

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held April 23, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Neil Mackinnon III, and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Staczek, Oberdorf, Marquette, Ruse, and Duricek all present. Mrs. Eckel was expected shortly. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Scott. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of April 9, 2012. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eckel entered the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of April 23, 2012 was presented to council. Public Works, Public Safety & Health, and unfinished business were added to the agenda. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

At this time Mayor Mackinnon presented proclamations to the three junior high wrestlers who won league championships, and to the undefeated league champion 7th grade and 8th grade basketball teams.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety & Health committee report of April 16th was presented by Mr. Staczek (see written report). Public Works committee report of April 9th was presented by Mrs. Eckel (see written report). Mr. Marquette asked about the old streetlights and Mr. Mackinnon said he had talked to Toledo Edison and they had agreed to donate five of the used lights and poles to the Rossford Board of Education. Mr. Duricek said the drainage culverts on Valley Drive had been filled in by the residents and if we decided to not put in storm sewers because of cost would they be opened back up since they should never have been filled in. Mrs. Eckel said that is something that will be reviewed.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka reminded everyone if the public transit survey being conducted. He said that One Call Now is being used to remind residents to take part and that the preferred method to respond is online but that a paper option is also available. The Civil Service commission had met on April 16 and certified the list from the last police test, and also discussed the need to update civil service rules. He said he attended the TMACOG leadership retreat last week, that the RBA Street Banner committee had met, that the Phase II light project was proceeding and hopes to be completed by April 30th, and that Mr. Appt would like the school facilitator to meet with city council at a committee of the whole meeting.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to hold the May Committee of the Whole meeting on May 7th at 7:00 pm. to meet with the school facilitator. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ciecka said Mr. Jones and about twelve volunteers had met with the Partners for Clean Streams on Saturday and did some door knockers with a message about storm water and how we need to keep our streams clean and also said that council should have received a copy of a proposed internet café ordinance from Mr. Heban and that this needs to be reviewed by the appropriate council committee.

Mayor Mackinnon again congratulated the junior high wrestlers and basketball teams, said that about twenty people attended the meeting on the boulevard beautification which will meet again this Thursday, and noted the Arbor Day celebration which will take place on Friday the 27th. Mrs. Freeman said this will be held on the front lawn of city hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Ruse said that at the last meeting council voted on Ordinance #2011-57 and he believes this was handled inappropriately in that his motion to table should have taken precedence over the motion to adopt. Mr. Oberdorf asked Mr. Heban if council's vote still stands and was told it does. Mr. Heban agrees with Mr. Ruse and said that in order to overturn the first vote on the ordinance that one of the four councilmembers who voted no would have to make a motion to reconsider. Mr. Ruse asked for one of them to make that motion that reconsider as still in the midst of discussion on this matter and would like some additional time on this issue. He feels that the no vote took us a step back on our relations with our neighbors and he still thinks to get this restructured and still accomplish the street repairs that need to be done in the city. Mr. Duricek said the final nail in the coffin for this for him was a comment that came out of the TMACOG meeting that the traffic counts may have been too high and a new traffic count should be considered. Mr. Duricek said we did not create this problem but we are being asked to solve it because three parts of the intersection are in Rossford, that it will not materially benefit Rossford, that we already paid for improvements at the Glenwood/Buck intersection that really only benefitted the township and the City of Toledo with AmPoint and FedEx, and this needs to be relooked at with the benefits to our citizens as the first priority. Mr. Oberdorf acknowledged that a procedural error took place but felt rather than banter about this issue again we should see if any of the four no votes wished to make that motion to reconsider. Mr. Ruse said that is all he asked for and he did not banter but that Mr. Duricek jumped in with his opinion. Mr. Duricek said why bring this back, why not come back with a new proposal. Mr. Ruse said the city of Rossford created this issue by annexing what we did before his time and that our consultant is who crafted the agreement which we were not willing to sign. Mrs. Eckel said it is important to be able to discuss things in a public meeting so that the public knows where we stand. She feels that from the meetings she attended that people were willing to look forward and look for a better plan and relook at traffic. She feels there a lot of benefits to this project whether it is a roundabout or a traffic light and it is important to reconsider this and allowed it to be tabled while it is reinvestigated as a show of good faith. Mr. Staczek said what he has heard from this community they do not want this project and we are wasting a lot of time and energy going over this again and again. He said the other parties knew this was a contentious issue but never once appeared at a council meeting. Mr. Marquette said in response to Mr. Ruse request he respectfully declines to reconsider his no vote as he is against the ordinance that we had. He does not feel the decline of this ordinance should have any effect on future talks and that he cannot justify the cost to Rossford and paying for a roundabout in front of Penta in Perrysburg Township. Mr. Oberdorf said it appears the four no votes are still no. Mayor Mackinnon said he wants to work with all our neighbors and will meet with them anytime to come to an agreement. He said that he was disappointed that the ordinance was taken off the table and voted down but he also understands that our streets are in bad shape and need repair. He noted that 98% of our population lives north of the proposed roundabout intersection.

