

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held March 9, 2015

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

**ROLL CALL:** Staczek, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Ruse, Wagner, and Minarcin all present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of regular council meeting minutes of February 23, 2015. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of March 9, 2015 was presented to council. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to accept the agenda. All ayes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Marquette gave a brief verbal update on Zoning & Technology matters saying that they have recently discussed a future ordinance regarding rental properties and are still discussing the feral cat problem. Public Works committee report from February 27<sup>th</sup> was presented by Mrs. Eckel (see written report). Public Safety committee report from February 23<sup>rd</sup> was presented by Mr. Wagner (see written report).

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mayor Mackinnon recognized the RHS girls bowling team who qualified for the state tournament, the RHS boys' basketball team who were co-league champions, the varsity choir who also qualified for state, and the Drams Club whose last production was an amazing performance and selected by the Ohio Education Theatre Association as one of ten schools to present their production. He said the RHS talent show is coming up and offered his congratulations to all the participants.

Mr. Ciecka said he had provided council with a letter from the county engineer on the Buck/Lime City Rd. project and said the final report is available. He then said eleven years ago on March 8<sup>th</sup> he was appointed to be city administrator, a process in which some of you participated. He said it has been a great journey over these eleven years and gotten the city back on a sound financial footing while working on a number of other projects such as a police vehicle replacement program, looking at a long term street program, and new street lighting. He said after conversation with his wife he thinks it is time for him to look at a different direction and journey and therefore is announcing his intent his intent to resign effective June 1, 2015. He thanked everyone for their support over the years and said with that being said it is time for him to step aside.

Mayor Mackinnon said he has worked with Mr. Ciecka for a little over three years and saw the job he has done saying it is nothing short of amazing. He has always been highly confident in Mr. Ciecka and said he is one of the most valuable assets the city has ever had. He offered his thanks and appreciation for everything he has done for the city of Rossford.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ORDINANCES**

**#2015-05 - AN ORDINANCE AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING**

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said this has been through the finance committee and sent out for bids two times. He said we need to pass this even though not everyone will be in complete agreement with every aspect of the contract. Mr. Staczek asked if the question regarding mattress/spring had been resolved and said he is still against every other week recycling. Mr. Marquette said his family of six adults would not fill the 96

gallon cart. Mr. Minarcin read the bulk item standards as listed by Waste Management and clarified for Mr. Staczek that a mattress/spring set will count as one bulk item. Mrs. Eckel asked if there is an option for avid recyclers who will fill up a 96 gallon cart in one week and was told by the Waste Management representative that an additional cart can be added for a \$4.00 monthly charge. Mr. Wagner said he is ready to move forward on this after three readings and giving the community an opportunity to comment. He said he is a big recycler and has worked out how to manage with every other week pickup. Mr. Minarcin said the finance committee looked at this several times and he encouraged passage. Mr. Staczek does not feel the savings is worth going to every other week recycling. Mr. Ruse said it comes down to cost. He said you can break down a lot of things to a few cents a day but we need to look at saving money and cost saving steps. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except Mr. Staczek who voted no. Motion carried 6-1.

Mr. Ruse asked when this would go into effect and was told by the Waste Management rep that the carts will be ordered and a brochure sent out before the carts are delivered to the residents. He said at the latest it should be the first of June. Mrs. Eckel asked the fire chief if the department still recycled cans for burn victims and was told yes. She said that is an additional source for recycling your cans. Mr. Wagner asked what will happen to the old recycling bins and was told they will be picked up on the last service day before the carts are delivered. Mr. Wagner asked if we have an ordinance for where the carts can be stored and was told no. Mr. Heban said he will work on and get something to council by the end of the week.

**#2015 – 07 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE POLICE VEHICLE THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Wagner said the police chief did a great job on negotiating the price for this vehicle. 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. Motion carried. 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.

**#2015 – 08 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Ruse 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 suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2015 - 09 - AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said these are updates to the municipal code to conform with changes with the state code. Mr. Heban said he had not yet reviewed and asked this be given a first reading only.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**#2015-01 - A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND ADDING THAT POLICY TO THE CITY OF ROSSFORD POLICY MANUAL. SECOND READING**

Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said this resolution came out of the zoning & technology committee and was vetted by all department heads. He said he has received no questions from anyone regarding this policy and in response to Mr. Marquette's question said the city administrator is the final arbiter on any decisions. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Minarcin appreciated tonight's meetings especially the street presentation in the committee of the whole meeting and said we will miss Mr. Ciecka.

Mr. Wagner said he too will miss Mr. Ciecka saying he did an excellent job and will be hard to replace.

Mr. Ruse said this was a very good night with a productive committee of the whole meeting and council meeting. He was glad that we have started to look at future planning.

Mr. Marquette said Mr. Ciecka's hire eleven years ago was very valuable to the city.

Mrs. Eckel offered her congratulation to the RHS girls bowling team for making the state tournament and to the Drama Club for being one of ten schools invited to perform in Columbus. She said it has been fun working with Mr. Ciecka and she appreciated everything he has done and taught her.

Mr. Oberdorf reiterated Mrs. Eckel on the Drama Club and said the current directors were involved way back when the late Harry Wilcox was the director. He gave him credit for getting this started and the current directors for carrying it forward. He said he expected Mr. Ciecka's retirement was coming and said he will be a difficult act to follow.

Mr. Staczek said Mr. Ciecka was a wonderful help to him and excellent mentor and he wishes him the best of luck. He said he appreciates all the work Waste Management did in working with council and told Chief Drouard the fire truck looks awesome. He is working with the Coast Guard on another safe boating course and will have a marina meeting when more information is available. He reminded boaters that payment for dock renewal needs to be in by March 21<sup>st</sup> if they want to keep the same dock.

### **AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Ken Szczesniak, 157 Windsor, thanked Mr. Ciecka for his service to the city saying he has been a valuable asset to the city. He wished him the best of luck and said he hopes he remains a part of the community.

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum, asked if there will be a prorated rate for weekly yard waste pickup if he only wants to use it for part of the eight month period. The Waste Management rep will check on that question.

Mayor Mackinnon had several students from St. Ursula and RHS attending the meeting for a government class introduce themselves.

*Mr. Staczek 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*