

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held July 10, 2017

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of June 26, 2017 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of July 10, 2017 was presented to council. Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance committee report from June 26th was presented to council (see written report).

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mike Scott reported that the Rec Center's Summer Theatre will culminate in a performance of Willy Wonka on July 28th, Little League football signup as began, and Chautauqua will be from July 19-23 with Riverfest and fireworks on July 22nd. The last day of summer camp is August 11th with attendance of 30-50 kids, the Casino Color Smash Run will be August 5th and the Rec Center will be closed on August 18th for resurfacing of the gym floor and a water line replacement. The public works department Touch a Truck event was a big success with over 100 kids and Cargill was the low bidder on the road salt contract at \$34.44 a ton. The fire department said that fire calls are up 31 calls over last year, they are down three people, and that Dr. Schwerin the medical director is leaving but they will continue with the same medical group. The police department new vehicle is being equipped and overtime is up due to retirements and training of new officers. The June financial reports have been distributed and expenses are up due to increased spending on the Planning Commission and nuisance abatement. In regards to Economic Development he said the NWWSD work is nearly completed on the Harmon project and that ULTA opened in the Crossroads last Friday. He informed council that Rossford Voter's Voice has filed a copy of their petition that they will be circulating to amend the city charter limiting taxation without a public vote.

Mayor Mackinnon thanked council and Mr. Oberdorf for a good committee of the whole meeting. He said in the past five years over \$15M of infrastructure has been done without any taxpayer expense. He said we have a lot going on in the city and that public transportation is a help to economic development and gives us extra consideration for grants and that city

employers want us to stay in TARTA. He said we are business friendly and he wants us to use the reserve and the storm water fee to help with roads.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#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. SECOND READING

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2017-41 – 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. FIRST READING

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

#2017 – 43 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DECLARATIONS OF OFFICIAL INTENT UNDER U.S. TREASURY REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO REIMBURSEMENTS FROM PROCEEDS OF BONDS, NOTES OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF TEMPORARY ADVANCES MADE FOR PAYMENTS PRIOR TO ISSUANCE, AND RELATED MATTERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said this is related to the anticipated TIF revenue bond coming later this summer covering the infrastructure improvements in the Harmon Business Park. This needs to be in place before the bond sells. Mr. Marquette 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. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2017-44 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR AN ELECTRIC SUPPLIER FOR STREET LIGHTS IN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING

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

RESOLUTIONS

#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. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2017- 09 - 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 7, 2017 GENERAL ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. James Gee, general manager of TARTA introduced himself. Mr. Ruse pointed out a pending law change next year that would allow a .10% versus .25% increments. Mr. Gee said they were unaware of this pending change until a week ago and explained the Toledo Chamber of Commerce objection to this legislation. Mr. Ruse said the \$150K coming back to the community will keep us whole and these funds will be unencumbered as is the current TIF money received from TARTA. Mr. Scott said this also gives us the opportunity to leave TARTA if the public votes to do so. Mr. Staczek said he thinks TARTA is a good thing but he was always against the forever agreement. His concern is that our neighboring communities that are our competition i.e. Perrysburg will have an advantage due our higher sales tax. He also said the money coming back to us is supposed to be used to fund mass transit infrastructure. Mr. Scott said this can go to a second reading. Mayor Mackinnon said he knows exactly what he is doing when it comes to economic development after twenty five years and this will lower our property taxes and is not a forever agreement. He said Rossford voted 2-1 to stay in TARTA for economic and humanitarian reasons and that TARTA gets people to jobs and medical appointments. He also said that the citizens get to vote on this and that no one on council should have a problem with putting this on the ballot. Mrs. Eckel asked if the 1/3 coming to the city can change and Mr. Gee said only with a unanimous vote by all the members with one member able to veto any change. Mr. Scott asked about the ten year period and Mr. Gee said this is a ten year tax and would be voted on again in ten years and there is no additional burden in maintaining TARTA infrastructure in the city beyond what is required today. Mr. Marquette 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 was Marquette, Eckel, Oberdorf, Ruse aye; Staczek no. Motion fails as five votes needed to suspend. This was given a first reading only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek thanked the public works committee and the Rossford Beautification committee for their hard work.

Mr. Oberdorf thanked Mr. Scott and Mrs. Freeman for their hard works in providing information to council.

Mr. Ruse said Mr. Wagner and Mr. Minarcin both approved the TARTA resolution at the finance committee meeting. He asked if we are moving in taking down the two houses owned by the city and Mr. Scott said we have received quotes which are being reviewed. Mr. Ruse said that at the last public works committee meeting they talked about the Colony Rd. paving and the potential of NWWSD replacing the water lines. Mr. Scott said that NWWSD is saying the water line is just fine and we will need to put some pressure on them.

Mr. Heban pointed out that a motion for reconsideration of Resolution #2017-09 could be made by Mr. Staczek. Mr. Staczek said he wants this to go to a vote of the people but he disagrees with this in principle. Mayor Mackinnon said this gives the people to vote on this and also includes language that ends the forever agreement. Mr. Oberdorf said this did come out of finance as a unanimous vote.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to reconsider Resolution #2017-09. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf 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. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Ruse aye. Staczek no. Motion carries 4-1.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Amy Marshalko, 28015 Lime City Rd. said she is getting assessed for lighting but there are no street lights where she lives. Mrs. Freeman said this is a renewal of the current street lighting assessment for the entire city and not a new assessment.

James Gee of TARTA thanked council and the mayor for their passage of the resolution.

Erin Crawford, 544 Bruns, asked if all the members in TARTA voted to make a change to the agreement would that go to a public vote. Mr. Heban any change in the amount of the tax would require a public vote.

Wendell Charles, 106 Cove Lane, asked how many people ride TARTA and is it worthwhile. Mayor Mackinnon said the citizens of Rossford passed TARTA by a 2-1 margin. Mr. Charles asked where he goes to catch a TARTA bus. Mayor Mackinnon told him a map and times of service are available at the library and a Call-a-Ride service is available.

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

Neil A. MacKinnon III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council