

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held March 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Neil Mackinnon III, and 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 24, 2014. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of March 10, 2014 was presented to council. Appointment of Fire Chief and committee report from Recreation were added to the agenda. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHIEF

Mayor Mackinnon asked council to accept his appointment of Josh Drouard as our next fire chief. Mr. Wagner moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to accept the Mayor's appointment of Josh Drouard as Rossford Fire Chief. All ayes. Motion carried. At this time Mayor Mackinnon gave the oath and swore in Mr. Drouard as fire chief. The mayor also gave the oath and swore in Ryan Stautzenbach as Assistant Chief.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation committee minutes from February 20th were presented by Mr. Oberdorf (see written report).

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka handed out a general information binder/handbook for city council which includes the city charter, council rules, and information on the role of council. He said he will update as new things develop. He reminded council of the Wood County Economic Development annual dinner to be held on March 19th and said he has reserved a table for the city. He also noted that the RBA Business Fair will be held March 22nd and the city will have two tables to be manned by department heads, city staff, and council members.

Mayor Mackinnon encouraged everyone to attend the WCED annual dinner, said he had attended the funeral of former Rossford basketball coach Mike Heck and sends his condolences to the family, and congratulated Josh Drouard on being our next fire chief.

CORRESPONDENCE

Three items of correspondence were presented to council 1) a Thank You card from the family of James Staczek, 2) a notice of licensing fee distribution for VFW liquor permit, and 3) a notice of request for transfer of liquor permit from Bock's Bar to Billy V's. Council did not request a hearing on the transfer request.

ORDINANCES

#2014 -05 - 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 this is a housekeeping ordinance that keeps our ordinances up to date and amends sections of the municipal code to keep our code in sync with the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Heban said this had been reviewed by the city prosecutor and all changes were found to be acceptable. Mr. Staczek said this is the first time he has seen this and questioned some of the changes to the code and their effect on our constituents. Mr. Heban said we do this annually and is necessary so the city criminal and traffic codes conform to the Ohio Revised Code which is what our police officers generally cite under. Mr. Staczek accepted his explanation saying that we really have no choice. Mr. Oberdorf 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. 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.

#2014 – 06 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ROSSFORD CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said that council had first authorized this agreement in 2010, renewed for one year in 2012, and that the agreement expired in October of 2013. This ordinance would enter us into a similar agreement for two years with an option for a one year renewal. He thinks that the bureau is doing a good job representing the city. He added that we are required to have 25% of the 6% hotel/motel tax go to a CVB. Mr. Minarcin asked if there were any major changes from the previous agreement and Mr. Ciecka responded that the initial agreement had a \$90,000 payment to the CVB from funds that had built up over several years that will not happen this time. Mr. Marquette 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. 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.

#2014 -07 - AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, TO COOPERATE WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE STATE ROUTE 795 AND CLARK DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Chief Goss said that about a year ago concerns about the number of auto accidents occurring at the 795/Crossroads intersection were raised and that these improvements will make the intersection much safer. Mr. Ciecka said that ODOT found some additional safety money in their budget and will be paying 100% of the cost unless we make changes. He said this agreement will allow them to make the safety changes. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and Annette Plikerd, 905 Schreier Rd. asked if the changes will affect Clark Drive. Mr. Ciecka said the changes will affect the entire intersection but Chief Goss added that the changes will primarily be changes to the electronic signals and timing. 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.

RESOLUTIONS

None

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Ruse thanked Mr. Ciecka and everyone involved in putting together the council handbook. He offered his apology for the delay in getting Ordinance 2014-06 to council saying the expiration of the prior agreement happened just after Mike Scott resigned from council and he was appointed to replace him on the CVB.

Mr. Wagner said that the public safety committee had met tonight and he will have a copy of the quote from Burgess for the rehab of the life squad for the next council meeting.

Mr. Minarcin also offered his thanks for the council handbook and offered his congratulations to Mr. Drouard saying his parents would be proud of him and that the mayor made a good choice.

Mr. Staczek asked for an update of the house on Schreier Rd. and was told by Mr. Ciecka that it will be demolished this spring along with a house on Oak St. on which demolition has already started. Mr. Staczek also said that with the 100th anniversary coming up of the United States entry into World War I that we should look at moving the monuments at each end of the boulevard to a more visible location.

Mr. Oberdorf congratulated both Mr. Drouard and Mr. Stautzenbach on their selection as chief and assistant chief respectively. He said he witnessed Mr. Drouards passion for firefighting many years ago and knew he would be a fire chief someday.

Mrs. Eckel said she is glad to see the Oak St. house coming down, offered her congratulations to Mr. Drouard, and thanked Mr. Ciecka for the council handbook. Mr. Ciecka said thanks should go to Elaine Bishop who put this handbook together.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Bob Densic, 107 Birch Dr. thanked Mr. Staczek for asking questions about #2014-05 and thanked Mr. Ruse for his comments last week regarding committees and the need for committee reports to be posted on the website.

Chief Goss talked about the Kevlar for K-9's program and said you can check the police department Facebook page for more information. Mrs. Eckel said that Indian Hills school is collecting Legos for Gavin. Mr. Marquette said that the zoning & technology committee is looking at revising the city website.

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

*Neil Mackinnon, III
Mayor*

*Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council*