

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held April 28, 2014

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of April 14, 2014. Mr. Minarcin 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 28, 2014 was presented to council. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works committee minutes from April 14th were presented by Mr. Ruse (see written report). Mr. Marquette asked Mr. Ruse is his report implying that city is committed to a roundabout if funding is available. Mr. Ruse said no, they are just submitting an application for funding. Mayor Mackinnon said any plan would come before council.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka reported that the 3/31 financial statement for the first quarter shows revenue slightly ahead of the budgeted amount and he attributed that to the timing of collections and disbursements by the city but did say the economy seems to be improving. He said we will lose Giant Eagle as an employer but will be getting Camping World. He said revenue appears on target and expenses are within budget. The public works department budget was 30% or \$9,000 over budget due to overtime during this hard winter and that the police department was over budget for overtime but that should be reduced with the additional police officer. He said that overall the 1st quarter is in pretty good budget shape. Mr. Ciecka advised that Columbia Gas will be holding a public meeting on May 8th at 6:00 at the library to give details about the pipeline replacement project and will also have a representative available at the May 12th council meeting. Mr. Minarcin asked if we are collecting any tax money from Camping World as was told only the payroll income tax being paid by contractors who work more than 12 days in the city. Mr. Wagner suggested that the Columbia Gas map showing the areas of pipeline replacement be put on the website. Mrs. Eckel said we should ask for a restoration schedule from Columbia Gas and was told by Mr. Ciecka that it was emphasized that we wanted a quick restoration rather than waiting until the entire project was done. He also said that most of the pipe will be bored with minimal digging.

Mayor Mackinnon said the Arbor Day tree planting ceremony will be April 29th at 10:00am in front of city hall and that the tree is being planted in memory of Chuck Duricek. He thanked Chief Goss and Chief Drouard for their participation in the first annual Cold Plunge Challenge which raised awareness of the two young men in our community fighting cancer Josh Maas and Gavin Boggs.

At this time the Mayor introduced and swore in new part-time police officer Anthony Allen and introduced him to council. Chief Goss said Officer Allen is a Military Police Officer with the Army National Guard and a veteran of Afghanistan.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you for the city's expression of sympathy was received from the family of Eugene Sujkowski Jr.

ORDINANCES

#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. THIRD READING.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon asked that this be tabled due to the absence of Mr. Oberdorf absence and also not being sure what we are doing dispatch wise. Mr. Ciecka said he would like this approved this evening as the others parties are all in agreement. Mr. Wagner said this is a third reading and Mr. Oberdorf who sits on the public safety committee approved this coming to council and he is sure he would approve this evening especially when our old software contract is due to expire. Mayor Mackinnon asked Chief Goss how much time we have and the Chief responded the existing contract expires at the end of June. Mr. Wagner said part of this contract involves converting all the old data into the new system so time is needed to do that so we can't sit here and delay that process. Mayor Mackinnon said he talked to Mr. Oberdorf last week and he was lukewarm on this. Mr. Minarcin asked if tabling will give them more information to look at alternatives. Mayor Mackinnon said that the Alert system is what is preferred by both police and fire. Mr. Wagner said we do have a quorum this evening to vote. Mr. Staczek said he does not believe in rushing anything and that we should wait for Mr. Oberdorf and a full council. He said there are lingering questions with the whole dispatch system and he does not want to rush into anything and a two week delay may not be enough time for him. Mayor Mackinnon said his concerns are with dispatch not the Alert system. Mr. Marquette asked if this is defeated do we have an alternative in place and was told no. Mayor Mackinnon said the question is not the software but what we are going to do in regards to dispatch. Mr. Wagner said that dispatch is a completely separate issue from this ordinance which has nothing to do with the physical function of dispatch. Mr. Minarcin said what he's reading in this ordinance is we are agreeing so we must buying into something with those other entities. Mr. Ciecka said we are going to share the cost of the license and the software with the other three parties (Lake Twp., Northwood, and Walbridge). Mr. Minarcin asked where this takes us down the line with dispatching. Mr. Ciecka said we are currently with Lake and this will allow us to stay with them. Chief Drouard said basically just sub-contracting on software that much improves service. Mr. Ruse said this improves mutual aid as all entities will have access to the system. Mr. Minarcin asked if this will create another type of bureaucracy and Mr. Ciecka said currently we do not dispatch but contract with Lake Twp. and this ordinance only obligates us to pay our share of the software and has nothing to do with long term dispatching question. Mr. Ciecka said we look at sharing dispatch services because has a city of 6000 we cannot afford to provide 24/7 dispatch service and that conversations on dispatching have been ongoing for over four years and no other agencies other than these other three entities expressed any interest in including us in their dispatching services. Mr. Staczek said he is still not satisfied with the answer and we are dancing around the long term question of how this will affect dispatch long term. He has concerns with our current partner and the level of service we are getting from Lake Twp. Mr. Ruse said this ordinance is for software and that dispatch service discussion may come down the road but we have to be looking for reasonable ways to share the cost. This is proven software that the chiefs are in favor of and we are not talking about service just software. He said this is the third reading of this ordinance and none of these issues were raised previously but now there is a hailstorm of questions. Mayor Mackinnon said no one has a problem with the software but people are worried this may box us into a dispatch that might cost twice as much as currently. He said both chiefs are in agreement on this software and all he is asking for is two more weeks. Chief Goss said this is state of the art software but is an investment that if we left our current partnership would not be recouped. The chief said that Chief Hummer's presentations indicated that regional dispatching could double Rossford's cost to which Mr. Ciecka responded that is not correct. Mr. Wagner said he agreed with the comments of Mr. Ruse and that this was brought out of committee where he went over the contract as part of his committee report, followed by three readings. He does not agree with Chief Hummer's proposal as the cost is too much. Mr. Marquette asked if there is a problem with our current dispatching and Chief Goss said no but the concern is with the funding changes and the future cost of sharing. Mrs. Eckel said her concern is with increased cost of sharing as any regionalization makes her nervous based on her experience with NWWSD where they don't treat us like their own. If approving this tonight takes us into increased cost she is not in favor. Mr. Staczek

