

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held May 13, 2013

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, Scott, and Duricek all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of April 22, 2013. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of May 13, 2013 was presented to council. Committee report from City Facilities, Parks, and Marina committee was added. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Duricek presented the committee report from the City Facilities, Parks, and Marina committee meeting of February 18th (see written report). Mrs. Eckel entered the meeting during this report. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to accept the committee report as given. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Mackinnon said that Chief Verbosky is looking to host the 2015 NWOFF Convention in Rossford as we did in 2007. He will be bringing forward a resolution at a future meeting asking council to accept. He reminded everyone of the Fire Fighters Association pancake breakfast to be held this Sunday. He had Mr. Kovasevic introduce Toby Ledesma as the new Asst. Recreation Director. Toby has a Master's degree from BGSU in Sports Recreation. The mayor announced a new company coming to Rossford – Potter Development – which will be moving their headquarters to the old Indian Motorcycle building. They are introducing a new product called Sky Life which is used in disaster relief. The mayor then introduced the 7th and 8th grade Rossford Junior High wrestling team and presented them with proclamations congratulating them on their 21-0-1 season and NBC championship. He then swore in a new Rossford police officer Shawn Sreptock who is a lifelong Rossford resident.

Mr. Ciecka gave council a handout regarding swimming pool variances, temporary sign permit, update on communication center consolidation, and financial reporting. He told council he has a request for two swimming pool variances that per our current code need to come to council for approval. Mr. Oberdorf said he has no problem with this as long as the pools are installed by professionals and properly fenced and Mrs. Eckel agreed. Mr. Ruse said one of the pools does not show fencing and said if we approve these variances how can we turn down any future request. Mr. Scott said there is a benefit to having the BZA look at first to determine if the variance request is a need vs. a want. Mr. Duricek asked if there are any decks extending off the pools and was told yes. Mr. Ruse suggested these requests be sent to the Zoning Regulations committee to be reviewed and give a recommendation to council. Mr. Marquette said the committee will meet before the next regular council meeting. Mr. Ciecka said a 30 day temporary sign permit had been requested by the Bulldog Diner. Mr. Staczek said he was glad to see they had asked for a permit. Mr. Scott asked the police chief if he saw any traffic problem with this sign and was told no. *Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to grant the temporary permit. All ayes. Motion carried.* Mr. Ciecka updated council on the communication center consolidation (see written report). Mr. Staczek asked if this would affect our Alert system and was told by Chief Goss it will work better. Mr. Ciecka said that council had been provided the March financial statements in the new format which appears to be more concise.

CORRESPONDENCE

A notice of a 35% licensing fee distribution from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control was read to council.

ORDINANCES

#2013 – 15 - AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE COMPENSATION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

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

#2013 – 16 - AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf suggested respectfully that the mayor reconsider his request that this not be passed. Mr. Scott echoed Mr. Oberdorf's comments and said this is a compensation adjustment for the position and not a reflection on the Mayor's performance. Mrs. Eckel said it is prudent to do this together with council. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2013 – 18 - AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,315.00 FROM THE WOOD COUNTY PARK DISTRICT FOR THE ROSSFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

