

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held July 11, 2016

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

ROLL CALL: Staczek, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Ruse, Wagner, and Minarcin all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of June 27, 2016 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes except for Mr. Oberdorf who abstained. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of July 11, 2016 was presented to council. Public Works committee report was added. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes except for Mr. Oberdorf who abstained. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance committee report was presented by Mr. Minarcin (see written report). Mr. Marquette asked what is the cost of the fraud assessment and Mrs. Freeman said not to exceed \$3,500. He also asked how much cash is handled and Mrs. Freeman said she did not have a good number at this time but as an example said the marina guards handled over \$1,000 in cash on the July 4th weekend.

Public Works committee report of June 27, 2016 was presented by Mrs. Eckel (see written report). Mr. Marquette asked Mrs. Eckel what she meant about advertising better for the next public works test and she said advertising in more and different places.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Mackinnon said the Ford Club building is under contract and the remediation and demolition of the administration building will begin shortly but he will allow the company going in there to make the announcement and that it would be restored to its former grandeur. He said we continue to work on improving the downtown and he should have an announcement next week, that Chautauqua was a huge success, and thanked the Rossford Beautification Committee for making the town look great. Mr. Wagner asked about the application for historic landmark status for the Ford Club and Mayor Mackinnon said the consultant has everything lined up and there should be no problem. He said the investment should be around \$3M.

Mrs. Freeman reporting for Mr. Scott said the Rossford Recreation building will be closed on August 18th and 19th so that repairs to the fire suppression system can be made, that a blood drive will be held at the Rec center on August 12th, that the Lime City Rd. bridge will close on July 18th for 60 days, that the city is now live on Ohio Open Checkbook, a civil service test for public works will be held on August 20th, that road salt will be \$39 a ton this year, and that we had a water main break on Lime City Rd. today. She also said that the school has reported that construction will start tomorrow on the improvement to the athletic field entrance and that the city is no longer collection the 50% tax credit money any longer and that any money already paid will be credited. Mr. Marquette asked if we have seen what the improvements will be at the Glenwood Athletic complex. Mr. Ruse said yes, that the school had shared with the city and that they plan to improve the north entrance now and wait for the outcome of November levy rather than improve now and possibly tear up later.

Mayor Mackinnon introduced Rex Huffman, legal counsel for the NWWSD, to respond to questions regarding the Blade article on water rates. Mr. Huffman reviewed the rates and referenced Rossford changing from Toledo to NWWSD in 2010 saying the increase can be attributed to O & E fees and the Toledo surcharge. He referenced three ongoing studies that are looking to alternatives to Toledo water such as a suburban water treatment plant or obtaining water from other sources i.e. Oregon. He said he

will keep the city advised as these reports are finalized and also said that Toledo seems to be more agreeable to a better plan.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from John Vargo, 412 Eagle Point Rd. complimenting the public works department for their quick service relating to a tree on Highland Dr. and uneven sidewalks was read to council.

ORDINANCES

#2016 – 26 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017.

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

Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2016 – 28 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 2014-62.

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

Mrs. Freeman said she would like to see this passed tonight as the raise is effective July 8th. Mr. Wagner 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. Wagner

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

#2016 - 29 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE EXPENSE APPROPRIATION AND ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2015-55 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mrs. Freeman said this is an additional appropriation for the purchase of a 2009 refurbished street sweeper that also asks for a waiver of the competitive bidding process as this is a one of a kind item. Mr. Marquette asked if there are any other cities interested in purchasing this and was told yes. Mrs. Freeman said the asking price is \$95,000 but we have \$5,000 of leeway if we have to raise our bid. Mr. Staczek said this does not give us time to look at shared services and Mr. Freeman said that Mr. Scott has spoken to Oregon who is not interested and Perrysburg Township who uses a leased service not their own equipment. She said at this time no one else is interested in sharing. Mr. Wagner asked what all has been refurbished and Mr. Kolb said the entire piece of equipment. Mr. Ruse said he is a proponent of shared services and that even if we purchase this we still need to explore shared services. Mr. Marquette asked how important this is to the city and Mr. Kolb said if the streets are not swept it compounds our storm sewer problems. Mr. Minarcin said we should be looking at all our equipment down the road but it is important to not lose this. Mayor Mackinnon asked council to approve this but to give him until Friday to talk to other neighboring communities regarding sharing. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Minarcin 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. Minarcin seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

None

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek thanked everyone who was involved with Chautauqua saying it was a great event for the community. He also said the Rossford Beautification Committee is doing a great job.

Mrs. Eckel also thanked everyone who was involved with Chautauqua, congratulated Karen Freeman on getting Open Checkbook up and running and being the poster community for Northwest Ohio on this, and welcomed Vito’s Pizza and the new massage parlor to the community.

Mr. Wagner asked if we are having a second meeting in July as not required per charter. Mayor Mackinnon said he wants to meet as need a zoning item resolved.

Mr. Minarcin said Chautauqua was an outstanding and well-attended event.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Paul Nawrocki, 1129 Schreier Rd. asked about sidewalks on W. Elm Tree since the street was redone and Hillside Dr. was assessed for sidewalks. Mayor Mackinnon said we are still figuring out what we will do on this. Mrs. Eckel said the road was a NWWSD project not a city project but that the public works committee is getting prices for sidewalks.

Erin Crawford, 544 Bruns Dr. congratulated the city on a successful Chautauqua event and being invited to host again in the future. She said we need to look at other events to coincide with this to keep people in Rossford.

Ed Kolanko, Mayor of Walbridge, introduced himself as a candidate for Wood County Commissioner.

Jason Hartigan, Perrysburg, introduced himself as a candidate for Wood County Treasurer.

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

*Neil Mackinnon
Mayor*

*Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council*