

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held May 12, 2014

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

ROLL CALL: Staczek, Oberdorf, Marquette, Ruse, Wagner, and Minarcin all present. Mrs. Eckel is to arrive shortly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of April 28, 2014. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of May 12, 2014 was presented to council. Presentation from Columbia Gas and a transportation issue discussion were added to the agenda. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

A) Columbia Gas representatives were here to give a presentation on the gas line upgrades planned for Rossford. This is part of a 25 year, \$2 billion program to upgrade all lines across Ohio. Some of these lines predate World War II. The upgrade in Rossford will affect about 1300 customers. A public meeting was held last week and a letter and map have been sent to every customer. They are doing about 50 projects like these a year in Ohio because the old steel pipes installed in the 1930's or 40's are leaking and are being replaced with plastic pipe able to handle a higher pressure. *At this time Mrs. Eckel arrived.* The process of boring and marking of lines was explained and that all inside meters will be moved outside. Restoration of grass disturbed will take place within 2-3 days and asphalt and concrete in about two weeks. The work will be done by Miller Pipeline but a Columbia Gas representative will always be present. Per the representative when completed it will result in higher taxes paid by Columbia Gas as the old steel pipe has already been fully depreciated. Paul Nawrocki, 1129 Schreier Rd., asked if gas bills will be going up because of this and was told no as every customer in Ohio has been paying towards this as part of their bill since 2009.

B) Wood County Sheriff Mark Wasylyshyn then introduced himself and gave his personal background and connection to Rossford. He then gave a PowerPoint presentation on dispatching for police and fire (see written report). Mr. Oberdorf asked how long it would take for Rossford to become part of their system and if the cost to join are accurate and was told by the sheriff 1-2 months to be integrated and that the cost are accurate as near as possible. Mr. Wagner said with only adding one dispatcher how will they cover us for police and fire and the sheriff responded that is accomplished by only using one channel. Mr. Wagner is concerned that if three communities have fire emergencies at same time using only one channel is a problem. The sheriff said they would be switched to tactical channels. Mr. Wagner asked about backlogged calls and was told that fire calls are not held and other calls never leave the screen until dispatched using call taker part of dispatch system. Mr. Staczek said he is confused as to why the fire department needs a monitored channel and Chief Drouard said so as to not have to switch channels which caused missed calls. He said they should not have to switch channels to talk to dispatch. The sheriff said they would be willing to monitor one channel for fire calls. Mr. Ruse asked the cost of only one dispatcher is included when this is a 24/7 operation and the sheriff said based on the call volume of Rossford he would be able to spread over to all dispatchers on duty. Mr. Ruse said why coming to us now to offer dispatch service and the sheriff said he was asked to by Mayor Mackinnon. Mr. Wagner cited the importance of having someone monitor the fire channel and said that in the recent Toledo fire call that resulted in the deaths of two firemen it was the dispatcher monitoring the channel who heard the mayday call. Sergeant Kitzler asked if we would still have to pay for Leads and Norris and was told by the sheriff no, that Leads is paid through the sheriff department license.

At this time Mayor Mackinnon asked all police officers in attendance to come forward as he read a proclamation in recognition of Peace Officers Memorial Day. He then recognized Officer Jodi Johnson for the coordination of the mock crash event at Rossford High School and Chief Goss then recognized her for all her community involvement and presented her with a certificate of achievement recognizing her efforts for youth safety in the Rossford School district.

Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to amend the amended agenda and add a Public Safety committee report. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning & Technology committee minutes from May 6th were presented by Mr. Marquette (see written report).

Public Safety committee minutes from May 3rd were presented by Mr. Wagner (see written report).

Public Works committee minutes from May 1st were presented by Mrs. Eckel (see written report). Mr. Ruse said council has previously received a packet of information related to the Buck Rd. /Lime City intersection.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

