

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held May 27, 2014

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of May 12, 2014. Mr. Minarcin 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 27, 2014 was presented to council. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to accept the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance committee minutes from May 12th were presented by Mr. Minarcin (see written report). Mr. Minarcin asked if Mrs. Freeman had received the information on the Maumee tax code for new business and was told no by Mr. Ciecka.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka first introduced Julie Zatko of the RHS Drama Club who introduced Hannah Peterson, incoming President of the RHS Drama Club who presented a plaque to the mayor and city for their support of the arts. Mayor Mackinnon thanked them and complimented them for the great job they do. Mr. Ciecka said that Chief Drouard had been presented with an agreement this morning for the loan of Kawasaki Jet Wave but no legislation to accept had been prepared yet. Chief Drouard said this would be at no cost to the city and that Honda East would loan us the use this personal watercraft for the season. He said it gives us another way to get out to people in the water who are in distress. It has been beneficial to have this in the past and the only cost is to add this to our city insurance. Mr. Staczek said he would appreciate having this but it will take some training and what would the training be. He thinks this is a good idea but said we need to look at training and manning for this. He would rather see us looking at a proper type of rescue boat. Mr. Wagner asked if our current fire boat is repaired yet and was told no. Mr. Wagner said this would give us something to have in the water. Mr. Oberdorf asked if we have anybody now trained for this or how long it would take to train someone. The chief said there is no training policy for this and that in the past we relied on members of the department who had personal watercraft. He would have to see if there is any kind of training class for this. Mr. Ruse said he does not want to see this delayed but would like the Public Safety committee to add appropriate training to their agenda. Mr. Staczek said he would like to see a training program in place and a list of fire department personnel who have been through the boater safety course. Mr. Wagner said there is no formal training program for personal watercraft but you do need to know the boating rules and laws and be familiar with operating this type of watercraft. He will look at this issue as part of the Public Safety committee. Mr. Oberdorf does not see this tied up in safety committee and asked the chief how long we have. Chief Drouard is not sure of the deadline date for this agreement. Mrs. Eckel thinks that council should approve this loaner agreement and then look at the training issue. Mr. Ruse said again he was not looking to delay this agreement but wants the public safety committee to look at training and other issues before the legislation is brought to council

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to allow Mr. Ciecka to enter into an verbal agreement with Honda East regarding the loan of a personal watercraft. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Mackinnon said his thoughts and prayers go out to Tyler and Lisa Kolb on the death of her mother, thanked the VFW, American Legion, everyone who attended the Memorial Day this weekend, Mike Watrol – saying he has never been more impressed by a young man of this age, and all our veterans especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice. He then introduced special guest Anita Shufritz and presented her with a proclamation honoring her 55 years of dedicated service to the Rossford Schools and congratulating her on her upcoming retirement on July 1, 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#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. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban asked council to email or call him with any questions they may have on this ordinance. This was given a second reading only.

#2014 – 22 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 7800 WALES ROAD, ROSSFORD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO AND ACCEPTING A DEED FROM THE TITLED PROPERTY OWNERS FOR SAID REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF ROSSFORD

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon asked that this be given a first reading only pending a Phase I inspection. This was given a first reading only.

