

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held May 31, 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. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Scott. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of May 14, 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 31, 2012 was presented to council. Zoning Regulations & Technology committee report was added to the agenda. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning Regulations & Technology committee report of May 24, 2012 was presented by Mr. Marquette (see written report). Mr. Marquette said that in spending time with Mr. Drouard that the problem is the property rights the owner has and that if people just did what they should the problems would go away. Mrs. Eckel said we should consider adding language to our code that does not allow anyone to file a nuisance complaint if they have one filed against them. Mr. Ruse thinks that idea is a worthy one but would be difficult under the law. He asked about rezoning the Hofbauer property to residential and was told by Mr. Heban there are three ways to do it – 1) request by the property owner, 2) planning commission, or 3) council. Mr. Duricek said Mr. Scott would like to see all the relevant codes together and that we also need to list what we expect of property owners.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka said the Phase II lighting project is near completion and that three lights are defective and being replaced. He said he will four change orders totaling \$7800 to present at the next meeting for approval before the contract expires on June 20th related to wiring and a delay caused by ODOT. He said most comments have been complimentary on the new lights. Mr. Marquette asked about painting the remaining old light poles black to match and Mr. Jones said the estimate to do so was \$16000 and is not in the budget for this year. Mrs. Eckel asked about Phase III and Mr. Ciecka said no money has been funded by the federal or state government and it does not sound promising.

Mayor Mackinnon thanked and congratulated everyone involved in the Memorial Day Parade, gave his best to the four RHS athletes going to the state track meet this weekend, said that Canine Officer Williams and Gideon are back and on the job, that we had received the Safe Route to Schools grant, and thanked Chief Goss, Wood County Sherriff Wasylshyn, Penta law enforcement class, and TARTA for the good job in handling the casino grand opening.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitation to grand opening event for Oh La La Shoppe on June 8th was read to council.

ORDINANCES

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

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf said he had met with Mayor Mackinnon, Jerry Miller, and Scott Maxwell who would be the owner of this property and was quite satisfied with their answers to his questions and he would now support. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and Wendell Charles, 106 Cove Lane, Apt. 57 asked if this changes the zoning for the entire city or just this one spot and was told only for this one spot. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel

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.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

#2012- 11 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF GERALD ANTHONY TO THE RECREATION BOARD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel 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. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said he had lunch with Mr. Anthony who has a career in education and coaching and that he will be a great asset.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek thanked the new casino for their hospitality during the opening and thanked the zoning committee and Mr. Ciecka for working on the nuisance properties. He said that Sharon Waclawski, 1247 Grassy Lane is accepting gift cards to help the Myers family who recently lost their home in a fire.

Mr. Oberdorf said he had participated in the Memorial Day ceremony at Vets Park and that Mr. Scott had given a fantastic introduction of the guest speaker Matthew Drake who is a fine young man. He said it was a wonderful service. He said he had attended two events at the casino and that it is a beautiful facility and that no matter what your feelings are about it is here now and that the Mayor is doing an excellent job in relations with them. He asked if anyone saw a need for a June Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to suspend with the June Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eckel thanked the casino for the invite to the grand opening, thanked Chief Goss and the police department for the increased diligence on traffic during the opening, wished good luck to the four RHS students taking part in the state track championships, and scheduled a public works committee meeting for June 11 at 5:30pm. She asked Mr. Ciecka about the work done by NWWSD on Hillview last Wednesday and whether that was an emergency or scheduled situation as it interfered with Eagle Point School’s family picnic. Mr. Ciecka said he did not know anything about it but he will find out and let her know.

Mr. Ruse and Mr. Duricek both agreed with her statement regarding Chief Goss and the police department’s handling of the casino traffic.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Ken Szczesniak, 157 Windsor asked if it was possible to write language in our zoning code to make landlords more accountable for properties, possibly by requiring a bond. Mr. Heban said that Mr. Ciecka had recently attended a seminar where landlord/rental properties were discussed and that possible legislation regarding registration of rental properties is being looked at.

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

Neil Mackinnon, III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council