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. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon recommended tabling this ordinance. Mr. Wagner said the current dispatch contract requires six month notice to leave and the software contract expires June 30th. Mr. Staczek asked if the state could take over our records system and was told by Chief Goss that the AG office would provide on a temporary basis. Mr. Oberdorf said he agrees with Mr. Wagner that we need to make a decision. Mr. Minarcin asked what is the cost of this ordinance and was told by Mr. Wagner that information was provided several months ago. Mr. Oberdorf said this ordinance is only about software but correlates to who handles our dispatch system. Mr. Staczek said we currently pay \$120,000 to Lake Twp., the sheriff said he would charge us \$75,000 and that this software would lead us into increased cost. Mr. Marquette asked for the thoughts of both chiefs. Chief Drouard said the sheriff could not show him the fire part of this puzzle. Chief Goss thinks the software between this and what the sheriff offers is similar and that the software will decide where you're going to dispatch. Mr. Wagner asked if the police chief has discussed with Northwood joining the council of governments and that Northwood does not want to provide agreement for dispatching for Rossford unless other agencies come on board to lower the cost. Mr. Wagner said that without Northwood and Rossford could Chief Hummer form a regional dispatch center and Chief Goss and Mr. Ciecka said no. Mrs. Eckel said she would like to see the fire chief get more answers and also to see if Perrysburg Twp. is interested in dispatching for us. Mr. Oberdorf said it is time to decide whether to go with software or not. Mrs. Eckel said if we vote this software purchase down does that mean we cannot join with Perrysburg Twp. Mr. Wagner said no but that our cost would be higher because of only sharing with one other entity. Mr. Ruse said if we approve this it is only for a one year license and then an annual fee would be due next year which does give us time to decide on dispatching but we need to make a determination tonight on software and continue to look at dispatching services. Mr. Marquette would like to wait two more weeks to give Chief Drouard time to get more information from the sheriff.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to adopt. Wagner aye, Oberdorf, Staczek, Minarcin, Ruse, and Marquette no. Motion to adopt defeated 6-1.

#2014 – 18 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 351.16(b), PARKING AND STORAGE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and Bob Densic, 107 Birch Dr. asked that the audience be read in its entirety which was done. Vote on the motion Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Minarcin, and Staczek aye, Ruse and Wagner no. Motion carries 5-2. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Minarcin, and Staczek aye, Ruse and Wagner no. Motion carries 5-2. Mr. Wagner said that five days allowed is too much and that he is concerned this passed as an emergency without seeing input of citizens. Mr. Minarcin said the committee started with a two days allowed but felt five was a better compromise. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Minarcin, and Staczek aye, Ruse and Wagner no. Motion carries 5-2.

#2014 – 19 - AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTERS 1331 AND 1327 OF THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 1327, NUISANCES, DANGEROUS PREMISES, AND ABATEMENT

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a first reading only.

#2014 – 20 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MANNIK SMITH GROUP CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REQUIRED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HILLSIDE DRIVE EAST & WEST AND COLONY ROAD STORM SEWER PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the original plans were reviewed with the public works committee and they recommended proceeding with preparation of documents to bid this project. This is part of an OPWC loan agreement for \$204,000 for separation of storm water in the area. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and Tim White, 450 Hillside asked if this has anything to do with the width of the road and was told no. 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.

#2014 – 21 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ROSSFORD TO ENTER INTO A LAND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NEW PAR, D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said he did go back to try and negotiate a higher price but this is the price they agreed to pay. He said they had another site which was \$100 a month less but they preferred the Rossford site. This is a five year agreement with the option to renew held by Verizon. Mr. Heban said he has talked to their attorney who said the agreed price is actually higher than Verizon's appraisal. 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.

RESOLUTIONS

#2014 – 08 - A RESOLUTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE §727.12 RELATING TO THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING HILLSIDE DRIVE WEST OF COLONY ROAD IN ROSSFORD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this declares that the work on Hillside is a necessity and asked it be given three readings. This was given a first reading only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Minarcin would like the police chief to consider the speed limit on the Crossroads Parkway from 35 to 45mph. He said the school signal flashers at Eagle Point School are flashing from 8-4pm and could we look into having them just flash during the restricted hours and asked what are the restricted hours. Mr. Wagner responded they are when children are walking to and from school. Mrs. Freeman said that in researching it also included when children are outside the building. Mr. Ciecka said he will look into.

Mr. Wagner thanked everyone who voted for the fire and rec levies and noted that traffic is still backing up into the left hand lane from the turn lane at the Crossroads Parkway. He said ODOT needs to look at the signal timing.

Mr. Marquette said there will be a zoning meeting along with Rossford Schools at 3:00 on the 19th in city hall to talk about some type of joint website.

Mrs. Eckel said she echoes the thanks for the support of the levies, said the Rossford Beautification Committee will be meeting at the library on the 20th and complimented NWWSD for completing the restoration work and sending a letter regarding who to contact with complaints.

Mr. Oberdorf said he attended the Arbor Day tree planting ceremony and congratulated all the members of the Tree Commission and chairman Betty Woods for their efforts. He said it was a nice affair with the tree dedicated to deceased councilman Duricek. He thanked all citizens for their support of the fire and rec levies and apologized to Councilman Marquette for interrupting him earlier.

Mr. Staczek also thanked the voters for supporting the levies, thanked the fire department for their pancake breakfast and United Methodist church for their chicken dinner, and ODNR and the U.S. Coast Guard for the boating forum last week. He hopes that a couple of these will be held each year. He also said the Coast Guard has offered free boating inspections. He would like to see beer drinking at Riverfest moved outside the tennis court fenced area to a more open area to be fenced in with temporary fencing.