#2014 – 23 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL AID IN “STRUCTURE FIRE PROTECTION” SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Chief Drouard said this has been discussed with the Chief in Perrysburg and came about because of the lack of ability to transport injured from structure fire incidents. He said that if a injured victim was transported by the EMS on scene there was no backup to transport any other victims such as firefighters. This will allow for mutual aid with rescue vehicles. Mr. Wagner wanted it clarified that this was for off hours only and the Chief said no this was anytime a structure fire occurred. Mr. Staczek asked if this went through the Public Safety committee and was told by Mr. Wagner it had and in fact was on the committee minutes provided at the last meeting. Mr. Staczek wondered about the cost factor based on us responding to more runs. Chief Drouard said he would have to check on the number of structure fires. Mr. Oberdorf asked if there was a time line on approving this and the chief said the sooner the better. Mr. Wagner asked if the typical protocol is to send a rescue vehicle along with the fire equipment and was told yes by Chief Drouard. Mrs. Eckel said she understood part of the reason for automatically sending EMS is first for onsite victims and that the second vehicle is for fire department personnel who may be overcome by smoke or injured. Mr. Ruse said his concern is whether this is on call or based on need and that we need to iron this out to make sure we maintain coverage in our community. Mr. Staczek said he understands this to be automatic and he is worried about having the staffing to do this and he would have a hard time voting for this until we get our second squad up and running. Chief Drouard said we have plenty of fire equipment at these fires but no ability to transport victims. Mr. Minarcin asked when we anticipate the other squad being in service and was told about 4 weeks but we are getting a loaner in the interim. Mr. Wagner said to discuss this further during the Public Safety committee meeting. This was given a first reading only.

#2014-24 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AN ELECTRIC SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS FOR STREET LIGHTING/PRIVATE OUTDOOR LIGHTING AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said our electric bills have two components of which one is the cost for supply of electricity for street lighting. This agreement will designate FirstEnergy Solutions has the supplier of electricity with a 12% discount from the PUCO price to compare. This affects street lighting, parking lot lights on city property, and traffic signals. Mr. Minarcin asked if the three year term of the agreement starts on the date the meter is read and Mr. Ciecka said yes and that different meters have different read dates during the month and the pricing change will take place on that read dates. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and Bob Densic, 107 Birch asked if anything precludes the city from engaging in energy saving programs and was told no, this is just for supply. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2014 – 25 - AN ORDINANCE UNDER SECTION 727.25, OHIO REVISED CODE, ASSESSING UPON THE LOTS AND LANDS WITHIN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD TO PAY THE EXPENSE OF LIGHTING THE STREETS, ALLEY WAYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN SAID CITY AND FURNISHING ELECTRICAL ENERGY THEREFORE, DIRECTING THE CLERK TO CERTIFY SAID ASSESSMENT TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE PLACED UPON THE TAX DUPLICATE, 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 is the annual ordinance for street lighting assessments. 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.

#2014 – 26 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1 , 2015 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is the beginning of the 2015 budget cycle and that this ordinance had been reviewed by the finance committee on May 12th and can go multiple readings. This was given a first reading only.

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

Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the plans are not ready yet for this project and asked it be given a second reading. Currently the project is being designed at a price of \$248,000 which include roadway improvements and curbs. Sidewalks would be an additional \$18,000. Mr. Minarcin asked with no cul-de-sac how garbage trucks and fire equipment will turn around and was told currently they back out. Mrs. Eckel asked what is the cost of a cul-de-sac and Mr. Ciecka said \$10,000 plus the cost of property acquisition. Mayor Mackinnon said this is a fifty year decision and there is no way anyone should be thinking about putting down an unimproved street. Mr. Staczek said he agrees with the mayor but he would not support an 18 foot wide street with curbs but wants to see a 26 foot wide street with curbs and parking on one side. Mr. Oberdorf thinks it would be prudent to hold a special meeting on June 2nd to discuss this rather than a committee of the whole. Mr. Heban explained that at a special meeting council could vote on this resolution and that at a committee of the whole no action could be taken. Mr. Oberdorf said that he and the mayor have visited the homeowners on Hillside and their main

