

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held May 11, 2015

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of regular council meeting minutes of May 11, 2015. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Wagner 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 May 26, 2015 was presented to council. Resolution #2015-08 was added to the agenda. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes.

Mayor Mackinnon asked that an audience member be allowed to make some comments in regards to Mr. Ciecka's retirement at this time as they have a meeting they need to attend. Michael Beazley, City Administrator of Oregon, offered some words regarding Mr. Ciecka saying that Mr. Ciecka recognized the proper way to work with constituents was to remain professional and stay above politics. He found a way to still do that and remain a professional public administrator.

**PRESENTATION:** U. S. Coast Guard auxiliary commander Robert Stauffer announced that vessel inspections will be held at the Rossford Marina the weekend of May 30<sup>th</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup>. Vessel exams will be free to those who dock at the marina and if pass inspection they will receive a sticker to display on the vessel. He explained that you may still be stopped by the Coast Guard as they are required by Congress to do a specified number of boardings in each jurisdiction. He noted the large number of deaths attributed to canoes and kayaks and said they will be doing inspections on these also and issuing a sticker if pass. He said they will also give a red sticker to these small vessels which will have a place for them to put their name and phone number. This will allow the Coast Guard to call first if these vessels happen to float lose to see if that is the case before starting a search for a swimmer in the water. Mr. Staczek asked if there is a benefit to the marina for the inspections and was told that if over 80% go through inspections it may reduce the insurance cost for the marina. John Folcik, 215 Hannum suggested that the red stickers for canoes/kayaks be left at the guard shack. Bob Densic, 107 Birch asked if there is a protocol to follow if a boater spots trees, logs, or other debris floating in the water and he was told the Coast Guard station should be notified.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Zoning & Technology committee report from May 19<sup>th</sup> was presented by Mr. Marquette (see written report). The committee will ask that Ordinance #2015-14 be tabled after the third reading this evening until the June 8<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting.

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mayor Mackinnon began by requesting a moment of silence in honor of Ed Tucholski. Mr. Tucholski was a retired RHS school teacher, member of All Saints, Rossford Eagles, a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight of Columbus, and Clerk of Council for 27 years who passed away May 24<sup>th</sup>. The mayor then presented a proclamation to Richard St. Jean, General Manager of Hollywood Casino, saying he has been a good friend of Rossford and made donations no one knows about. Mr. St. Jean who is taking over a California location said he appreciated the relationships he had with the Mayor and former mayor Bill Verbosky, and said in the four

years he has been in Rossford his family made more friends than the 25 years they were in Las Vegas. He said he loved it here on a personal and professional level. Mayor Mackinnon then spoke about Mr. Ciecka's retirement saying that in his short political life he has never dealt with anyone as professional as Mr. Ciecka and said that on becoming mayor he found that the city was run like a small conservative business with collegial relationships. He said there has not been one day he has not been impressed by the knowledge of and relationship with Mr. Ciecka. He said Mr. Ciecka and former mayor Verbosky got the city through some tough times and positioned us for better times.

Tim Blosser from Congressman Latta's office then read a proclamation from the Congressman. Wood County Commissioner Jim Carter read a proclamation from the Board of County Commissioners. Mayor Mackinnon read a proclamation from State Representative Tim Brown of the Ohio House and one from the City of Rossford.

Mr. Oberdorf read a proclamation from State Senator Randy Gardner of the Ohio Senate.

Mr. Ciecka said it has been a wonderful experience and a privilege to serve the City of Rossford. He said we had a lot of struggles that we worked through and that there are a lot of exciting things coming up. He said he is humbled by the expressions of appreciation. He said it has been a great career and that government and citizens need to learn to get along with each other. He thanked his wife Deb for her support and being the brunt of his frustrations over the last 11 years, introduced his daughter, son-in-law, and grandkids, and talked about being hired and his first meeting with then Mayor Verbosky.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **ORDINANCES**

**#2015 – 14 - AN ORDINANCE ENACTING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 726, RENTAL DWELLING REGISTRATION. THIRD READING.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to table until the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2015 – 18 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPEAL OF ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 921.07, RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION REGULATIONS, AND ENACTING A NEW ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 921.07, RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION REGULATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING**

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

Mrs. Eckel said she is still concerned about the time being too early to get the carts back off the street.

*Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to amend Ordinance #2015-18 921.07(b) 3 to change the time for containers to be removed from streets and alleyways to 9:00am the day after collection. All ayes. Motion carried.*

Mr. Wagner said this should go three readings as not all carts have been delivered. Mr. Minarcin asked if the information as to where carts should be stored is in the brochure and was told yes by Mr. Ciecka. This was given a second reading only.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**#2015 – 08 - A RESOLUTION NOMINATING WILLIAM VERBOSKY JR. TO FILL AVACANT BOARD SEAT ON THE NORTHWESTERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT AND TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR NEIL MACKINNON TO VOTE FOR WILLIAM VERBOSKY JR. FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE VACANT SEAT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Mr. Heban explained that council is nominating someone to the board. Mr. Wagner asked if Mr. Verbosky is the only one who

put in for this from the city and was told it was believed so. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Staczek thanked the Coast Guard commander for being here tonight and offered his best wishes to Mr. Ciecka and his family and thanked him for his help over the years.

Mr. Oberdorf said he attended the Habitat for Humanity home dedication on May 17<sup>th</sup> and said the recipient of the home was Alexandra Coronado and her two children. He asked if anyone saw a need for a committee of the whole meeting in June.

*Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to suspend with the June committee of the whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.*

Mr. Oberdorf said that even in the toughest of times and issues Mr. Ciecka always maintained his professionalism and was a fantastic administrator who he learned so much from.

Mrs. Eckel thanked all who took part in the Memorial Day parade and offered her condolences to the Tucholski family. She said she will miss Mr. Ciecka saying she learned how to handle hostile crowds from him and that there was a level of comfort knowing he was here handling things.

Mr. Marquette offered his heartfelt sympathies to the Tucholski family. He said he had never heard a bad thing about Mr. Ciecka who was a problem solver and the best aye vote he ever cast.

Mr. Ruse said Mr. Marquette's comment was very hard to follow about the best aye vote. He said he came here 11 years ago just about the time Mr. Ciecka started and had a unique perspective based on his own city management experience and understood the dedication that Mr. Ciecka had to a thankless job. He said Mr. Ciecka epitomized someone who made "decisions not popular but best for the community," and thanked him for setting a direction and righting the course.

Mr. Wagner thanked everyone who showed up for the Memorial Day parade and said he wishes it had the same attendance as does the Halloween parade. He asked about the schedule for street repaving and could we get it up on the website. Mr. Ciecka said they will do and should start middle of June. He said he knew Mr. Ciecka from his time in Toledo and no one could have been picked that would have better for the community.

Mr. Minarcin offered his condolences to the Tucholski family. He thanked Mr. and Mrs. Ciecka for a job well done and best wishes in his retirement. He would also like to see more people in attendance at the Memorial Day parade. He said finance committee will meet on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

### **AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Bill Verbosky, 317 Eagle Point Rd. thanked council for its vote on the resolution regarding the vacancy on the NWWSD board saying he was involved from the start and would like to stay involved. He said his time with Mr. Ciecka was interesting – recession, Bass Pro, and Crossroads and Ed was always there. He was part of a good team. He said Mr. Ciecka was behind the scene taking care of a lot of things and making him look good. He wishes him the best.

Carl Ashley, Swanton, said he has known Mr. Ciecka for 35 years in his capacity as an employee benefits advisor. He has always been extremely impressed with the knowledge of Mr. Ciecka and said he has educated and collaborated with the employees. He noted Mr. Ciecka was extremely professional and he enjoyed working with him.

Jim Richards, 415 Superior St. said one of the best things Mayor Verbosky ever did was find Mr. Ciecka. When Mr. Ciecka was hired our situation as a community was dire but with Mr. Ciecka and Mayor Verbosky we worked through it and things became better. He said he welcomes Mr. Ciecka to his new and best job ever – full time grandfather.

Marlene Cervenec, 647 Valley Dr. said as a taxpayer she would like to know about the project that the school and city are cooperating on regarding the junior high and senior high possible move. Mayor Mackinnon this is just research at this time and is part of the study of shared services. He said meetings

have been taking place since 2014 and is more of a think tank to explore shared services and economic development. He said he and Mr. Creps have a standing meeting once a week. Hopefully someday we will come up with something that makes us better.

Bob Densic, 107 Birch Dr. would like the committee reports on the website and said Mr. Ciecka stewarded the city through tough times in an honorable way.

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

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*Neil Mackinnon III*  
*Mayor*

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*Robert P. Watrol*  
*Clerk of Council*