

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held March 12, 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 February 27, 2012. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of March 12, 2012 was presented to council. Committee reports from Finance & Insurance and TARTA special committee were added to the agenda. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance committee report from February 27th was presented by Mr. Ruse (see written report). Mrs. Eckel asked why the storm water fund was being eliminated and was told by Mrs. Freeman that under the ORC this fund money needs to be in the general fund as does not have sufficient revenue stream to keep as a separate fund. TARTA special committee report was presented by Mr. Scott who said that since the last council meeting our legal person has looked at the contract with the consultant and made a couple of changes.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to accept the committee reports as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka reminded everyone that the annual customer meeting of the NWWSD will be held on March 15th at the Holiday Inn in Perrysburg at 7:00pm and is an opportunity to talk to representatives of NWWSD. He asked council to let him know if they planned to attend the WCED dinner and annual meeting on March 21st. He also noted that some of the new streetlights are now operating.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2012 – 18 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INTER GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM USE AGREEMENT WITH LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is an agreement with Lucas County that will give us access to their 800 megahertz radio system and will be used by our police and fire departments. This will give us the ability to interact with other metro units that are going to the 800 system. The federal government has set a deadline for going to narrow bandwidth by January, 2013 and would require major changes to our infrastructure and not solve the interoperability problem. The 800 system is a unique way of solving a common problem in NW Ohio. This ordinance is being recommended by the administration and the cost will be \$8100 annually to be part of the system which has been recommended by both chiefs. Mr. Ciecka said we would go on the system late summer. Mr. Marquette asked if Lucas County is our only option and Mr. Ciecka said no, that we could maintain our own system but it would still be outdated with no other alternative. Chief Verbosky said that Wood County did a comprehensive study and recommended that all of Wood County go to the 800 system. The Chief said that Lucas County will own the system and we pay to use it. Mrs. Eckel asked who else is joining from our area and was told by Chief Goss that Northwood, Walbridge, Lake and Perrysburg Townships are all joining. Chief Verbosky said that the reception is great with no static and no dead spots with this system. Mr. Ruse said the Ohio Highway Patrol also used the 800 system. Chief Verbosky said it also includes several secure encryption channels that prevent listening by scanners. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and John Folcik, 215 Hannum Ave. asked if there was an additional cost for dispatching services and was told no, that it was included in the cost. Steve Vedra, 170 Hannum said this is a good idea and is a real good system with crystal clear reception. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2012 – 19 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 2011-55 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 is a housekeeping ordinance involving the FEMA grant to the fire department last year and represents the unspent portion from last year of the local match. The money was still in the fund but became unappropriated at the end of the fiscal year and needs to be reappropriated. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and Bob Densic, 107 Birch, asked what the value of this was and was told \$3,247. 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.

At this time Mr. Marquette moved to take **Ordinance #2011-57** off the table which was seconded by Mr. Oberdorf. Mr. Ruse said he is still trying to schedule a meeting with TMACOG to discuss this and hopes to schedule this in the near future with all interested parties. Mr. Marquette said that in talking to the community and other council people he is ready to vote on this. He does not see anything that will change his mind. Mr. Ruse disagreed with the clerk as to having discussion on this before voting on the motion to take off the table. Mrs. Eckel asked if this has been read three times and was told by the clerk it had. Mrs. Eckel asked if further meeting with TMACOG will talk about the same things. Mr. Ruse said it will be a thorough review and could include changes. Vote on the motion to take Ordinance #2011-57 off the table was Marquette, Oberdorf, Staczek, Duricek aye. Eckel, Scott, Ruse no. Motion passed 4-3. Mr. Scott thinks voting on this now is premature based on the prior work that has went into this and if further discussions are to take place. He said voting this down and coming back with another ordinance will cost the city time and money and will impact the discussions with the other parties. Mr. Staczek said he agreed with Mr. Scott but he does not believe the other parties have any intention to come up with another plan or any further money. Mrs. Eckel said if the other parties were not interested in making changes they would not be willing to meet again and voting tonight would be premature. Mr. Duricek said he understands all that but from what he has heard in the community we need to send a message that we are not going to participate in this roundabout and go back to the original plan of a couple of turn lanes. He agrees something needs to be done with this intersection just not a \$5.2 million roundabout. Mr. Oberdorf agreed this has been going on for some time but said he is not ready to spend citizen's money on a roundabout as after talking to several engineer friends he is not sold on the benefits of the roundabout versus the cost to Rossford. Mrs. Eckel said a no vote tonight is a no vote on any improvement to the intersection and sends a bad message to the other participants. Mr. Ruse said he has only had three months to work on this as a councilman when the city has had seven years to work on this. He is asking for time to work on this to find some way of keeping the grant funds and voting now is telling the group we are walking away from it. He said you have had seven years and he is asking for a couple of weeks. Mr. Duricek asked the clerk to read the title and first section of the ordinance as he said we don't want to kill an improvement at the intersection but just a roundabout. The clerk read the title and section 1 and pointed out this had been read on Nov. 14, Nov. 28, and Dec. 12 of 2011 at which time it was tabled for 90 days. Mr. Duricek said voting this ordinance down tonight only kills the roundabout. Mr. Ruse believes that voting this down tonight will cause the loss of the funding. Mr. Marquette said he has been on council for 16 years and the only time this has been discussed officially was the three dates the clerk just stated. Mr. Marquette said it is absurd that the citizens of Rossford are going to spend money on a roundabout to benefit Penta and that he has been asking for a police officer to be out there just to see what kind of impact that would have. He said he lives right there and drives that intersection every morning and would like to see how a traffic officer would effect that intersection. He also said his vote no on #2011-57 does not mean he will not listen to TMACOG or the other partners on other alternatives. Mrs. Eckel said she understand Mr. Ruse has only had three months and understands the desire to not have a roundabout but feels saying no to this ordinance will cause a lot more problems. She said we owe it to the people setting this up to listen to any new ideas before we vote on this. Mr. Staczek said approving this will affect our own road projects for the next three years. He would not approve of a Rossford police officer directing traffic out there since we did not create the problem. He said he has never seen anyone from the township or Penta here to present their case. Mayor Mackinnon said he is not for the roundabout and feels those funds need to be used to fix our streets. He said in knocking on doors during his election campaign what he heard from citizens was that fixing streets was the number one priority. He said he would veto this if it was approved by council today but he does not see any harm in giving Mr. Ruse two or four weeks to work on this further. Mr. Marquette said it will not change the way he feels but he does not see the harm in giving Mr. Ruse some time. Mr. Ruse said he knows the intersection needs improvement and would like to see it done with the majority of money not coming from Rossford. Mr. Marquette said we are a team working for the citizens and feels a couple of weeks more is no problem. Mr. Scott moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to table #2011-57 for an indefinite

