

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting**  
**Held June 10, 2013**

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, Scott, and Duricek all present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of regular council meeting minutes of June 10, 2013. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried. Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes of June 10, 2013. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of June 24, 2013 was presented to council. A report from the RTID and reports from the Public Safety and Finance committees were added to the agenda. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Ruse presented the Finance & Insurance committee report from June 10<sup>th</sup> (see written report).

Mr. Staczek presented the Public Safety & Health committee report from June 10<sup>th</sup> (see written report). Mr. Ruse asked what tower we use now and was told by Chief Verbosky we use Lucas County.

Mr. Duricek presented a report from the Rossford Transportation Improvement District (see written memorandum of June 17<sup>th</sup>). Mr. Duricek said he would like to know councils feelings on this before the stakeholder meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup> and reduce this to the top two of the nine choices. Mr. Staczek said he would like more time. Mr. Scott said he understood the grant was based on traffic count and dictated what needed to be done at the Buck/Lime City intersection. Mr. Ruse wants to be sure we are still looking at roundabouts, turn lanes, or signals with turn lanes at both locations. Mrs. Eckel questioned why not Level of Service for each alternative and said she wants the best option for people who use this intersection and that it is hard to make that decision without knowing the level of service parameters. Mr. Marquette said council has previously voted no on this issue and then voted in paying for the right-of-way and that he still does not see what our cost will be. Mr. Ciecka said the memo provided by DLZ is a preliminary look at the intersection based on new traffic counts and not a full study. The new traffic counts did indicate that the intersection should be reviewed again. He said DLZ is preparing an estimate to do the engineering study based on these new counts and wants to limit the alternatives studied in order to keep the cost down. Mayor Mackinnon thought this warranted a committee of the whole meeting but Mr. Duricek said the meeting is June 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Duricek said we want the best LOS with the least cost. Mr. Marquette asked if it is the city's responsibility to purchase the right-of-way for Penta and was told no. Mr. Ruse, Oberdorf, Duricek, and Scott prefer options 2 and 7, Mr. Staczek prefers option 2 and 4, and Mrs. Eckel and Mr. Marquette prefer option 5 and 7.

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Ciecka reported that Pilkington will be taking down one float line to rebuild and have requested directional signs be permitted for contractors parking. Mr. Scott asked if we will receive any payroll tax from these workers and Mr. Ciecka said it depends if they work more than 12 days in the city unless the state changes that to 20 days.

Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to allow the signs. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Mackinnon asked if council was going to hold both July meetings or per charter dispense with one of them.

Mr. Scott said that July 8<sup>th</sup> conflicts with the volunteer kickoff for Chautauqua. He wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and success on the Chautauqua event.

*Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to hold the July regular council meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **ORDINANCES**

**#2013-26 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014.**

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

**#2013-28 – AN ORDINANCE REVOKING ORDINANCE 2013-22 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE 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 a mistake was made on the VIN# on the original ordinance and that the following ordinance will correct. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott 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. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2013-29 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this replaces Ordinance #2013-22. Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel 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. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2013-30 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT DEFENDANTS IN “ORDINANCE ONLY” CASES FILED BY THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said that council had approved a similar agreement last year and that very few of these type cases happen as most involve the ORC not our ordinances only. He estimated about ten cases a year come under this agreement. Mr. Ruse 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. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2013-31 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A JOINT COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE GLENWOOD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said that council had previously authorized a transfer of the Safe Route to Schools grant to the Wood County Engineer and that this ordinance gives the authority for the parties to cooperate. 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.

**#2013-32 - 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.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse said this was reviewed by the finance committee earlier this evening and is an annual ordinance. The committee moved to take the amount back to \$210,000 from \$180,000 so as to create a buffer in fund so could look at further extension of the decorative lights on Dixie Highway. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to amend Section 2 changing the amount to \$210,000. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a first reading only.

