

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held June 25, 2018

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of June 11, 2018 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes except Mr. Ruse who abstained. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of June 25, 2018 was presented to council. Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to accept the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION**

Jim Gee of TARTA presented the strategic plan and talked about the effort to put a .04% sales tax on the ballot to fund TARTA rather than the current property tax. He made a PowerPoint presentation on TARTA services that showed they make 3M trips a year with 12,000 passengers a day of which 60% are going to work. He said the service district consists of seven member communities which fund TARTA by a 2.5m property tax. He noted the strategic plan was developed from the fifty best public transit practices in the nation and the plan is available on their website. Mr. Marquette asked if the .04% will bring in more than the 2.5mills. Mr. Gee said the 2.5m generates about \$12.8M annually and that the estimate is that the .04% tax will generate \$25M annually with \$5M redistributed back to the member communities. Mr. Ruse asked how long the TIF share would be paid and Mr. Gee said for the life of the TIF. Mr. Ruse asked if the value will be the same to the TIF as is with the 2.5mills. Mr. Gee said the new formula is tied to motor vehicle registrations. Mr. Ruse and Mrs. Freeman said last year we received \$90,000 from TARTA through the TIF and Mr. Gee said we would be guaranteed the \$90,000 and would receive more if sales tax was higher. Mr. Densic asked if it is still 2/3 for operations and 1/3 back to the communities and Mr. Gee said it will now be 80% to TARTA and 20% to communities which in response to Mr. Densic's question said is primarily driven by state law and to make sure communities are not negatively impacted by this change. Mr. Ruse said our TIF area has increased and what happens if we add more area and Mr. Gee said it is tied to the loss of the property tax \$'s not a particular number like \$90,000. Mrs. Eckel asked if Rossford sales tax will be higher than Perrysburg Township and was told yes, by .04%. Mr. Staczek said his concern is for business out in the Crossroads that compete with business across the street with lower sales tax and asked if we are locked in to TARTA forever. Mr. Gee explained there is a process for Rossford through council and a citizen vote to get out. Mr. Densic is thankful to see the opt out clause but does not like that if the citizens of Rossford voted against renewal it would still require a separate vote to get out. Mr. Ruse said that if that happened council could pass a resolution to put on the next election for Rossford to vote on opting out. Mr. Marquette said this is just like the last time where we will be voting to put this on the ballot for the citizens to decide.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Eckel presented the Parks & Recreation committee reports for June 11<sup>th</sup> (see written report). Mr. Densic asked about movie nights and Mr. Ledesma said he is still looking for companies willing to come to Rossford with screens and equipment.

Mr. Densic presented the Finance & Insurance committee report for June 21<sup>st</sup> (see written report).

Mr. Ruse presented the Public Works committee report for June 18<sup>th</sup> (see written report). Mr. Staczek said he did ask NWWSD to provide him with the last five years of costs residents have paid to have water turned back on after a shut off. Mrs. Eckel asked if tap fees have been going up.

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

Mayor Mackinnon thanked everyone involved with the Chautauqua event, reminded everyone of the Balloon Fest event from July 13-15, thanked John Miller from Cedar Creek Church who volunteered a group to help with any community event, and said with the death of Jim Richards and the change of residence of Ken Gwozdz who was looking for two charter review committee members.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Council was read two pieces of correspondence 1) a thank you note from Mark Reiter for making the swearing in ceremony for Brad McBride a special night and 2) notice of new address for the Rossford Board of Education. Council was given a copy of a letter sent from unnamed parties regarding the geese problem at Vets Park. Mrs. Eckel said the letter is incorrect as no one has ever contacted the safety committee regarding this issue and Mayor Mackinnon said he had received no phone calls. Mr. Staczek said he agrees that there is a geese problem as well as a noise and light problem on the basketball courts.

### **ORDINANCES**

**#2018 – 30 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE ROSSFORD CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING**

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to table for 90 days. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2018-31 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND NORTHWESTERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT FOR STORMWATER BILLING SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING**

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

**#2018-32 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 505.08 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING**

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes except Mr. Densic who voted no. Motion carried 5-1. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to declare an emergency. Vote on the motion all ayes except Mr. Densic who voted no. Motion carried 5-1. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except Mr. Densic and Mr. Staczek who voted no. Motion carried 4-2.

