

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held June 9, 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. Staczek moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Marquette. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of May 27, 2014. 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 June 9, 2014 was presented to council. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to accept the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety committee minutes from May 30th were presented by Mr. Wagner (see written report). He noted that a traffic study does not need to be conducted to raise the speed limit on the Parkway, that the Safety Director or safety committee can direct the change be made per the law director. Mr. Staczek asked what is going to happen with Marine 1, are we looking into a new boat and are we going to be in the rescue business. He said we have a 16 foot Boston Whaler and a personal watercraft for water rescue which is not the right equipment and that if we are going to be in the water rescue business we need to do it right. He said he has asked several times for the safety committee to look into this. Mr. Wagner said the public safety committee has not looked at this but that the cost of a larger rescue boat would be \$150-200,000 which is not money we have especially based on the number of water emergencies and underwater search and rescues are handled by Toledo and/or the Coast Guard. Mr. Staczek disputes the numbers and is upset that this is not being researched and looked at. Mr. Wagner said right now the number one priority is our land rescue vehicles and that he will personally research this. Mr. Staczek said he wants this to go to safety committee and then come to council. Mr. Minarcin asked if the loaner for our rescue vehicle had been supplied yet and Chief Drouard said it was coming tomorrow or Wednesday.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Cieccka explained that in 2001 council passed Ordinance 2001-47 which allowed aggregate agreements for gas and electric to be placed on the ballot. Rossford voters approved an aggregate gas agreement in 2002 but the city never filed an application or started any procedure to join in an aggregate gas group. He is asking if this council wants to go forth and file the necessary paperwork to be part of the next aggregate bid for gas with the NW Ohio Coalition. Members of the coalition include Toledo, Maumee, Perrysburg, and Perrysburg Township. He said that the aggregate agreement has been taking about 2% off the published gas price in the past and we do retain the option to opt out at any time with a possible penalty depending on the supplier. Mr. Oberdorf said this appears to be a win-win situation and he would be in favor. Mr. Ruse said it's better late than never.

Mayor Mackinnon congratulated the RHS Class of 2014 and the participants in the OHSAA state track meet. He then issued a proclamation congratulating Rossford resident Michael Watrol upon his graduation from the United States Naval Academy. He also said he would like to gauge council's feelings regarding angle parking on Dixie Highway and Mr. Oberdorf suggested this go through the committee process. Mr. Ruse said it is on the public works agenda and that they are looking at back-in angle parking.

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. THIRD READING

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said there are two incorrect words in the ordinance and that he has a corrected copy. He suggested the ordinance be amended to allow for the corrections. *Mr. Ruse moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to amend. All ayes. Motion carried.* Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#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. SECOND READING

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a second 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. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek asked if there is an expiration date for this agreement and was told by Mr. Wagner we can opt out at any time. Mr. Staczek said he has a problem with this agreement as he feels our citizens should come first and we should have a second ambulance in service. Mr. Ciecka said this agreement only requires us to respond to structure fires and explained the reason for having a second ambulance on scene as described in the last council meeting. He said it is very beneficial, is a typical mutual aid agreement for small communities, that we will only respond if we have a crew available, and that the assumption is that we won't have a problem at the same time. Chief Drouard gave an example of the use and benefit. Mayor Mackinnon asked the chief if this makes us safer and was told yes. Mr. Wagner said this makes our citizens safer. Mr. Staczek said he is still concerned that we are covered to which Mr. Wagner responded that we can do what we want. Mr. Wagner moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. 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. Mr. Wagner moved and Mrs. Eckel 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. SECOND READING

Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is the beginning of the 2015 budget process and is a requirement of the county auditor. He said it is not an overly optimistic estimate but does acknowledge some potential for increased revenue. This was given a second reading only.

#2014 – 27 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND ADOPTING A NEW ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this ordinance and the following one pertain to property south of SR795 and north and south of the turnpike. These parcels are currently zoned agricultural and would be changed to Planned Commercial and Planned Industrial. The Planning Commission held hearings on this and recommends. Mr. Wagner asked who brought this forward, is a business looking to come in, and how many acres are involved. Mr. Ciecka said the property owner brought this forward, there currently is no business looking to come in, and it involves 24 acres. 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. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2014-28 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND ADOPTING A NEW ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD

Mrs. Eckel 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 adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2014 – 29 - AN ORDINANCE ENACTING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 137.12 (COMPOSITION).

