

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held March 24, 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 March 10, 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 24, 2014 was presented to council. Committee reports from City Facilities, Parks & Marina, Zoning & Technology, and a verbal report from Public Works were added to the agenda. Mr. Ruse moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety committee minutes from March 10th were presented by Mr. Wagner (see written report).

Zoning & Technology committee minutes from March 10th were presented by Mr. Marquette (see written). Mr. Staczek asked if Mr. Heban had looked at getting Pilkington to fix the railroad tracks as requested and Mr. Heban responded that he had and that the city cannot force them to repair the tracks but need a request from the Ohio Director of Transportation as this is a state route and they have held off pursuing that avenue pending direction from council. Mr. Ruse asked Mr. Ciecka if he had heard back from the Ohio Rail Development Commission and Mr. Ciecka said they had made a site visit but he has not heard anything since. Mr. Ruse asked that he follow up with them. Mr. Staczek said he does not see how we can enforce sidewalk repairs when our own streets are in such bad shape and we have bad houses that need to be torn down. Mr. Minarcin asked if any sidewalk notices had been sent and was told no.

City Facilities, Parks & Marina committee minutes from March 10th were presented by Mr. Staczek (see written report).

A verbal report from Public Works was given by Mrs. Eckel who said the committee has met with NWWSD regarding a master plan and mentioned that one item of concern is at Colony Rd./Hillside Dr. She said the committee has interviewed engineering firms and is reviewing references at this time, received a list of vehicles and the cost to replace from Mr. Kolb and will have further discussion on this topic, and had done a preliminary review for Hillside Dr. west of Colony Rd.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka reported that Mr. Kovasevic had been notified of the award of a 2014 grant that will be used for recreational equipment. He said he has been in discussions with Penta and Habitat for Humanity on the possibility of Penta building a home with Habitat and also a possible rehab of a home being done by Penta in recognition of their 50th anniversary.

Mayor Mackinnon introduced Gina Wasserman as the new prosecutor for the City of Rossford and then had Fire Chief Drouard introduce the newly appointed officers for the fire department.

The mayor notified council that a February 18th nuisance abatement agreement between the city and Louis Bauer regarding 545 Glenwood Rd. had not met the deadline and that the property was demolished today. He said he was notified this previous Friday that Giant Eagle at the Crossroads will be closing and he immediately called Ramco who said they are already working on filling the space.

CORRESPONDENCE

Notice to Legislative Authorities regarding Liquor Permit Renewal Objections was read to council.

ORDINANCES

#2014 -08 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT WITH THE BOARD OF WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO FURNISH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is required by the ORC and that we have doing this for a number of years with Wood County Emergency Management and this is a renewal of an existing agreement. The cost is based on population and is .50 cents per person based on the 2010 census. The cost will be \$3,146 and he thinks it is a good move to continue on with them as it would be far costlier if we took on this ourselves. He recommends we continue this relationship. Mr. Oberdorf 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. 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 – 09 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RE-MOUNT OF THE 2007 AMBULANCE THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Wagner said the cost of a new ambulance would be over \$200,000 and this option allows us to put the old box on a new chassis at a cost of \$88,000. The old chassis has had numerous maintenance failures is the subject of a class action suit. Mr. Wagner 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. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2014 – 10 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT) FOR THE 2014 -2015 WINTER SEASON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said that ODOT has opened up bidding to area communities for the last five years as the best way of getting competitive pricing. The bidding time has been moved up by ODOT due to the previous winter. The city will be asking for 1100 tons to add to the 250 tons remaining from this season. Mr. Wagner asked why we were requesting 1100 tons and Mr. Kolb responded that we typically budget for 1250 tons so this will bring us slightly above that level. Mr. Marquette asked how the brine worked this winter and how much salt we use in one pass through the city. Mr. Kolb said the brine saved us from plowing and salting right away and that we use 18 tons of salt on one pass through the city. Mr. Ciecka said our salt usage has been reduced by modifying our usage to intersections, hills, and curves. Mr. Oberdorf 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. 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 -11 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, LAKE TOWNSHIP AND THE VILLAGE OF WALBRIDGE CONCERNING A COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this topic was mentioned in the Public Safety committee report and has been discussed for a number of years. He is asking for a first reading of this as we drafted this agreement and he wants the other communities to have a chance to review. Mr. Staczek asked about the length of the agreement and Mr. Ciecka responded that there is an out clause allowing withdrawal at any time. He noted though that we would have to find another dispatch service. This was given a first reading only.