Mayor Mackinnon thanked the voters for levy support and thanked the Rossford Beautification Committee for their hard work and said the areas planted look wonderful.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Paul Nawrocki, 1129 Schreier Rd. and owner of property on Hillside Dr. said he would like to know what city going to do with Hillside and will the yards be fixed up. Mayor Mackinnon said we are still working on plans for Hillside and yards will be repaired. He said he is for an 18 foot wide street with gutters and curbs. Tim White, 450 Hillside, said he was told by the mayor that he is obsessed with this project but that he has had a generator in his front yard for two weeks. He said he is frustrated because getting conflicting information from the city, NWWSD, and the contractor.

Marge Nawrocki, 435 Hillside, said there have been three diesel spills and the fuel is still there. A week ago they covered it with what looks like kitty litter, and that there is wet cardboard, piping straps, and concrete blocks littering the neighborhood. She said garbage pickup has been a big problem because the garbage truck can't get down the street. She said that the city should have notified Waste Management ahead of time.

Don Hamilton, 436 Hillside, said he was upset that he heard about the three options being considered from a Toledo Blade article. He said he doesn't want a 26 foot wide street with curbs and sidewalks, just wants it repaved. He said the contractor came in and took over their street. He showed them where his sprinkler system was and they still dug out and then drove a triaxle truck over his concrete driveway which cracked it. He said nobody wants the 26 foot wide street and that he is ok with curbs.

Mr. Ruse said that council is trying to discuss this now because of the tight schedule and if a decision is made tonight the contractor needs to be ready to move in one to two weeks. He admitted that council is behind the eight ball on what to do on Hillside and other unimproved streets but that doing another unimproved street is throwing money away because within five years it will be cracked up on the edges. The issues of Hillside and roundabouts are to be discussed next on the agenda. He said the city is playing catch up on this as the contractor is already working on Hillside but we do want to decide on the best thing to do.

Brian Visser, 423 Hillside, said there has been no transparency with the plans and Mrs. Eckel responded there are no plans and the article in the Blade is not a final decision on the direction. He said the residents were caught off guard by the article as it listed three options, none which had been discussed with the residents.

Mayor Mackinnon said there has been vandalism to and disabling of the contractors equipment along with materials being stolen. He asked the Hillside residents to keep their eyes open for who is doing this.

TRANSPORTATION ISSUE DISCUSSION

A) Mrs. Eckel said that Mannik & Smith has come up with three alternatives for Hillside 1) just put down a decent base and repave which is the lowest cost alternative but is the least attractive because of not getting a new sub base , no curbs, and about 10-12 basins. No curbs mean this will crack faster because of the soft edges. 2) full reconstruction with a totally new base, 18 foot wide with no curbs 3) a wider road with on street parking with curbs which will eliminate a number of catch basins. If on street parking is not wanted then it does not have to be as wide. A cul des sac was an option but the committee does not think that is necessary. The curbs are desired in order to eliminate the front yard parking which again breaks down the road and is unsightly. Sidewalks were considered as another option. The new street with curbs will improve property values. The assessment portion would be on the curbs and sidewalks if desired with the city paying to rebuild the street.

Mr. Ruse said what Mrs. Eckel just described is what is going to happen on all unimproved streets which is why we are spending so much time on deciding what path to follow. Council could decide to do something that the residents don't want but that is not the intent; we want to get public feedback. He admits that this Hillside project has been a train wreck that council has not been happy with, including their own performance. The problem is compounded by the number of street repairs needed and a limited amount of funds for street improvements. We are trying to leverage dollars by tying in street improvements with water/sewer repairs on those streets.

Brian Visser, 423 Hillside, said he is from Perrysburg and he is used to having curbs and sidewalks. He said the assessment process needs to be discussed because a lot of residents don't understand this process. Mrs. Eckel said there are different ways to asses such as per parcel or front footage. She also said putting in a street without curbs means that we would strictly enforce the no parking in order to prevent the breakup of the edges. Mr. Ruse said the assessment would include the difference between an 18 foot and 26 foot width. Mrs. Eckel said this will not be our last experience like this as NWWSD will be fixing other problems on unimproved streets that we will have to address. She said we want a street that will last 40-50 years that is why she is in favor of curbs.

Dave Konieczny, 425 Hillside Dr., said it has been over fifty years since Hillside was repaved but yet Grassy Creek, the newest subdivision in the city, was repaved three years ago. He can't understand that and why there are only these three options. He said the residents are basically clueless with what is going on and what the time schedule is. Mr. Ruse said that engineering wise there are not many other choices.

Mr. Wagner suggested notifying the residents and holding a community forum to see what they want. Mr. Wagner said it is wrong to be discussing this half way through the project.

