

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held March 23, 2015

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

ROLL CALL: Staczek, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, and Minarcin all present. Mr. Ruse is on his way and Mr. Minarcin moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Wagner who is ill. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of March 9, 2015. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried. Approval of Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of March 9, 2015. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of March 23, 2015 was presented to council. Committee report from Public Works was added to the agenda. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Eckel gave a brief verbal report on the Public Works committee. Mr. Ruse and she had met with Mr. Williams of Mannik & Smith and afterwards decided that the committee would like to recommend that council proceed with Alternative #2 for the Lime City/Colony/SR65 improvement project. Mr. Minarcin asked when the road study map was started and how roads are graded. Mrs. Eckel said the road study began in 2013 and Mr. Kolb said the road grades are determined by using a checklist provided by TMACOG and Mannik & Smith. Mrs. Eckel said that unfortunately roads are so bad we have a number of roads with the same grade. Mr. Staczek said he is still awaiting a detailed map on the Alt. #2 project as he wants more detail on the properties affected and said he feels the city should share some responsibility for infringing on the right of way. He asked if the proposed bike route can be changed to a sidewalk as he does not want something that close to the road for kids and Mrs. Eckel said the bike route is in the right of way and not adjacent to the road.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka said the renewal deadline for the marina was March 21st and as of that date 125 boat slips were rented with 68 open slots. He said the city will have a booth at the RBA Fair to be held March 28th and asked councilman to participate in manning the booth. He noted that a meeting of the stakeholders on the Buck Rd. /Lime City Rd. project will be held Thursday the 26th now that the federal funds grant has been renewed. He said the county engineer would like a recommitment from each stakeholder on their financial commitment. He reiterated that this project began in 2005 with the awarding of federal funds, planning process, detailed designs, but that eventually Rossford city council could not agree on the city share of the project. Later a traffic study was done and the project downsized based on traffic counts and the county engineer now wants a recommitment before pursuing final designs. He said that the city did commit to up to \$400,000 in 2013 toward paying the 20% of local funds needed for the grant. Mr. Marquette asked if the initial commitment of up to \$400,000 would be less now that the anticipated total cost is less. Mr. Ciecka said that the initial commitment would remain as it is a not to exceed amount. Mr. Marquette said he would like to see how this affects that corner specifically McDonalds and was told by Mr. Ciecka that renditions are available to view. Mrs. Eckel said that the county engineer wants a commitment from all parties before final design is authorized. *Mr. Ruse entered the meeting at this time.* Mr. Minarcin said we are the only stakeholder that has not reaffirmed their commitment. Mr. Oberdorf said council had previously committed and we should move on.

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to reaffirm our commitment of up to \$400,000 for the Buck/Lime City Rd. project. Minarcin, Ruse, Eckel, Oberdorf aye; Marquette, Staczek nay. Motion carries 4-2.

Mayor Mackinnon said he had invited two people tonight to talk about the feral cat problem. Aimee St. Arnaud of Humane Ohio suggested that council consider an alternate proposal before voting on legislation. She then explained the logic behind the catch, fix, and release program. She suggested that the city work with Humane Ohio and the Wood County Humane Society by providing them with the complaints and letting them try to mediate with the complainants. They will loan out traps and assist in trapping. They also have a grant for 300 free spay/neuter and after that would charge \$5 per. She said to just stop feeding feral cats is cruel and even if the city banned feeding you would still have people feeding. Leyna Jennings from the Wood County Humane Society said they recently received a grant for 200 cats to be fixed and that they would pick up trapped cats. Ms. Arnaud said they had reduced the number of feral cats in Lucas County by 40%. Mr. Oberdorf said he thinks this is a fantastic opportunity and the best and most logical choice. Mr. Minarcin said that feral cats will still be in the neighborhood even after being captured and fixed. Ms. Arnaud said that friendly cats will be adopted if possible and the rest will be returned to the original site. However because of being fixed they will not be spraying or as much fighting among male cats plus there will not be new litters being born. Ms. Jennings she said that Jerry City had 40 feral cats which they trapped and euthanized and now they have more feral cats because other feral cats just take over the territory. She says fixing cats and returning them is better as there are no new cats being introduced plus no rabies etc. Mr. Staczek said he does not like that mean cats are returned to the neighborhood and says using scents just pushes the problem onto the neighbor. He would rather they be trapped and euthanized. Ms. Arnaud said you would have to pay for euthanizing the cats and their program is free plus if cats are removed than unaltered cats just fill the void. Mr. Marquette said he applauds their interest and asked if the feral cats are inspected before being released. Ms. Arnaud said that they are and sick cats are not returned and that all cats are vaccinated for rabies. Mrs. Eckel asked about the cats on porches and Ms. Jennings said these are usually friendly cats that they try to get to rescue organizations for adoption. Ms. Arnaud said they will work with the residents. Mr. Ruse said this is the best program we have heard so far and while it may not solve everything it will help. He said the best advice was what he had received from his Dad – “stay out of cats”. Ms. Jennings said feeding the cats does reduce the destruction they could cause and Ms. Arnaud said to give them a chance first before passing legislation. Chief Goss asked how we would work with their agencies and was told to contact them directly. Mrs. Eckel thinks this is a good program since she is not interested in killing cats. Mr. Staczek asked what had been the results in other places and Ms. Jennings said it was in the first year in Bowling Green and Ms. Arnaud said that Lucas County has seen a 40% reduction in intake of feral cats. Mr. Marquette asked that they meet with his committee this Wednesday at 5:30pm to have further discussion. A member of the audience Steve Serchuck said that Ms. Arnaud is considered a national expert of feral cats and that he himself has trapped 40 cats at Toledo Country Club and it took several years to clear up the problem.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council was informed of three pieces of correspondence 1) a notice regarding the deadline for liquor permit renewal objections 2) a notice of a public meeting regarding the draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, and 3) a thank you from the family of deceased Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins. At this time Mayor Mackinnon offered his condolences to the family of former Toledo Mayor Jack Ford.