agreed with Mrs. Eckel and Mayor Mackinnon again asked this to be delayed two more weeks. *Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to table this ordinance until the May 12th council meeting. Vote on the motion Staczek, Eckel, and Minarcin aye, Marquette, Ruse, and Wagner no which led to a 3-3 tie. Mayor Mackinnon broke the tie voting aye. Motion carries 4-3.*

RESOLUTIONS

None

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek wanted to remind everyone of the upcoming Coast Guard forum and said that with the TARTA question being on the ballot in November we need to start planning for what to do if the community decides to withdraw from TARTA. He also said the numbers used by the consultant were provided by TARTA and are wrong. He feels we need to look at the current needs for public transportation by the community.

Mrs. Eckel said the Rossford Beautification Committee will meet tomorrow at 7:00pm at the library; the Public Works committee will meet at the end of this week, and asked for information from NWWSD on the restoration of last fall's work.

Mr. Marquette encouraged everyone to support the fire and recreation levies that are on the May 6th ballot.

Mr. Ruse thanked Mrs. Freeman, Mr. Ciecka, and Mr. Wagner for a good job in the first quarter of staying on budget, clarified in response to Mr. Staczek's comment that not all the data used by the consultant on TARTA was provided by TARTA saying that much of the data came from the consultant actually riding buses themselves or the consultants survey. He also suggested that possibly the contingent who decided to put this on the ballot and override council should be looking for cheaper alternatives if they feel this is a service we need to provide to the community. He said that discussion on the Buck Rd. /Lime City intersection will need to continue saying that the traffic counts taken came in less than the original traffic estimates and that in view of that alternative plans were given. He said the cost is estimated to be about 40% of the original cost estimate or \$2.3 million with the stakeholders responsible for 20% of that along with the right of way purchase. He will hand out a complete packet of information to council and said further discussion will need to take place either at a public works committee meeting, council meeting, or committee of the whole.

Mr. Wagner said that the Public Safety committee will meet later this week and that the new traffic signals and traffic pattern are in place at SR795/Crossroads Pkwy.

Mr. Staczek said he disagrees with Mr. Ruse saying that the group leading the TARTA opt out effort maybe should be looking for alternative plans.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum, asked if no parking signs could be placed in front of Nrgie as he has seen people parking in the turn lane.

Bob Densic, 107 Birch Dr., said he has witnessed the work being done by the contractor for NWWSD on Hillside Drive and said they are not doing things properly. He said there is improper backfilling, no compaction testing, cuts being made wrong, proper marking, and not meeting safety standards. He said maybe the city needs to provide the project management and charge back to NWWSD. He does appreciate that they are doing this work as Toledo never did. He also encouraged council to talk to the community before proceeding with roundabouts. Mr. Ruse said there would be a public hearing on the Buck Rd. /Lime City intersection before proceeding with any plan. He also said he had a meeting on Friday with NWWSD on the Hillside problems and said they explained that part of the things that Mr. Densic witnessed as wrong or backwards were done that way in order to get out of the intersection as soon as possible. He said that NWWSD explained the procedures being used and also the when and why of the project.

Mrs. Eckel asked Mr. Michaels, our representative on the NWWSD board, when the restoration work will be done on front yards disturbed by the previous project and he responded that will be discussed at their meeting on May 1st.

Mr. Wagner moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to go into executive session for the discussion of purchase of property. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to return to regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Neil Mackinnon, III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council