period. Vote on the motion was Scott, Ruse, Marquette, Eckel, and Staczek aye. Oberdorf and Duricek no. Motion passed 5-2.

RESOLUTIONS

#2012 -08 - A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AND DEBT POLICIES, RESOLUTION 2010-23 AND RESOLUTION 2006-16.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is recommended by the finance committee. 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 adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Duricek said that Mr. Jones and his crew have been getting the wall docks in and are working on the floating docks. Mr. Jones said he was given a price of \$96,000 for removing the pipes.

Mr. Scott suggested that in view of citizen complaints regarding water bills that NWWSD, the city administration, and public works department do a write up for citizens to help them understand the reasons for water increases and post it in the Rossford Record, on the website, and have available as a hard copy handout.

Mr. Ruse hoped that the water bills would be part of the discussion at the NWWSD annual customer meeting. He then asked Mr. Heban to elaborate on his memo regarding voting methods of council. Mr. Heban said that council can expedite their voting procedure by going to voice vote. Only if any member of council or the clerk is unclear on the results of the voice vote than an individual vote can be asked for. Mayor Mackinnon said he thinks we need to be transparent and record individual votes. Mr. Ruse said he was thinking of using in areas like approving minutes and the agenda. Clerk of Council noted that as the result of an audit of the RTID they are required to record individual votes. Mr. Heban said he is not advocating either way but that council rules do allow council to use voice vote if they so choose.

Mrs. Eckel asked when Waste Management will start yard waste pickup and Mr. Ciecka said he thinks first week of April. She asked when the city brush pickup will take place and Mr. Jones said the last full week in April. She also congratulated the Girl Scouts on their 100th Anniversary.

Mr. Staczek thanked council for excusing him at the last meeting, asked Mr. Ruse to tell those parties at the TMACOG meeting regarding the roundabout that our patience is wearing thin, asked that we better enforce the cleanup of the mud in the road at the Glenwood Rd. dumpsite, and told council about seeing a channel in his hotel in N. Carolina that advertised what there is to do in town and suggested we see if our hotels could do something similar.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Paul Nawrocki asked if Hillside Drive will be getting sewers on both ends and whether a new street and storm sewers is part of the project. Mrs. Eckel said that right now only the west side of Colony Rd. will get them and that only the sanitary sewers are part of the project. He also asked about flashing lights for the school zones on Glenwood Rd. and other school zones. Mrs. Eckel said this is part of the Safe Route to Schools plan and that All Saints School needs substantial upgrades such as a pedestrian bridge which exceeded the dollar amount of this grant but could be part of a second grant application. Mr. Nawrocki also said that he was passed in a school zone on a double yellow line. Chief Goss said that he has had officers in school zones quite often this year.

Moe Minarcin, 220 Jennings asked if the new school zone light will be solar and programmed to not flash when school is not in sessions. Chief Goss answered yes to both questions.

Steve Vedra, 170 Hannum, said the roundabout is a waste of money and brought a piece of Hannum Ave. that ended up in his front lawn to demonstrate that streets in the city need to be fixed.

Aaron Thompson, 998 Dixie said that the officer that sits at BP every morning could be used to direct traffic.

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum, asked if NWWSD will come back and repair the yards they have torn up and was told by Mr. Jones that we will repair and be paid by NWWSD for doing.

Bob Densic, 107 Birch Dr. said the planning commission will be meeting Wednesday to review accessory structure issues. He also said that he has lost confidence in NWWSD seeing his water bill go from \$130 to \$330 in one quarter and that they need to come here and mend some fences. He said that the TMACOG grant money for the roundabout is still all our tax money.

Moe Minarcin, 220 Jennings, asked if the TMACOG grant can only be used for a roundabout and was told yes.

Steve Vedra, 170 Hannum, said compared the roundabout to the bridge to nowhere.

Wendell Charles, 106 Cove Lane, said he has to problem with the current Buck/Lime City intersection and that he goes through several times a day and said he previously lived in a town with a roundabout and compared it to throwing a deck of cards into the air.

Ken Szczesniak, 157 Windsor, asked Chief Goss how many accidents have occurred at the Buck/Lime City intersection in the last 12 months and whether it is more or less than other intersections. He also said why fix something that is not broken for the convenience of Penta students and faculty and that if there is a problem with public safety and accidents it should be defined as that. Chief Goss said he would have to check to get accurate numbers and also said he could not guarantee an officer at that intersection at all times.

Mayor Mackinnon said he would veto the legislation that would spend \$500,000 there and not on our own streets. Dave Jones asked how much money the city spent at the Buck/Glenwood intersection and the Buck Rd. overpass and was told by Mr. Ciecka over \$1million which we are still paying off.

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

Neil Mackinnon, III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council

