

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held June 12, 2017

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of May 22, 2017 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes of May 15, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting were presented to council. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of June 12, 2017 was presented to council. City Facilities, Parks & Marina committee report received today was added to the agenda. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried. *Mrs. Eckel entered the meeting.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Staczek presented the City Facilities, Parks, & Marina committee report from June 1st, 2017 (see written report). Mr. Oberdorf asked if that means no grills are allowed on the raised walkway and Mr. Staczek said yes. Mr. Staczek noted of lot of the boats are tied up incorrectly or are using incorrect bungee cords and drilling into the docks to attach bumper pads rather than tying up correctly. Mr. Oberdorf said if these are definite violations that the marina guards should be instructed to prevent this from the start and enforce the rules. Mr. Staczek said Ms. Benson has a list of boats ties up incorrectly including using chains which is wrecking the wood. Mayor Mackinnon said we should have a diagram sent out or given out at the start of the season and that now we should contact them by letter and phone call to correct.

Mrs. Eckel presented the Public Works committee report from May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (see written report). Mr. Minarcin asked who will repair the yards on Lorraine Place and was told the contractor who did the work. Mr. Wagner asked if the recommended \$3.50 storm water fee will come to council for a vote and Mr. Scott said it will eventually with Mrs. Eckel saying it will be part of a whole plan. Mr. Staczek said the painted lines and arrows on the pavement at Bergin/Dixie have faded and we either need to return the traffic pattern to the way it was or repaint. Mrs. Eckel said the committee is going to look at signage and painting. Chief Goss said when SR65 is repaved this will be painted with the laminate markings that show really well. Mr. Minarcin said we can't wait and need to repaint now. Mr. Marquette asked if that would be a substantial cost and Mr. Scott said no, that we would just repaint now rather than in August before school starts.

## **REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mike Scott reported that the Rec Center has started Summer Theatre with 17 participants culminating in a performance of Willy Wonka on July 28<sup>th</sup>, summer day camp is in week two with 25 to 38 participants, all the baseball programs are in full swing, and Chautauqua will be from July 19-23 with Riverfest and fireworks on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The public works department has begun summer hours, are working on catch basins and asphalt patching and will be down two people over the next two weeks due to vacation and military service, now have water service at the pole barn. The NWOFFA convention is this weekend with a band, beer garden, and food trucks at the municipal building Friday night and the parade on Saturday at 1:30.

*Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to authorize the parade. All ayes. Motion carried.*

The police department has the firing range ordinance on the agenda for this evening with Campbell Inc. being the general contractor and providing HVAC work, Toledo Environmental is doing the abatement and Meggitt Training handling the demo of the existing range and installing the new range.

Mrs. Freeman and he are working on the final numbers based on the last Committee of the Whole meeting and recommended another meeting to present findings. Mr. Oberdorf suggested July 6 or 7<sup>th</sup> for the committee of the whole meeting and said Mr. Scott had suggested meeting for an hour before the council meeting but he thinks that is not enough time and would be a mistake. He said each councilman needs to seriously think about what road to follow on the road financing. Mr. Marquette said council had done this at the last meeting with each councilman stating what they would like to see. Mrs. Freeman will have the information on maximum borrowing and millage. Mr. Wagner said council as a whole has not approved the five year plan just the three member public works committee. Mrs. Eckel said he has to have some faith in the committees and what he is saying is starting to get a little insulting. She is not available the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wagner said this five year plan does not respect the other four members of council for their input. Mr. Marquette asked if we took the reserve from ten to seven months could we get started on some road work this year. Mr. Scott said we have quite a bit of work already this year and road projects are normally bid in the spring. Mrs. Eckel said it would be hard but it is possible if a contractor had time available.

The contract for the Project Red roadway has been awarded to Geddis Paving and construction should begin in July.

Mayor Mackinnon offered his condolences to the family of Jack Roesler saying he was a man of great character and as an example referenced how he was a volunteer for delivering Meals on Wheels. He congratulated Kevin Heban on the marriage of his daughter last weekend and said the groundbreaking for the Harmon Business Park took place last week and is how we will grow into prosperity saying he has a meeting this week on a very large project. He said we lose a lot with being next door to the large urban city of Toledo and giving 100% reciprocity but over the next five years we will grow and do it right.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Council was informed of four pieces of correspondence received 1) a new permit request from Target to sell wine which council to which council did not request a hearing, 2) a 35% licensing fee distribution from the Division of Liquor Control, 3) two emails from Mr. Ruse regarding the roads and his recommendations for how to proceed, and 4) a letter of complaint from Randy

Smith, 106 Birch Dr. regarding the service he received from RITA on excess payroll income tax collected in 2016 and his objection to the tax reciprocity ordinance.

