

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held March 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 February 25, 2013. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of March 11, 2013 was presented to council. Committee reports from Recreation, Zoning, Public Safety, and Facilities 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. Duricek presented the City Facilities, Parks, and Marina report from February 18, 2013 (see written report). Mrs. Eckel asked if the Chautauqua committee will provide restrooms for the event and was told by Mr. Scott they will. Mr. Scott said that they may need city help in cleaning up after the event is over. Mr. Ruse noted that putting ladders on the marina walls may invite people to jump in the water.

Mr. Marquette presented the Zoning Regulations and Technology committee report from February 18, 2013 (see written report). Mrs. Eckel asked if zoning changes were discussed regarding accessory structures and Mr. Marquette said yes. He said part of the problem is the materials used such as those used for the Sharp's pole barn and said they have also discussed size of accessory structures as a percentage of the main structure. Mrs. Eckel agreed she would like to see the accessory structure footprint smaller than the main structure. Mr. Oberdorf said he hopes the situation with the Sharp property has been resolved and that the city shares part of the blame for that as did not update our zoning code to handle situations like this. He said we certainly have property situations worse than the Sharp property.

Mr. Staczek said he will present the Public Safety and Health committee report at the next meeting.

Mr. Oberdorf gave a verbal report for the Recreation committee meeting of February 21, 2013.

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Ciecka drew council's attention to House Bill #5 which deals with municipal tax and uniformity efforts. He will have a position paper prepared by municipalities in the southwest part of the state available for council to review. One of the changes proposed would tax lottery winnings in the city where the ticket was bought, not where the winner lives. He said that the turnpike bill is also moving forward and that TMACOG has put together a staff report for their executive committee to review and vote on. This bill would allow the state to borrow \$1.5billion against the turnpike revenue for any road projects. Mr. Scott asked the status of HB5 and was told that the house may be taking up shortly and if passed would go to the senate.

Mayor Mackinnon noted the deaths of Bonnie Gwozdz and Margie Lonchyna and offered his sympathies to the families.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

One item of correspondence from the Ohio Department of Commerce/Division of Liquor Control was presented to council regarding objections to renewal of liquor licenses. A letter from a resident regarding the railroad crossing at Pilkington was read to council.

**ORDINANCES**

**#2013-09 – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM CLEMANS, NELSON & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO UPDATE THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said he had met with a representative from Clemans last week to review their proposal and that they think it will take two to three months to complete the project. He suggested amending the ordinance to cap the fee at \$8,000. Mr. Staczek asked if there was any reason we could not do this ourselves and Mr. Heban said that even if his firm worked on this it would probably cost more since updating from 1982.

*Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to amend Ordinance #2013-09 to cap the fee at \$8,000.*

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 Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2013-11 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE WOOD COUNTY ENGINEER AND PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP IN THE BUCK ROAD AND LIME CITY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Ray Huber, Wood County engineer, said he was dismayed and disappointed in Rossford and those who represent the city. He has worked on this project since 2006 and that last summer Rossford voted not to support two roundabouts and after that his office ordered new traffic counts that were done through his office and using his consultant. These came back significantly less than the original projections (30% less) which may lead to a lesser project. He said the four stakeholders are Wood County, Perrysburg Township, Penta, and Rossford and he is upset that Rossford on its own ordered weekend traffic counts and feels that he has been broadsided. If Rossford wants to take over the lead for the project that's fine but tell him. He is disappointed and does not know where the breakdown in communication happened. Mayor Mackinnon said this is all news to him and that he thought the stakeholders were working together. Mr. Ruse said he thought this cooperation agreement is what Mr. Huber wanted and that at the last meeting Rossford stated they were doing these traffic counts and is confused by this misunderstanding. Mr. Marquette said he appreciates Mr. Huber's efforts in this whole process and he is glad this was voted down previously as it appears if it had went forward as originally planned it would have cost money we did not need to spend. Mr. Huber again said he was upset about the consultant that was hired to do the traffic count as he never heard of him. Mayor Mackinnon said that in the future if Mr. Huber has a problem please call him directly. Mr. Ruse said that at the meeting they said this was a good faith gesture to the group on the part of the city and the city came to the meeting to convey that. Mr. Huber said he is pretty upset by the whole situation. Mr. Staczek said he has confidence in Mr. Ruse attending the stakeholder meetings but he has never received any notification inviting him to any of these meetings. This was given a second reading only.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**#2013-06 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF GERALD ANTHONY TO THE RECREATION BOARD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf 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. Motion carried. 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.

**#2013 – 07 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JAMES RICHARDS TO THE TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (TARTA); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel asked what happened to our previous representative Mr. Szilayge and Mr. Ciecka said his appointment was up. Mr. Scott said the TARTA ad hoc committee has been discussing having a council member take this position in order to have better communication with council. He would like legal to look at to see if this is possible. He said he has no problem with Mr. Richards but that it is more an issue of continuity and the tenor of council. Mr. Oberdorf said he also has no problem with Mr. Richards but the ad hoc committee had talked about whether it was legally possible to have a member of the committee serve in this position. He said this would make for a smoother liaison and would like to examine this further. Mr. Ruse suggested we look to see who makes up the membership of the TARTA board now. This was given a first reading only.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Ruse said the Finance committee will meet on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm and that the report from that meeting and their meeting tonight will be presented at the next council meeting. They will be reviewing HB5 at this meeting. He also had two students from Notre Dame Academy who are working on a government project introduce themselves to council.

Mr. Staczek offered his condolences to the Lonchyna family and said the two Lucas Chest Compressors had been received. Chief Goss said Wales Rd. between Glenwood and Jenison Drive will be closed for several days for a sewer project.

Mrs. Eckel said the construction project on Bergin St. looks like it was clean job and saw some trees were removed. Mr.

Ciecka said these will be replaced. She said Glenwood Rd. continues to sink and we may need to get together with Mr.

Fredrickson as to the requirements for replacing this. Mr. Ciecka said the current problem is caused by settling at the service connections from the Santus Rd. line and until the asphalt plants reopen we can only continue to cold patch.

**AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Brenda Hagman, 155 Windsor Drive, said she just received her water bill and had questions about the charges which Mr. Greiner from NWWSD did not answer. Mr. Scott asked for a copy of her bill and said he would follow-up.

Steve Vedra, 170 Hannum, asked about the railroad tracks at Pilkington and was told by the mayor that this will be done this year. Mr. Vedra also commented that the school districts that participate in Penta should help pay for the roundabout.

Barb Weir, 1252 Grassy Ct., said the traffic signals on that Crossroads/Bass Pro are not working correctly. Mr. Ciecka said this will be investigated.

Ray Huber, Wood County Engineer, asked for a copy of the ordinance referencing the cooperation agreement and said that Bates Rd. will be closing at the end of May to replace the bridge at Bates/Buck Rd.  
Jim Ratty, 630 Bruns, said he went to NWWSD and found out that the monthly minimum charge is \$48.00 plus usage charges.

*Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Oberdorf 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*