#2014-12 - AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DONATIONS AND MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE EXPENSE APPROPRIATION FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2013-63.

Mr. Ruse moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said that both the police and fire departments had received a donation from the Rossford Eagles and that this ordinance will allow us to accept the donation and allow the use for supplies and community promotion. Chief Goss said the police will use it for Safety Town and Mayor Mackinnon thanked the Eagles for their donation. 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. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2014-13 – AN ORDINANCE FOR EXPENDING FUNDS FROM THE POLICE UNIFORM ACCRUAL ACCOUNT, A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AND AMENDING THE FY2014 BUDGET ORDINANCE 2013-63; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the contract the city has with police provided an escrow account for officers to purchase uniforms. The 2014 budget did not allow for uniform purchases but some officers will be drawing on the escrow account this year. 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 Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Wagner moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

None

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Minarcin said he had talked to Mayor Mackinnon and learned about the grant received in the amount of \$150,000 for shared services and said this is exciting news.

Mr. Wagner thanked everyone involved in the nuisance abatement that took place today and said Rossford will be better for it.

Mr. Ruse said that the Public Works committee will soon be discussing assessments for roadway improvements and what direction to follow. He also said legislation may be coming forward to ensure proper traffic safety and road repairs after roads are torn up for improvements to water, sewer, and gas lines. He said he likes the idea of a matrix for tracking things mentioned by council and the follow-up. He introduced three students from Notre Dame Academy who are

here as part of their government class. Mayor Mackinnon asked them to come forward and introduce themselves – Taylor Ross, Jane Duncan, and Crystal Green.

Mr. Marquette asked if we require performance bonds from contractors and was told that is a requirement under the ORC. Mr. Ruse reminded everyone that the contractor on the Elm St. project was not ours but contracted by NWWSD and said it has been suggested to him that we get legislation in place that puts in place guidelines for proper restoration of areas that are disturbed.

Mrs. Eckel thanked the RBA for last weekend's event, and said the nuisance abatement on Glenwood is a victory for Rossford and makes the neighborhood a better place.

Mr. Oberdorf said he has noticed a number of cracks in the new pavement on Glenwood Rd., congratulated the RBA for the Business Fair on a superb job, asked Mr. Heban to elaborate about placing minutes on the website, and said that the nuisance abatement on Glenwood Rd. was due to a team effort but our mayor stood tough in this situation and the city will be better for this.

Mr. Heban said the drafts of the minutes and the tape are available immediately but the minutes are not placed on the website until approved by council. We can put the minutes on sooner but it would require an asterisk saying it is only a draft council. Mr. Minarcin said the school board does not put the minutes on the web until approved but he thinks the committee reports should be on the website. Mrs. Eckel said she would like to see the minutes put on in draft copy and Mr. Heban said he will explore that with Mr. Appt. Mr. Staczek said it is wrong to put the committee reports on the web until council has reviewed. Mr. Wagner said those committee meetings are public meetings and should go on as soon as possible. Mayor Mackinnon said we will work on this. Mr. Ruse said he just wanted to see committee minutes available as part of the package prepared for council on the weekend prior to the regular meeting.

Mr. Staczek asked for an update on the public works test and was told by Mr. Ciecka that the civil service commission met this week and will be engaging a firm to prepare the test. Mr. Staczek suggested that Mayor Mackinnon and Mr. Ciecka meet with Pilkington one more time to try and resolve the railroad crossing problem. He said he is working with the ODNR and the U.S. Coast Guard to set up a time for them to talk about working with us on the Maumee River and boating safety. Mayor Mackinnon noted that Pilkington will be getting a new president next week.

Mr. Oberdorf asked if anyone saw a need for a April Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to suspend with the April Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Bob Densic, 107 Birch Dr. said that the ADA criteria are for the difference in height from one sidewalk slab to another to be no more than ½ inch. He said the city needs to codify the requirements for roadway repairs, thanked Mr. Staczek for the marina safety updates, and thanked council for their discussion on posting of council minutes and committee reports. .

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

*Neil Mackinnon, III
Mayor*

*Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council*