 03 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S RE-APPOINTMENT OF JAMES RICHARDS TO THE TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (TARTA); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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. 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.

**#2016 –04 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S RE-APPOINTMENT OF BETTY WOODS TO THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

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

**#2016 – 05 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO SUPERIOR UNIFORM SALES WHERE THE INVOICE WAS ISSUED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER.**

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. 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.

**#2016 -06 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF ELIZABETH NICOLE HORNYAK TO THE RECREATION BOARD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon introduces Ms. Hornyak to council. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Heban said that at the direction of the mayor he had delivered the petitions regarding the referendum on the tax credit ordinance to the county.

Mr. Oberdorf reminded council of the special meeting next Monday and said he is still looking for names from council for the tax review board. Mayor Mackinnon said his mayoral appointment will be Kenneth Gwozdz.

Mrs. Eckel said that the Maverick BB program had wrapped up another great season.

Mr. Ruse referenced the grant request, related it to the shared service grant, and reiterated that these type of things need to go through council committee.

Mr. Wagner said this grant was brought forward to the Facilities committee as public safety did not have the opportunity to meet and discuss.

Mr. Minarcin thanked Chief Drouard and Chief Goss for the department year end reports.

### **AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Mayor Mackinnon had two NDA students attending the meeting as part of a government class introduce themselves.

Bob Densic, 107 Birch Dr. said as a representative of Rossford Voters Voice he is requesting a copy of the receipt for the delivered petitions and asked council as they continue to discuss roads to look at possibly deferring the collection of the taxes authorized by #2015-62 until voted on in November.

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum asked if new zoning will automatically be approved for the property annexed at the last meeting and was told by Mayor Mackinnon that they will have to go through the normal zoning process if requesting a change in zoning. Mr. Appelhans thinks they came to Rossford because of the opposition in the township for industrial use and wondered if they have been led to believe the city will grant a zoning change. Mayor Mackinnon said he had made no promises.

*Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Wagner 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*