

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held April 13, 2015

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of March 23, 2015. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of April 13, 2015 was presented to council. Committee reports from Zoning & Technology and Facilities, Parks & Marina were added to the agenda. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation committee report from March 23rd was presented by Mr. Oberdorf (see written report). Mayor Mackinnon said he had heard nothing but great things about the Easter Egg Hunt and complimented Mr. Kovacevic on doing a great job.

Zoning & Technology committee report from March 25th was presented by Mr. Marquette (see written report).

City Facilities, Parks, & Marina committee report from March 25th was presented by Mr. Staczek. Mr. Ruse said we had discussed new restroom facilities at Veterans Park a few years back and wondered where that stood and was told that Mr. Kovacevic is still developing the master plan.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka said he had met with NWWSD regarding the landscaping for the new pump station at Veterans Park and that NWWSD is going to develop a plan and take to the Tree Commission for approval. He said the Glenwood Rd. bridge project is going pretty well but we do have a concern with a storm drain adjacent to the bridge site which preceded the construction. There has been some obstruction in the tiles and are looking at various alternatives which may involve legislation. He also said he has had discussion with the Public Works committee regarding correspondence from the county engineer regarding the Buck Rd. /Lime City project. The administration will be responding with notice of council's intent to commit up to \$400,000 to the project and approving the allocation mode. Mr. Minarcin asked what is going to be done about access to the new pump station at Veterans Park and was told permeable pavers will be used which will allow grass to grow in between and create a more natural look.

Mayor Mackinnon said he would appreciate council's approval of his appointment of Mr. Scott as city administrator and listed his professional affiliations in the public sector. Mr. Staczek said he will vote for this resolution but wants it on the record that he is not happy with the process as he did not see one resume and would have preferred some vetting process rather than the Mayor asking council to trust him explicitly

Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to amend the agenda and add Resolution #2015-04. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Marquette said he did not see the pay scale addressed as discussed previously and that he has a problem paying a new person with no experience at this position at the same pay as Mr. Ciecka. Mr.

Oberdorf said he was sure that when the mayor talked to Mr. Scott it was with the understanding the pay would not change and it would not be right to lower it after the fact. Mr. Minarcin asked if the salary goes with the position and was told yes by Mr. Heban unless council chooses to change. Mayor Mackinnon asked that this be acted on at this time.

#2015-04 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL SCOTT AS CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested Bob Densic, 107 Birch Dr. asked if this was a permanent appointment or an interim. Mayor Mackinnon said that would depend on how Mr. Scott does between now and December 1 and whether Mr. Mackinnon is reelected in November as this is a mayoral appointment position. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Mackinnon then yielded the floor to Jackie Huffman, 26076 Thompson Rd. Perrysburg and a Rossford Bd. Of Education member who asked council for their support of the school operating levy on May 5th. She said our facilities are not new like so many of our area communities, said it will take everyone to keep Rossford a great place, and noted the support she herself received three years ago from the city and school upon the death of her son. She said Rossford is a great place to raise children and that if the levy fails we will see a lot more cuts. She asked that we support the community and the students by voting for the levy on May 5th.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council was informed of two pieces of correspondence 1) an invitation to the 2015 Legislative Breakfast Meeting on May 4th hosted by the Area Office on Aging and 2) annual customer meeting of the NWWSD on May 3rd.

ORDINANCES

#2015 - 09 - AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2015 – 13 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONVEY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE WOOD COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is property the city received as a result of an estate being unable to pay back a CHIP loan and the city received the property instead. The property was reviewed as a potential rehab project but not accepted. This ordinance will allow the transfer to the Wood County Port Authority who in turn will sell it to the adjacent neighbor. Mr. Ruse 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. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2015 – 02 - A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HUMANE OHIO ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette said it was determined that the city had three options –do nothing, trap and euthanize, or

trap and release which this resolution will support. This is not a fool proof method but has appeared to work best in other communities. Mr. Staczek said he will support this resolution though he does not think it will work. He said he had talked to people in Jerry City who had done the trap and euthanize program who say the only reason they stopped was due to public pressure. Mr. Ruse said this still does not address the neighbor's cat which comes into your yard. Mr. Minarcin said council still needs to address people who own cats and let them run loose. Mr. Marquette said that licensing of cats was too expensive of a program for the city and the county won't handle. Mr. Marquette 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. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2015-03 - A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PENDING ROSSFORD EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVY

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf said he is in favor of this at the same time he applauds the coalition for doing what they're doing to oppose. He said if we do not allow for differences of opinion than we are not a democratic society. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Mr. Staczek said he would abstain from voting on this resolution as the community elected him to council to represent everyone including those for or against the levy. He said he is not a member of the coalition but he thinks it is wrong to vote on this. He also cited information from a law firm in Columbus regarding a public body spending money to support or oppose a levy. Mr. Heban explained that that there is no money being spent by council to support or oppose this levy thus there is no conflict. Mr. Wagner said Mr. Staczek needs to take a stance and vote on this and not abstain. Mr. Minarcin again asked Mr. Staczek why he is abstaining and was told it is because he represents the entire community not half. Mr. Heban explained that council rules only allow someone to abstain by vote of council and only if there is a conflict of interest. Mr. Staczek withdrew his request to abstain at this time. Mr. Oberdorf understands Mr. Staczek's point but said sometimes we have to make decisions that are for the good of the entire city even if there are those who disagree. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. Oberdorf, Marquette, Ruse, Wagner, Minarcin aye. Staczek nay. Motion carried 5-1.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Minarcin the Sunoco station on Buck Rd. for its donation of \$2800 to the Rossford After-Prom. Mr. Wagner invited everyone to attend the RHS Drama Club production of "The Little Mermaid" which opens on April 16th and thanked Mr. Kovacevic and his committee for an excellent Easter Egg Hunt and for the maintenance done on the recreation center.

Mr. Oberdorf said the RBA did a great job on the Business Fair and noted that he had the opportunity to judge the God, Flag, and Country competition last Saturday and that everyone did a fantastic job. Mayor Mackinnon said that our Arbor Day ceremony will be April 24th and that the tree is already planted but there will be a plaque presented to the family of the late Kerry Keller.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jim Martis, Windsor Dr. complained about Windsor Drive being on the list of streets to be repaired. He said it does not have any potholes, just cracks that have been filled and the money could be better spent on other streets. Mayor Mackinnon agreed with Mr. Martis that we need curbs everywhere and that we do it right even if that means we take smaller portions of streets.

Judy Davenport, 304 Eagle Point Rd., said she checked and was told by the license bureau that cars in Ohio are required to have a front and back license plate and that the fine is \$90 if the front plate is missing. She said we need to enforce the law as there are at least twenty cars around her that are in

violation. She also said that the traffic pattern at Eagle Point School is not working and causing many problems. Chief Goss said they are working on a better route for traffic at Eagle Point.

Bob Densic, 107 Birch Dr. said he is very proud of the work that the Rossford Coalition is doing and hopes that we can all work together and said the workers crossing the street in front of Hunger are a traffic hazard and Chief Goss said he believes the TARTA bus is now pulling into the Hunger lot. Mr. Densic then informed council that they need to look at EPA standards for storm water management because they are opposed to curbs and gutters due to the collection of rainwater rather than allowing it to dissipate. He said there are other ways to extend the life of the road i.e. concrete edges rather than curbs.

Mayor Mackinnon asked the several high school students in the audience as part of government classes to come up and introduce themselves and describe their future plans. There was one student from Rossford and nine from Notre Dame Academy.

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

Neil Mackinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council