## **ORDINANCES**

**#2017 – 35 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MANNIK SMITH GROUP CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REQUIRED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OVERSIGHT OF THE HARMON DEVELOPMENT ROADWAY PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said as requested Tetra Tech was contacted and they declined to bid on the contract saying this project does not fit into their workload schedule and therefore he encouraged council to pass this. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Wagner 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. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2017 – 36 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND TO ADOPT A NEW INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR TAX YEAR 2018 AND THEREAFTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Wagner said this is one of the most arrogant pieces of legislation he has seen as this was voted down last November by 2/3 of the voters. He thinks we should suspend the third reading and vote this down tonight. Mr. Staczek agreed with Mr. Wagner saying he has always been against this ordinance and it would set us further back in the confidence of our constituents and that he would move we suspend with the third reading. Mr. Oberdorf said he is against both of them and feels strongly about this. He said he has been elected several times to represent all the people of Rossford but more importantly the total city of Rossford. He is not worried about confidence but making the best decision for the entire city. He said it would behoove us to have a sign outside the door saying please leave your ego and pride here and look at both sides of the issue not just one side to justify your reasoning. He does not make decisions on a political basis or being reelected. He thinks and prays on it to be open minded enough to make the best decision for the entire city. Mr. Minarcin said Mr. Ruse should be here before we take any vote on this as he brought this forward. Mr. Wagner said he would second Mr. Staczek's motion. Mrs. Eckel agrees with Mr. Minarcin that Mr. Ruse should be here and it is arrogant of Mr. Wagner to push this forward while he is not here. She thinks the use of the term arrogant is comical and that the character assassinations are unnecessary and arrogant in itself to and that Mr. Wagner loses a lot of credibility. Mr. Staczek defended Mr. Wagner saying Mr. Oberdorf made statements about people up for reelection and he is not doing this. He is not putting his pride or reelection before doing what is best for the community. Mr. Oberdorf said he thinks he hit a nerve and maybe it's good to do that occasionally and he also thinks Mr. Ruse should be here. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Vote on the motion was Staczek and Wagner aye, Minarcin, Marquette, Eckel, Oberdorf no. Motion fails 2-4.

**#2017-38 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018. FIRST READING**

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said this is an annual procedural step required by the county. This was given a first reading only.

**#2017 – 39 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH NORTHWESTERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESURFACING OF LORRAINE PLACE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon encouraged passage of this ordinance tonight saying the price is good and the money has been set aside. Mr. Marquette asked why the street is not being improved now and can it be done later and was told by Mr. Scott the money is not available right now and we might come back to it and we need to do the mill and fill now before the road fails. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2017 – 40 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF CAMPBELL INC AS THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR AND AWARDDING CONTRACTS FOR INDOOR FIRING RANGE IMPROVEMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING**

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said we received good bids on this project and that Campbell Inc. is a local company with a good reputation on HVAC and he would like to see this passed tonight. Mayor Mackinnon said the specifications have all been worked out and it comes in under the allocated amount. Mr. Staczek said he knows Campbell Inc. very well and they are a top notch company second to none. Mr. Scott said this does not include the cost to air condition as the decision was made to have a full ballistic wall but will be built to allow installation of air conditioning at a later time. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**#2017 – 07 - RESOLUTION AMENDING CITY POLICY 1. 6 COMMUNITY USE OF CITY PROPERTY TO INCLUDE THE DIGITAL SIGN AND STREET BANNER POLES. THIRD READING**

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

**#2017 – 08 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENDING THE HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO THROUGH ITS OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS. FIRST READING**

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said in a review of city contracts it was discovered that the State of Ohio contract on this was for three years and when council approved it was only for two years. This would add the additional year to the contract. This was given a first reading only.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Staczek offered his condolences to the Roesler family saying that Jack was a very knowledgeable man, congratulated Kevin Heban on the marriage of his daughter, said the Rossford Beautification Committee is doing a great job, noted a board on C dock at the marina needs replaced, and said a portion of the west wall needs sanding and painting.

*Mr. Oberdorf after some discussion moved that a Committee of the Whole meeting be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm prior to the regular council meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Wagner and vote was all ayes.*

Mr. Oberdorf asked if the finance committee has looked at the vacation benefit ordinance yet and was told it will be discussed at their next meeting.

Mrs. Eckel thanked all the participants in the Memorial Day parade, said she saw some routine road maintenance this week, offered her condolences to Jack Roesler's family and congratulated the RHS girls track team especially Katie Clark and Reagan Clay.

**AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum, asked if the TARTA sales tax passed how much would be returned to Rossford. Mr. Scott said approximately \$154,000. Mr. Appelhans also said we need to look at some additional signage at Bergin/Dixie Hwy. to clear up the confusion over the proper lanes. Steve Wayne, 104 Homestead, said that passing the tax reciprocity ordinance would show a lot of disrespect for the citizens of Rossford and suggested abandoning the roundabouts freeing up \$2.5M for roads.

Katie Poiry, 507 Beech, asked what the water line improvements on the tree streets are and Mr. Scott said he did not know what streets, that it was a preliminary discussion. Mrs. Poiry said she appreciates Mr. Oberdorf's passion but she has a problem with putting the expense of road repairs on her and 2100 other people back and that council needs to be more creative and open-minded. She does not want to pay for roads for people who will not contribute. She asks what makes an ordinance an emergency and Mr. Heban explained the emergency measure to her saying an ordinance passed as an emergency takes effect immediately and without an emergency takes effect 30 days after the Mayor signs.

Bob Densic, 107 Birch, said council continues to debate the roadway projects focused only on the financial aspect and that they also need to look at the scope and schedule. He said it appears council is trying to catch up quickly rather than looking at a long term plan.

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

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Neil A. MacKinnon III  
Mayor

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Robert P. Watrol  
Clerk of Council