ORDINANCES

#2012 – 24 - A FIFTH ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL EXPENDITURES AND AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 2011-55; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek asked why this and the following ordinances state fifth, sixth, etc. Mrs. Freeman explained that by separating each request council can act on each individually. Mr. Duricek 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. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2012 – 25 - A SIXTH ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL EXPENDITURES AND AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 2011-55; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this will account for revenue received from the Wood County Park District and adds it to the budget. It will be used to resurface the ball diamonds at Veterans Park and Beech Street Park. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Duricek 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. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2012 – 26 - A SEVENTH ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL EXPENDITURES AND AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 2011-55; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said that no money was appropriated from this fund for the use of Enforcement and Education in the police department. Chief Goss said this fund has been in place for a long time but that the fund name caused some confusion in how it could be used. It can be used for education, enforcement, or anything related to alcohol related crimes such as DARE and Safety Town. 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. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2012 -27 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 800 MHz PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM; 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 and the next ordinance will appropriate the funds for the purchase of the equipment that was authorized previously by council. Mr. Marquette asked if we are looking at spending \$200,000 on this equipment and was told yes by Mr. Ciecka who explained it is part of a federally mandated program to convert to narrow bandwidths. 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.

#2012 – 28 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIRE PAGERS AND MISCELLANEOUS UHF RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Duricek 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.

RESOLUTIONS

None

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Duricek said he has been asked by some citizens if the sidewalks at the new Bay Park Medical Center will be connected to the Grassy Creek subdivision sidewalks. Mr. Ciecka said that will be done in the spring. Mr. Duricek asked council to review Mr. Heban's information regarding licensing of internet cafes and said his committee will be getting together to look at this. and questioned whether Grassy Lane could be striped for a left and right turn lane coming out of the subdivision and asked Mr. Jones to see if was wide enough to do this.

Mr. Ruse said he is working with the RBA on the banners for the new downtown streetlight poles. Mrs. Eckel asked if these will be seasonal and Mr. Ruse said the current plan is for holiday banners and that the first phase would be a permanent banner and then seasonal banners could eventually be added in the second phase. The third phase would be banners in the Crossroads area.

Mrs. Eckel said she had attended the recent boulevard beautification committee meeting and that they will be meeting again. She reminded council of the mortgage burning ceremony at the Recreation Center next Monday from 5-8:00 with the mortgage burning taking place at 6:30pm. She offered her congratulations to the junior high athletes honored here this evening and also congratulated the Rossford High School boys and girls track teams for placing 2nd at the Fostoria Invitational.

Mr. Oberdorf said he has also attended the boulevard beautification meeting and that he has received many positive comments on the new lights and street signs in the downtown area.

Mr. Staczek suggested the city look at some way of covering the electrical panels by Stop 'N Shop by possibly using lattice and ivy. He also said that the safety committee intends to be proactive on nuisance properties.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

John Appt, 1009 E. Elm Tree Rd. said that as the process on the high school moves forward the subcommittees will be looking for people to serve on them.

Chief Verbosky thanked Mr. Ciecka and Asst. Chief Drouard and the members of the public safety committee for their efforts on Ordinances #2012-27 and #2012-28. He says these are historic ordinances on the part of the city and will serve to end communication problems and will be of a truly high benefit to the city.

Debbie Zuchowski, 202 Hilldale, noted a suggestion made regarding banners that mentioned the number of years the city has been here.

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

Neil Mackinnon, III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council