#2013- 19 - AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 923, SANITARY LANDFILL OF THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the landfill is closed and this chapter of the code was for an operational process we no longer need. Mr. Marquette 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. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2013- 20 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2013 COPS HIRING PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf said he does not like how this is being presented as we are a prisoner to a time frame of the application being due by May 22nd and that this should have went to either the Public Safety committee or Finance committee before being brought to council. Mayor Mackinnon started to talk and Mr. Duricek asked if we could put this on the floor first by reading and the Mayor said no, he was going to talk, He said that we have lost two police officers and we only became aware of this grant a couple weeks ago. This was not intended to circumvent any committee or go behind any ones back. Mr. Oberdorf said this still does not justify the non-utilization of the committees. Mr. Scott said this should be brought to the floor first by reading the title before discussion ensues. Mayor Mackinnon said that's fine but someone else spoke and he responded and he does run the meeting. Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott asked for an explanation of this and Chief Goss said he took responsibility for not getting to committee first. He said he received an email about two weeks ago regarding this program and it was never his intent to go around the committees, in fact he would rather go thru committee but this was just a time factor. He said this program will pay 75% of the wages of a new hire for 3 years with the city responsible for 25% plus benefits. Mrs. Eckel asked how much this will cost and the chief said based on a \$40,000 wage it will cost the city \$10,000 plus benefits. Mr. Scott asked when the deadline is and was told May 22nd. Mr. Staczek said he understands the time constraints and suggested we apply for the grant and not accept if we see a problem. Mr. Marquette asked what police officers we are short and was told by the chief one full-time and one part-time. Mr. Marquette asked if even without the grant would we still be looking to add officers and the chief said at least one or two. Mr. Duricek asked if we have any upcoming retirements in the next three years and Chief Goss said we have one officer eligible to retire now. Mr. Ruse said there is no reason we could not have been asked to schedule a committee meeting and that we can vote aye or nay or don't vote on but that would put the next council meeting past the deadline unless we hold a special meeting. Mayor Mackinnon said it is not fair to say we are looking at this grant to fill a position that we are down because we probably will fill that position before this grant comes back. Mrs. Eckel said this is not the proper way to hire and should go to committee and that we need to have some kind of plan. She said public works has operated with limited staff and the fact that the police are down two people is no different that public works being down two or four. Chief Goss said it is unfair to compare the police department to the street department because police are staffed 24/7. Mr. Scott said we can go around on this all night and that this needs to go to committee and the chief can start on the application in the meantime. *Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to refer this to the Public Safety committee and the Finance committee with meetings to be held consecutively next Monday at 6:00.* Mr. Marquette asked what this grant means and was told if we apply it means we will accept it. Mr. Heban said this has nothing to do with the unresolved situation from last Saturday. Mr. Ruse suggested a joint committee meeting and was told by Mr. Heban that it needs to be separate or it violated the Sunshine Law. Mr. Staczek said this ordinance just gives the Chief the ability to file for the grant and we do not have to accept and he was told that is incorrect. Vote on the motion all ayes. *Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to hold a special meeting of council on May 20th at 7:30pm on this ordinance.* All ayes. Motion carried. This ordinance was given a first reading only.

#2013 – 21 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ROSSFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD TO PURCHASE, INSTALL AND OPERATE A VIDEO COMMUNITY INFORMATION BOARD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is a joint project with the library to provide a community message board and the cost will be split. Mrs. Eckel asked how long the video message will be displayed and Mrs. Shelt said it can be set for 3 to 8 seconds. Mr. Ruse asked where our share of the funds will come from and Mr. Ciecka said from a supplemental appropriation as shown in the ordinance. Mr. Staczek asked if this is the state of the art video board and was told by Mrs. Wilbarger of the library that it is the clearest and best available at this time. Mr. Ruse asked that in the future we try to set a theme for all our signs. Mr. Scott asked if this will be a traffic hindrance as to view and was told by Chief Goss no. Mr. Staczek 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. Staczek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2013 – 10 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO “BUSINESS CARD” FOR A CREDIT CARD CHARGE AT OFFICE MAX MADE WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER (ORC 5705.41 “THEN AND NOW”).

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this was a purchase by the fire department of office supplies (foam boards). Mr. Marquette 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. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Scott asked what we need to do to move swimming pool issues to the BZA and was told by Mr. Heban that it would need to go through committee and then through a public meeting.

Mr. Ruse said he appreciated the Code Red alert system but that the recent notice of a school meeting was not a red alert situation. He also said we had talked awhile back about a property maintenance ordinance and has not heard any more about it. Mr. Heban said this is still being worked on.

Mrs. Eckel said we don't announce city meetings using the Code Red system so why was the school meeting on this system. Mayor Mackinnon responded that he okayed this after being asked by the school who is our second largest employer. She also said that the Rossford Beautification Committee will meet Thursday at the Edward Ford Memorial and thanked the Tree Commission for the Arbor Day planting ceremony.

Mr. Oberdorf said he had attended an Outstanding Service Award ceremony at Owens CC on April 26th at which several Rossford police officers were honored.

Mr. Staczek said he has received several complaints about the stop light at Bass Pro/Crossroads Parkway and also some complaints about high grass.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Barb Weir, 1252 Grassy Ct. read a statement in which she thanked council for pursuing the roundabout.

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

*Neil Mackinnon, III
Mayor*

*Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council*