

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held June 25, 2012

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

ROLL CALL: Staczek, Oberdorf, Marquette, Ruse, Scott, and Duricek all present. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to excuse Mrs. Eckel who is sick. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of June 11, 2012. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of June 25, 2012 was presented to council. Committee reports from City Facilities, Parks, and Marina committee and Special committee on TARTA and a presentation to the Pickle Ball group were added to the agenda. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION: Mayor Mackinnon presented a proclamation to the Pickle Ball Club of Greater Toledo regarding the dedication of the new pickle ball courts. He said the club consists of 38 charter members who made a \$15,000 investment in the city.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Facilities, Parks, and Recreation committee meeting report from June 12th was presented by Mr. Duricek (See written report).

TARTA special committee report of June 19th was presented by Mr. Oberdorf (See written report).

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to accept the committee reports as given. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka announced a new program through WSOS that will pay 40% of the cost for removal of ash trees. It will require the property owner to obtain three estimates and the deadline for applying for the funds is August 1st. He said the grant paying for this is through ODNR and the efforts of Congresswoman Kaptur. He also announced that the new radios for police and fire began being installed last Thursday night and that both chiefs are pleased with the clarity, reception, and range. Chief Verbosky said that all last week was spent on installation and removal and said that the calls received over the weekend were loud and clear with no misunderstanding what was said. He said this is one of the best things the city has ever done and thanked everyone for taking this step. Chief Goss said the police have tested the portable to portable range and found it effective up to 50 miles. He said the officers are still learning the complexities of operating the system.

Mayor Mackinnon thanked the Downtown Beautification committee for the plantings in front of city hall and also thanked Mr. Kovasevic for a great Little League baseball program this year and for how well the fields look.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2012-35 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2013 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013. SECOND READING.

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

#2012 – 38 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER 933, IN TOTAL, OF THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 933, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT AND SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL, OF THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the public works committee met last week and began discussion on this. This will be the first of three ordinances on this subject and he would like it to go three readings as possible changes may be made. He said this will bring us into compliance with new storm water regulations. Mr. Marquette asked where the ordinance language is from and was told it is a model ordinance from an organization involved with storm water management. This was given a first reading only.

#2012-39 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

#2012-40 – AN EIGHTH ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL EXPENDITURES AND AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2011-55; 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 was discussed with the finance committee today and they recommended adoption. Mr. Marquette asked if we are getting a 2012 Tahoe for \$8000 and was told by Mr. Ciecka no, that this is the additional money for equipment over and above the \$32,000 already appropriated in the 2012 budget. Mr. Ruse said this is one of two ordinances that involve the new police vehicle and that #2012-41 follows. Chief Goss said that \$32,000 was appropriated this year for a new vehicle, that Ford no longer offer the Crown Vic police package, and that the old equipment from the old vehicle cannot be used on a new Chevy. He said the reason for purchasing a Tahoe is that all area departments have at least one SUV, that the mileage is better than what the current Crown Vic's get, that they are better in inclement weather, and can carry equipment. Mr. Staczek asked where the Tahoe will be kept and was told at the Police Department.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to amend Ordinance #2012-40 to change the language specifying Tahoe to police vehicle. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ruse 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. Ruse moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2012-41 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE POLICE VEHICLE FOR THE ROSSFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek requested this be given a first reading only so he can research Tahoe vehicles further and he does not know the reliability of these vehicles or their maintenance record. This was given a first reading only.

#2012-42 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A MID-YEAR UPDATE TO THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATIONS AND AMEND THE 2012 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2011-55.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said most things in this are related to ordinances already passed and this also reflects \$60,000 from bond savings and the expense for the retirement of an employee. The good news is that we will now have six months of operating expenses in the fund and she also said this can go three readings. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Duricek 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. Marquette moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

None

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Duricek asked Chief Goss if the large number of break-ins last weekend have anything to do with the casino and was told no. Chief Goss said there were six entries into homes last Friday and two attempted on Saturday as well as some thefts from unlocked vehicles. He said that his officers are on alert.

Mr. Ruse stated his feelings regarding Ordinance 2012-40 and 41 and said he voted for #2012-40 because we are purchasing a vehicle whether it is a Tahoe or something else.

Mr. Oberdorf said in view of the charter calling for only one meeting during the months of July and August he would entertain a motion to suspend with one of the July meetings as well as the July Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to suspend with the July 9th regular council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to suspend with the July committee of the whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Oberdorf said he had attended the Safety Town graduation and he loved it. He complimented Officer Jodi Johnson saying she does a fantastic job.

Mr. Staczek said he has heard complaints from residents during his walks through the neighborhoods regarding the high water bills. He played a voice mail from a resident who said she moved here a year ago and has been disappointed in the water cost. Mr. Oberdorf said he heard only one complaint last month regarding water bills and that if anyone has a real problem they should contact the city. Mayor Mackinnon said he will personally visit these people.

Mr. Scott listed the four things impacting water bills: 1) Crossroads assessment 2) City of Toledo increase 3) NWWSD maintenance fee and 4) Catch-up of Toledo under billing. He thinks things are settling down and he had previously asked the NWWSD to put together a flier explaining this which they did not do and he agrees that they have not been proactive in explaining the reasons for the increase. He also said that NWWSD is doing a lot of improvements to our infrastructure that may have saved us from EPA action. Mr. Jones said that NWWSD did not try to hide anything and told us up front that rates would be going up.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Debbie Zuchowski, 202 Hilldale, Rossford wanted to thank whoever was responsible for getting the trees across the street from her cut down.

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*