

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held May 14, 2012

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

ROLL CALL: Staczek, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Ruse, and Duricek all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of April 23, 2012. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes of May 7, 2012. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of May 14, 2012 was presented to council. Public Safety & Health committee report was added to the agenda. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety & Health committee report of May 7, 2012 was presented by Mr. Staczek (see written report). Mr. Staczek also read a memo from him titled comments to council regarding nuisance properties (see copy). He said he is looking for help on this legal issue regarding nuisance properties and cited as examples the property on Glenwood at Schreier, and the greenhouse property on Glenwood. Mr. Duricek said the housing codes are not stringent but are straightforward and that we are not trying to step on property rights but to gain some leverage. Mr. Marquette asked if the casino overflow parking will be directed just to Rossford and Chief Goss said yes because all traffic will be heading our way and the Toledo police do not want U-turns on Miami St. Chief Goss said we will play it by ear as to long to continue this. Mr. Marquette said he was curious whose idea this was and Chief Goss said it was his idea, not the casinos. Mr. Ruse asked Mr. Staczek to clarify whether his memo was his comments or the committees and Mr. Staczek said they were his personal comments. Mr. Scott asked if the casino parking will cause the city to incur overtime. Chief Goss said a slight amount as the parking will be handled mostly by Penta and the Sheriff's department with some responsibility being ours primarily during the first week evening hours. Mr. Ruse asked if we will receive any money for this or are we to assume that the money given to us by the casino previously is to cover. Chief Goss said he had taken the position that the casino had already given us money. Mrs. Eckel said this is the first of many issues we will be confronted with regarding the casino and that Toledo looks at it like it's our problem and our expense.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to accept the committee report as given. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka said he had delivered to council three draft ordinances as revisions to our current Rossford Municipal Code regarding storm water and asked that these be assigned to the appropriate committee for review and discussion. Mrs. Eckel indicated that the Public Works committee would review these.

Mayor Mackinnon presented outstanding citizen certificates to Brad Luderman, Art Linthicum, and Marty Linthicum and recognized dispatcher Faye Balsmeyer for their actions on behalf of the city. He also mentioned the death of Rossford High School student Kerry Keller and the impact he had on the community over the last ten months of his fight against cancer.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2012- 29 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 549.08, DISCHARGING FIREARMS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this ordinance is the result of discussions with the planning commission. The city currently permits the discharge of firearms in PC districts which was done to accommodate Bass Pro when they had discussed having an archery and weapons range. We now have someone else looking at building in the Crossroads area in a Planned Industrial area and would like to extend this to Planned Industrial districts. Jerry Miller of Miller Diversified said the prospect is looking at locating off of S. Compass Drive on the east side of the Parkway which is adjacent to PC but currently in Planned Industrial. They are working on plans and designs now and need this zoning change before going any farther. Mayor Mackinnon asked for some further detail and was told it would be a 8000 sq. ft. indoor shooting and archery range and that the prospect is currently in discussion with ODNR to do this as a joint venture. Mr. Scott asked if there was any chance to bring outside events to this facility like the Camp Perry competition and Mr. Miller said they had not looked at that possibility yet. Mr. Scott said there is a need in this area for something like this and it would give law enforcement a place to qualify. Chief Goss said these types of facilities are usually very safe and inspected. Mr. Oberdorf asked if CCW classes would be offered and was told yes. Mr. Oberdorf said he would like more information on this such as the actual company before voting on it. This was given a first reading only.

#2012 – 30 - AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIRMENT FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD TO FURNISH A BOND, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this issue that was being discussed this winter with legal counsel. Our insurance policy covers public employees as long as they are not bonded but that currently Mr. Ciecka and Mrs. Freeman are bonded. The charter says that council shall require bonding of the Mayor, Administrator, Clerk of Council, Treasurer, Chief of Police, and any officers with firearms, and those with control over money. 95% of our employees fall into these categories and thus insurance coverage does not apply. Technically this reduces the effectiveness of our insurance policy. Mr. Heban said this should go three readings and will only eliminate the shall require language and that council could still require a bond if they felt it was appropriate. Mr. Ruse said this has been recommended by the finance committee. This was given a first reading only.

#2012 – 31 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT) FOR THE 2012 -2013 WINTER SEASON; 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 we have partnered with ODOT for the last two years in purchasing salt and it has been beneficial for the city. He said we have been bidding for 1200 tons the last two years but since so little was used last winter 450 new tons plus our existing stockpile will give us slightly more than that. Mr. Staczek asked about the existing stockpile and the requirements we have. Mr. Ciecka said we have to purchase and stockpile. He also said we usually average 900-1200 tons of usage a year but that due to the mild winter we have 850 tons stockpiled. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Scott 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. Scott seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

None

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Duricek said our next council meeting falls on Memorial Day.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to change the next council meeting to Thursday, May 31. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Duricek said people have been cutting grass at 9:45 at night and reminded everyone that the ordinance says allowable times are 8:00am to 9:00pm on weekdays, and 9:00am to 9:00pm on weekends and holidays. He also noted the tattered state of the Ohio and U.S. flags flying in front of the municipal building. Mr. Ciecka said these will be replaced for the Memorial Day observance.

Mr. Scott said the Ohio Chautauqua group had been here for a site visit and will make a decision by the first week of June on who will be the 2013 host sites. He said this is very competitive and brings in 500-1000 per evening for five nights.

Mr. Marquette said the Zoning Regulations & Technology committee will meet next Tuesday at 6:00pm.

Mrs. Eckel asked if an request had been received to hold the Memorial Day parade and Mr. Ciecka said no.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to allow the parade whether or not a request is received.

All ayes. Motion carried.

She said the new lights look great and thanked Mr. Kovasevic for a well-attended and organized mortgage burning party. She will be scheduling a public works committee meeting to discuss storm water issues and congratulated the Rossford High School boys and girls track teams for their performance at the NBC league meet.

Mr. Staczek thanked the Rossford Senior Center for allowing council to be part of the Meals on Wheels program, said that a coyote had been spotted behind the Hofbauer property on Glenwood Rd, and said it looks like the hydro seed did not take on the boulevard. Mr. Ciecka said the boulevard will be mowed this week.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

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

Neil Mackinnon, III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council