Mrs. Eckel said the point of this discussion is to come up with a plan so when it happens again we have a game plan for handling. Mr. Wagner and Mrs. Eckel had a disagreement regarding all of council being aware of what has been going on in committee.

Mr. Ruse said if we go the assessment route we will be required to hold a public hearing and the point of this discussion was to get councils opinion on the general approach and not make a final decision. He said the mayor was quoted as saying he wanted a 26 foot wide street with curbs, sidewalks, and parking and that is where the Blade article came from. The mayor said at a minimum he would like to see at least curbs and not put down another unimproved street.

Mrs. Eckel said the biggest issue is the street width and whether to have curbs and coming to agreement on that.

Don Hamilton, 436 Hillside said we need to stop going back and forth with each other and come up with an idea that all agree on.

Mr. Marquette said he would not support doing an unimproved street again and that it is up to the residents to decide on the width and whether they want street parking available.

Mr. Oberdorf said we learn from our mistakes and that the communication on this project has not been good. He said what he is hearing from the residents here is that they want an 18-19 foot wide street with curbs and no parking. He said in the future we need to get information out to the residents better.

Mr. Staczek said he appreciates the people here tonight. He is hearing from them they want an 18 foot wide street with curbs and no sidewalks. He said he would also not support doing an unimproved street.

Mr. Minarcin said this has been a healthy discussion, he would not support an unimproved street, and what he is hearing is they want a street with a good base and curbs.

Mr. Ruse said a public hearing will be scheduled at the appropriate time.

B) Mrs. Eckel said next was discussion on the Buck Rd. /Lime City intersection and that council needs to come up with the option they prefer. She also said the best solution for Dixie /Colony Rd. /Lime City / River Rd. is a roundabout. She said Lucas County has several in the works or already built.

Mr. Ruse said there was an April 30th deadline for safety dollars for the Dixie intersection but the decision was made between the city, its engineer, and ODOT to hold off until the next grant cycle. He said that the Buck/Lime City intersection is the pressing issue because we are up against the clock for the grant money. He said the township has selected a roundabout at both Buck and Penta as their first choice.

Ray Huber, Wood County Engineer, said there are five stakeholders in the Buck Rd. project – the City of Rossford, Perrysburg Township, Penta, Wood County, and the RTID. He said three of the stakeholder have endorsed choice C as their first choice and he is waiting to hear Rossford's thoughts and Penta's. He said he needs concurrence in order to proceed and waiting longer could jeopardize the grant. Mr. Minarcin asked for an explanation of the RTID vote. Mr. Huber and Mr. Watrol explained that the voting at the RTID was 4-3 for option C as the first choice and 5-2 for option B as an alternative choice. Mr. Huber said the first choice and recommended alternatives will be part of a public meeting. Mr. Oberdorf said time is ticking on this project and that he has studied this, traveled and used roundabouts and he likes them. He would prefer option C which is roundabouts at the Buck Rd. intersection and in front of Penta. Mr. Minarcin said he prefers option B which is turn lanes and signal lights.

Mr. Wagner, Mr. Ruse, Mr. Marquette, and Mrs. Eckel all prefer C. Mr. Staczek said he is still concerned about who is paying what percentage and with that as a consideration he would be in favor of option D which is a roundabout at Buck and a signal at Penta until he learned more about the financing.

Mr. Oberdorf asked about Penta's contribution and Mr. Huber said previously they agreed to donate the right of way on their property plus \$150,000. Mr. Heban said a motion is not necessary and that there are five votes for option C.

Mr. Huber said he will talk to the stakeholders that C is the recommended alternative from Rossford.

C) Mr. Ruse asked for council's thoughts on Colony Rd. Mr. Marquette said a roundabout is a better choice there than Buck Rd. Mrs. Eckel said ODOT is onboard and looking for grant money. Mr. Minarcin said he would like to know what other alternatives there are for Colony Rd. other than a roundabout. Mr. Staczek said he would like to look at the dollar cost and that we need to let the residents in the area know. Mrs. Eckel asked Mr. Ciecka to make the drawings available to those councilmen who haven't seen them and said this is the most dangerous intersection in the city and a roundabout is best because of this not being a square intersection.

Bob Densic, 107 Birch Dr. said that we are making a decision on roundabouts without involving the community and without solid design. He said he is not against them as they are perfectly fine and proper in the right location i.e. Crossroads. Roundabouts are done for good reason, not because there is grant money tied to it. He said that the error in this decision is that federal dollars are involved and we forget grant money still comes from the taxpayers' pockets and we will all pay the price for it. Council needs to talk to the community about this before acting on and needs to study the alignment issue at Colony Rd.

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

Neil Mackinnon, III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council