**#2013-33 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR THE LOCAL PARK IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said a proposal was brought to the finance committee for the recreation center to purchase some new equipment and that the recreation department is going after an \$18,000 grant toward the total cost of \$30,000. He said the finance committee moved to approve and bring forward to council. Mr. Duricek asked if this is asking for approval to apply for a grant and was told yes. Mr. Kovasevic said that the equipment is like a giant video game where the kids run back and forth and that it has been highly reviewed. Mr. Staczek said grants are fine but he is not thrilled with the process saying that the tennis courts are shot and we should look at repairing them before spending \$12,000 on a video game. Mr. Kovasevic said the estimated costs to repair the tennis courts are \$50,000 for Beech St. and \$45,000 for Veterans Park. Mr. Ruse suggested still going after grants but directing some to repairing what we already have. He said the finance committee suggested the recreation department prepare a 5 year plan. He is also concerned about this video game being outside without adequate supervision. Mrs. Eckel said she does not believe that the recreation department has ever received a grant of this high of an amount. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Scott 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. Scott seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**#2013-11 – A RESOLUTION FAVORING REMAINING IN THE TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (TARTA). THIRD READING.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said audience remarks will be limited to one minute. Dick Goeke said that the buses were empty when he lived on Eagle Point Rd., that ridership numbers are hard to get, and that the Wood County Committee of Aging will provide bus service to people over 60 for medical appointments and grocery shopping. Louis Bauer, 270 Margaret Place, Perrysburg asked if this resolution is separate from the issue of the public vote. Mr. Ciecka said this resolution is the recommendation of the special committee on TARTA after two years of study. Penny Lavigne, 3753 Harroun Rd. Sylvania, OH. said she is a member of CATR (Community Advocates for Transportation Rights ) and that it is just not the physically disabled that need TARTA but also seniors and those who cannot afford to drive a car. She said it is a form of connectivity in NW Ohio and that its riders also pay taxes for TARTA. She is happy it is available. Neil Lavigne also of Sylvania, OH. said he is a member of CATR which speaks for those who need public transportation and that opting out means there would be no transportation in or out of the city for those who need public service. He said this is an important decision for those who need this in your community. Leonard Michaels, 327 Colony Rd., Rossford, said that in 1980 71% of residents voted for TARTA but in 2010 only 39% did and that Rossford citizens should have the option to vote on this. Cheryl Sharp, 546 Glenwood, Rossford, thinks TARTA taxes are not very high and that the community is as valuable as the services it offers. Mr. Staczek said he is flabbergasted that none of the organizations that talk to the city use TARTA in Rossford and that this legislation came about because some members of council do not want this issue to go to a vote. If council votes yes on this then the community has no say and it would be shameful if this passes tonight. Mrs. Eckel said that historically she has not been a TARTA fan but that we hired consultants to look at this. She said that not everyone qualifies to the Wood County Committee of Aging bus and that it is good for economic development to have public transportation available. Besides that we receive about \$95,000 if TIF money back from the TARTA levy that would go away if out of TARTA. She said the alternatives to TARTA are very costly and it would be irresponsible to add this cost to the general fund. She is impressed with the consultant's report and the work the committee did and that everything points out that we are getting a great benefit. Mr. Marquette said his thoughts echo Mrs. Eckel's to some degree and that originally he thought that TARTA was not a benefit to the community but he has changed his mind. He believes it is a huge asset to our future development and he would support this resolution. Mr. Scott said he found the process very interesting. He agreed it is hard to get ridership numbers. He also said he had talked to Mr. Gardner who does not feel we are turning our back on him. We cannot compare ourselves to Perrysburg because of the difference in size and the money Ride Right needs to provide basic service is more that we can pay and would also restrict our service area to Rossford and Perrysburg. He said today's decision on this resolution is whether we are in or out of public transportation. He takes umbrage at Mr. Staczek's comments saying it is council's job to make this decision. He said the special committee spent many hours studying this issue. He also agreed with the comments made by Mrs. Eckel and Mr. Marquette. Mr. Duricek said his issue is that this should go to the voters and we should sell them on the benefit of TARTA. He said public transportation is probably needed but is not a right and that he is concerned