**#2018 – 36 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019. SECOND READING**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said this is due to the Wood County Auditor by July 20<sup>th</sup> so needs to be approved tonight or at a special meeting prior to the next regular meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek 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. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2018 – 37 - AN ORDINANCE ENACTING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 521.16 DEALING WITH BAGSTER BAGS AND SIMILAR TEMPORARY DISPOSAL CONTAINERS. SECOND READING**

Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes except Mr. Densic who voted no. Motion carried 5-1. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2018-39 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 925.04(f) RULES AND REGULATION OF THE ROSSFORD MARINA**

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Densic seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Staczek this is cleaning up some old regulations. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Heban 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. Staczek moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except Mr. Ruse who voted no. Motion carried 5-1.

**#2018 – 40 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE GENERAL LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Densic moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a first reading only.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**#2018 – 27 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD M. TUCHOLSKI TO THE STREET TREE COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Heban 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. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2018 – 28 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR WOOD COUNTY PARK DISTRICT GRANTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ledesma said this will allow us to apply for grants that require no matching funds. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes except Mr. Densic who voted no. Motion carried 5-1. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes except Mr. Densic who voted no. Motion carried 5-1. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2018 – 29 - A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RESOLUTIONS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED WHICH CREATED THE TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (TARTA) BY: (1) ADDING LUCAS COUNTY AS A MEMBER OF TARTA; (2) ELIMINATING TARTA’S 2.5 MILL PROPERTY TAXES AND SUBSTITUTING A ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX; (3) ALLOCATING 2/3 OF THE TAX COLLECTED TO TARTA TO DIRECTLY FUND ITS OPERATIONS AND 1/3 TO OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES FOR THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF MASS TRANSIT RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE; AND (4) PROVIDING A NEW MECHANISM FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP IN TARTA, PROVIDED THAT SUCH CHANGES ARE CONTINGENT UPON VOTER APPROVAL OF THE NEW TARTA FUNDING SYSTEM AT THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Densic moved and Mr. Heban seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a first reading only.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Staczek said would like the NWWSD representatives at council meetings for their input and so they can hear our concerns.

Mrs. Eckel said she attended the Harold Brown (Tuskegee Airman) event at the library and it was outstanding, thanked IPS for their hospitality at the open house and for the improvements to the building, and thanked everyone who is working on getting things done in the community. Mayor Mackinnon said the job the Rossford Beautification committee has done this year is fantastic and thanked Rex Huffman for his efforts.

Mr. Ruse thanked those who worked on the Chautauqua event, said the paving project is two weeks ahead of schedule and within budget, and that ordinances will be forthcoming for a change order on the project and an appeals process for the storm water drainage.

Mr. Heban said the Economic Development committee is meeting with O'Brien on June 26<sup>th</sup>, said he agrees with Mr. Staczek that NWWSD reps should be at our meetings, and thanked everyone involved with Chautauqua.

Mr. Densic asked when the final course would be applied to the paving project on SR65 and Mr. Ruse said all at once after the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase from Eagle Point to Lime City is done. Mr. Densic said he is concerned with the 1 ½ inch lip at the railroad crossing damaging the new repairs and the other 1 ½ gaps at manholes etc., said he agrees with Mr. Staczek and Mr. Heban about NWWSD attending meetings, suggested a possible town hall meeting for water for the entire community to talk about.

Mayor Mackinnon said he is constant contact with our neighboring communities and their mayors, NWWSD, and Toledo's mayor regarding the water issue but is just not doing it in public or on social media and that we are being represented very well with a good team in place. He said he guarantees we will get a better deal than we have now regardless of who we go with.

**AUDIENCE REMARKS**

John Colapietro, 1004 Groce, said there are no storm water lines being installed on Groce St. so should be no charge for storm water utility fee and why are lines not being installed. Mr. Ruse replied that is not true as all residents benefit and cost is preventing lines being installed.

Erin Crawford, 544 Bruns, congratulated the city for another successful Chautauqua event and said she appreciated the notice regarding the venue change on Friday night due to the weather and said she agrees that NWWSD reps should be at council meetings.

*Mr. Heban moved and Mr. Staczek 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