concern is getting notice of any special meeting. Mr. Ciecka said estimates are available for the entire project right now but getting display documents by June 2nd may be difficult and said the assessment process could jeopardize completion of this project during this year's construction season. Mrs. Eckel thinks a 26 foot wide street is the direction we should go. Mr. Ciecka said he needs a policy decision on what we are going to assess before he can put assessment numbers together but he could provide based on a 98% assessment as stated in the resolution. Mr. Ruse asked if a 26 foot wide street is what is being drawn up and was told yes. He thought the policy had been determined before with assessments on curbs, sidewalks, storms and cost to upgrade the road. Mr. Ciecka thought it had been already determined that the assessment would be for the difference between an 18 foot and 26 foot street plus the cost of curbs, sidewalks, and full depth replacement. Mrs. Eckel thinks we need to give Mannik more time to put the information together and June 2nd is probably too soon. Mr. Ciecka said this resolution is for the entire cost of the improvement. Mr. Staczek thinks whatever policy is decided it must be able to be flexible i.e. Central Avenue would not work with a 26 foot wide street and sidewalks. This was given a second reading only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek pointed out that we are still having a problem with trains blocking the tracks saying that the tracks on Glenwood Rd. were blocked for two hours today. He said the property at 420 Glenwood Rd. still has two burned out boats in the back, grass not cut, saran wrap covering the windows, and that since it has been over a year since the fire there this needs to be cleaned up and secured and he does not understand why we are jerking around on this. He also noted on home on Bergin St. that caught fire several months ago that is not secured. He said the veterans appreciated the community support for the Memorial Day parade and program but that he had heard complaints that we had no flags in the boulevard. He said if we are unable to put them on the new light poles his suggestion would be to put flags on individual poles on the boulevard. He said the empty lot next to the Habitat for Humanity home needs to be mowed and also offered his condolences to the Kolb family.

Mr. Oberdorf expressed his condolences to the Kolb's and asked Mr. Kovasevic to talk about the recreation board meeting schedule. Mr. Kovasevic said the recreation board will meet in June, adjourn for the summer, and beginning in the fall meet on the fourth Monday of the month prior to the council meeting. He asked if anyone saw a need for a June Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to dispense with the June Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eckel extended her sympathies to the Kolb family, thanked the community for supporting the veterans this past weekend, and said she will schedule the public works committee to discuss the Hillside issue prior to the June 9th council meeting and discuss as part of the committee minutes.

Mr. Ruse asked where do we stand on this continued problem of trains blocking crossings and Mayor Mackinnon said we are documenting and that he has had it with this problem. Mr. Wagner said Toledo has cited repeatedly but always been overturned by the appellate court. Chief Goss said it is a problem in municipalities nationwide due to federal regulations and railroads being considered private property. Mayor Mackinnon asked Mr. Heban to research what our options are.

Mr. Wagner said he likes the new banners in the boulevard, would like to see the memorials at each end of the boulevard moved to the park or to the fountain area in front of the administration building, offered his congratulations to all RHS new graduates, and said Public Safety committee will meet this week.

Mr. Minarcin offered his condolences to the Kolb family, said the ladders and rescue rings are in place at the marina, that we definitely need U. S. flags in boulevard, and said he liked the plans for angle parking on the boulevard and suggested getting this on the website. Mr. Ciecka said this is a preliminary look requested by the committee.

Mayor Mackinnon said he personally wanted to thank the Rossford Beautification Committee saying the plantings done by them in the city look stunning and that he greatly appreciates their work.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Don Montague, 106 Rossway, said in a previous meeting Mr. Ruse had said that the contingent that formed to put the TARTA issue on the ballot should also be willing to come up with different ideas for public transportation. Mr. Montague then passed out a list of services that provide such transportation and said we could probably contract with one of these. He also thinks a survey should be done of Rossford citizens on the need for public transit. He feels the key issue with TARTA is the fact the contract is never ending. Mayor Mackinnon asked if this means that Citizens Choice is for public transit and was told yes, at least those here tonight.

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum, said people are still parking in the turn lane in front of Nrgie and also said the marina committee should check with the ODNR as to whether wing nuts on boat batteries are illegal in Ohio as they are in Michigan.

Bob Densic, 107 Birch, said his question for the public works committee is whether they could do an ordinance that would state if a certain percentage of the road is disturbed by construction a full depth replacement would be required.

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

Neil Mackinnon, III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council