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this was prepared in response to the Public Safety committee and will create four sergeant positions and will codify the composition of the police department which previously had been determined by our budget ordinance over the last ten years. Prior to that council had taken a more active role in determining the composition of the department as it did in codifying the fire department positions in 1987.. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Minarcin 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. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

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. THIRD READING

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban asked that the storm sewer part of Section 1 be deleted as will be a separate project. Mr. Ciecka estimated the cost of the project to be \$309,500 and said at the direction of council the city will absorb \$174,700 of the cost with the remainder to be assessed to the property owners. The estimated cost for the assessment is \$65 per linear foot. The cost is based on replacing 2072 feet of roadway. If the resolution is passed today this is the first step of the assessment process which will have letters sent to the residents followed by assessment hearings on any objections. An assessment equalization board would hear any objections and could adjust the assessments. This resolution calls for curb and gutters, no cul-de-sac, and sidewalks.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to amend Resolution #2014-08 by deleting the storm sewer section of Section 1. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ruse said the Public Works committee meeting tomorrow will discuss the timeline of the project. 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.

Mayor Mackinnon said his suggestion to council is that the city absorbs the cost of the storm water portion of the project because we are replacing an existing system and we have obtained a no interest loan for the portion. He said as to the curbs and sidewalks we need to go through the assessment process.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek said he agrees with the mayor's suggestion, thanked Chief Goss for his clampdown on the train crossings being blocked, and asked if there is a new head person at Pilkington and if so can we talk to him regarding the railroad crossings on the highway. Mayor Mackinnon said there is a new head man and he will relay the message. Mr. Staczek also asked if we had made any progress on the burnt out abandoned boats on Glenwood and Mr. Ciecka said we will be using the new nuisance ordinance just passed to rectify this.

Mr. Oberdorf said he is proud of the RHS track athletes, suggested we continue with two meetings a month in July and August, and said he like the mayor's idea for the city to absorb the cost of the storm water part of the project on Hillside Dr.

Mrs. Eckel thanked Chief Goss for his efforts on the blocked train crossings; said Public Works committee will meet tomorrow at 4:30, and said we have Columbia Gas and Nagle working in the same area with no flagger for traffic. Mayor Mackinnon said this will be looked into.

Mr. Minarcin said he concurs with the mayor on Hillside and congratulated the parents of the RHS 2014 graduates and the RHS track athletes.

Mr. Ruse said Hillside Drive will be discussed at the Public Works committee meeting tomorrow.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Dave Destatte, 413 Hillside, said this has been a huge project and massive undertaking and he complimented everyone involved in getting this started, saying it should have been started thirty years ago. He complimented the contractor saying they have been cooperative in getting cars through and that under the circumstances everyone has done an excellent job. He is in favor of option 3.

Paul Nawrocki, 1129 Schreier, said he is not in favor of option 3, asked how wide the street is going to be and why sidewalks on a dead end street. Mr. Ciecka said the street would be 25 feet curb to curb with 4 foot sidewalks. Mayor Mackinnon cited safety as the reason for the sidewalks. Mr. Nawrocki said he is favor of waiting until next year for the new street as the stone is not compacted yet and still settling. Mr. Ruse said the timeline would be talked about at tomorrow night's committee meeting and admitted that the contractor did not do all they should have done in compacting and they know this is an issue and will address it.

Craig _____ 422 Hillside said the notification procedure was poor and maybe next time a certified letter should be sent out to all residents. He also asked of the resident will have to pay for the tie-in from the street to the house. Mr. Ciecka said certified letters will be sent going forward. Mr. Ruse said only houses with septic tanks would have to pay for the tie in and admitted that communication on this project was poor. Bob Densic, 107 Birch, agrees with Mrs. Eckel that proper traffic control is not being followed and the code of standards for lane closures should be looked at, that compacting is not being done properly, and that NWWSD is not following their own standards as posted online.

Wendell Charles, 106 Cove Lane, Apt. 57, said that in the past when roundabouts were talked about the mayor had said he would veto if passed by council, what has changed now, and long is the congestion at that intersection since he has been through there various times and it's not that bad. Mayor Mackinnon said the cost is now considerably less. Mr. Ruse said he did attend a recent TMACOG meeting at which they talked about the Buck/Lime City intersection. He said the stakeholders need to meet again and the concern was that we may have lost the grant due to a change in the state grant process procedure. Technically we will have to reapply for the grant which should be a formality to get reapproved with reapplication due July 11th but we will not know formally until the end of the year.

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

*Neil Mackinnon, III
Mayor*

*Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council*