that if we vote to stay in TARTA they will revert. He said that public transportation is not a right. He said it is needed to some extent and that we should put it on the ballot and sell it to the voters. Mr. Ruse said the special committee explained their reasoning at the committee of the whole meeting and that if does not end here. If this passes we will still need to work with TARTA on issues that come up. Mayor Mackinnon said that in 2010 he was not for TARTA because he did not understand what was involved. As far as Oregon and Northwood not having TARTA he noted that there is a reason the big box stores located near Rt. 20. He said community advocates come here to represent people who cannot do it themselves and that we receive points on grant applications for having available public transportation. He feels the cost of approx. \$80 a year per household is not excessive to help people get to places and be connected to the region. He would ask council to vote in favor of this resolution. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Ruse, and Scott aye, Duricek and Staczek nay, motion carried 5-2.

**#2013-13 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO BRONDES FORD, INC. FOR VEHICLE REPAIRS MADE WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER (ORC 5705.41 "THEN AND NOW").**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the fire department had repairs of a vehicle done without a purchase order. Mr. Staczek asked what vehicle was repaired and was told by the Chief that it was the newest EMS vehicle whose repairs have already exceeded the blanket purchase order amount. The city may be part of a class action lawsuit with other communities who are experiencing the same engine problems. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Ruse 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. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2013-14 - A RESOLUTION NOMINATING MICHAEL SCOTT TO FILL A VACANT BOARD SEAT ON THE NORTHWESTERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT AND TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR (NEIL MACKINNON) TO VOTE FOR MICHAEL SCOTT FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE VACANT SEAT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said he had talked with Rex Huffman, council for the NWWSD and that one of their board members had passed away and a new municipal member need to be appointed from one of the twelve municipalities in the district. He then explained the nomination and selection process. Mr. Marquette asked if this position was advertised and was it required to be and was told no by Mr. Heban. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek 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. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Duricek wished everyone a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

Mr. Scott provided a Chautauqua flyer to council and said publicity will be in all area papers including a timeline for the Rossford event. He said this has been a community effort and offered special thanks to Beth Genson of the RCVB and Mr. Kovasevic, our recreation director. He said volunteers are still needed and thanked Chief Verbosky for his assistance on logistics.

Mr. Ruse offered his thanks to Mr. Scott and his team for organizing this event. He said the finance committee will need to know the amount of money needed for two new police vehicles.

Mr. Marquette asked if there has been any action taken by the Rossford School Board regarding the entrance to the Lime City Rd. athletic complex and was told no by Mr. Ciecka. Mayor Mackinnon said he will meet with the superintendent to discuss this. Mr. Ruse reminded everyone that improvements to this entrance were part of the site plan as approved by the planning commission.

Mrs. Eckel said she would like to see that taken care of before any new projects are started. She encouraged everyone to attend the Chautauqua event and said the Rossford Beautification Committee will meet next Monday at 7:00 to discuss planning for the August 24<sup>th</sup> Walk/Bike event. She questioned the road repairs and was told most of these are rough grade awaiting repaving. She congratulated Mr. Kovasevic for how few problems there have been with the summer ball program.

Mr. Oberdorf said that anyone who saw the Oliver Hazard Perry presentation previously will know what a great program the Chautauqua event will be. He wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and asked if anyone saw a need for a July Committee of the Whole meeting.

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

Mr. Staczek said he keeps hearing that council was voted in by the people to make decisions but he does not feel that means the people gave up their voting rights on important/ major issues.

**AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Penny Lavigne, 3753 Harroun Rd., Sylvania thanked council for their vote on TARTA and extended an invitation to any member to attend a CATR meeting on the last Tuesday of the month at the Ability Center of Toledo.

*Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf 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*