ORDINANCES

#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. Heban asked this be given a second reading only.

#2015 – 10 - AN ORDINANCE ORDERING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AN ESTIMATE OF THE COST FOR THE COMPLETE RECONSTRUCTION OF COLONY ROAD FROM HILLSIDE DRIVE TO EAGLE POINT ROAD AND AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MANNIK SMITH GROUP CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said he has been working with the public works committee on this and that there will be storm sewer work on this street (catch basins) and improvements as done on Hillside Dr. He said the first step is to estimate the costs. Mrs. Eckel said due to time constraints we need to start the process now. Mrs. Eckel 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. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2015 – 11 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT) FOR THE SUMMER AND WINTER SALT CONTRACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said that ODOT is preparing to go out for bids on salt for the summer program which we need to do to repay Toledo for the 615 tons we borrowed from them this winter and which we will have delivered directly to Toledo and also for the winter program in which we can be plus or minus 10% of our estimate. Mr. Kolb estimates we will need 900 tons. Mr. Ruse said going through ODOT is a good program and he would support. Mr. Marquette asked if the use of brine decreased our use of salt and Mr. Kolb said that 15,000 gallons of brine saved us 150 tons of salt. Mr. Ruse moved and Mrs. Eckel 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 Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2015 – 12 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL AID IN “FIRE PROTECTION” SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF MAUMEE AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said this is favored by Chief Drouard and that we have done this before with other communities. Mr. Ciecka said this is needed due to the turnpike going to three lanes and reducing the size of the median turnarounds preventing fire equipment from making a U-turn to get to the east bound side. Maumee will cover east bound and we will cover west bound side. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek 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. Staczek 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.

RESOLUTIONS

None

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Minarcin said he is looking forward to construction action on the Glenwood Rd. bridge project.

Mr. Ruse said he attended last Friday's meeting of the TMACOG Transportation Summit and he will provide council with copies of the presentation.

Mr. Marquette asked if there had been any progress with the school board on improvements to the entrance to the Glenwood athletic complex. Mayor Mackinnon said he had met with Mr. Creps and Mr. Rossler on this last year and it is supposed to be worked on this spring. Mr. Minarcin what was the problem with the intersection and what are we trying to accomplish. Mr. Marquette said easier access is the goal. Mr. Ruse said the original site plan conditional approval was for improvements to be made to the intersections and it is clearly specified in the planning minutes. Mr. Marquette though a turn lane was going to be required. Mr. Ciecka said the second entrance was to be at least paved for a short distance.

Mrs. Eckel thanked the Wood County Economic Development committee for hosting their annual dinner, said the Rossford Beautification Committee will be meeting, that the RHS Drama Club will be holding an encore performance tomorrow night, and finally that she does not see any problem with allowing Humane Ohio and the Wood County Humane Society to try to resolve our feral cat problem.

Mr. Oberdorf said the RBA Business Fair will be March 28th and he also sees nothing to lose in trying the Humane Ohio program for feral cats and that he is disappointed we had a national authority here and we pretty much asked them to audition. Mr. Marquette said the only reason for asking them to attend his committee meeting was to formalize what we want them to do. He said we will need to educate our citizens on feral cats. Mr. Minarcin said this is a great opportunity for us.

Mr. Staczek said he does not know how successful Humane Ohio is but they are a viable option and thanked the Mayor for inviting them. He said the Marina committee will meet on 3/25 at 5:00pm.

Mr. Ruse asked how the ice jams affected our marina and Mr. Kolb said we only have one ramp to repair.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave. asked Chief Goss about the number of suspicious vehicle calls he has seen in the police report and wondered if we are arresting people and issuing citations. He asked if this is something we should be aware of. Chief Goss said all of the above is and should occur but it is not a major issue and the number showing on the report could be due to our change in dispatching. Mr. Appelhans also asked if the bike path on Lime City Rd. could be put on hold until the area south of the bridge is done and Mrs. Eckel said funding wise it cannot be delayed but that time wise they should be fairly close.

Paul Laubenthal, 1234 Dixie, said he had talked to Aimee St. Arnaud and that Humane Ohio would wait to trap cats until the weather warms up as the cats are shaved in order to spay/neuter.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to go into executive session for the discussion of a personnel matter. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to return to regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

*Neil Mackinnon III
Mayor*

*Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council*