

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held July 13, 2015

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

Mayor Mackinnon requested a moment of silence be observed in memory of former city councilman John Klepacz who passed away July 10th and also the father of city finance director Karen Freeman who passed away today.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of regular council meeting minutes of June 22, 2015. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of July 13, 2015 was presented to council. Ordinance #2015-33, an executive session to discuss pending litigation and a personnel employment matter, and a Marina committee report were added to the agenda. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Economic Development committee report from July 10th was presented by Mr. Ruse (see written report). Public Works committee report from June 25<sup>th</sup> was presented by Mrs. Eckel (see written report). She also reported that the Colony Rd. /Hillside to Eagle Point Rd. project may be delayed due to a change to accommodate parking and that the Beautification Committee is planning summer projects. Mr. Staczek asked if we can do anything temporarily for the remainder of Colony Rd. and Mrs. Eckel and Mr. Scott said they will be discussing this with NWWSD. Mr. Minarcin asked what is the problem stopping the removal of the Colony Rd. pump station and was told by Mrs. Eckel that an easement from CSX is needed for the new line. Mr. Ruse said that in the street repaving there are isolated areas that will need a full depth reconstruction and that because of the delay with the Colony Rd. pump station it may lead to coordinating both Colony Rd. projects next year. Mr. Staczek asked why it has taken a year to obtain an easement and that if not repaving right away something needs to be done about the manhole covers on Eagle Point Rd. and elsewhere. Mr. Scott said that Hannum Avenue would have been repaved today if not for the weather and probably will not tomorrow again due to weather. Mrs. Eckel said the delay on the easement is due to this not being a high priority for CSX and Mr. Scott said it has been at their corporate offices for several months.

Marina committee report from July 3<sup>rd</sup> was presented by Mr. Staczek (see written report). Mr. Minarcin asked if Mr. Scott had checked with the Coast Guard as to how long we have to provide safe harbor. Mr. Staczek said that he had and that under the Maritime Act we are only obligated to provide safe harbor until they can leave again safely.

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Scott said on June 27<sup>th</sup> six inches of rain fell which created a flooding issue but that the marina sustained little to no damage to it or any boats. He said Colony and Windsor Drive had some flooding in basements and other isolated areas and that we will continue to review and map the city storm water system and then develop a storm water utility plan. He noted that Waste Management will offer unlimited pickup for those areas and that Mr. Kolb, Chief Drouard and Chief Goss did an outstanding job citing Mr. Kolb in particular for responding to seventy calls that day. NWWSD also sent people out immediately. He requested that a safety committee meeting be scheduled to discuss traffic patterns, said that the Buck/Lime City Rd. roundabout is in the engineering phase, that the Wales Rd. landfill inspection was

just fine, and that Mr. Kovacevic will be leaving us on July 24<sup>th</sup> having accepted a position with the Bowling Green Recreation Dept. He said we will miss him greatly and there is a resolution tonight to approve the mayor's appointment of an acting director. He also informed council that Sergeant Williams has resigned from the police department and his leaving means the end of the canine unit. There is a reduced ability to retain drug seizure money due to a change in the law and the dog itself is tied to the officer. Ohio law says the officer gets first opportunity to take the dog which he did, the Tahoe will be refitted for patrol use, and he is requesting an amendment to the surplus ordinance to declare the canine cage and vest as surplus. We also received notice that our RITA cost was 1.83% of the amount collected compared to a normal in-house cost of 4% and we will receive a refund on the holdback amount. He will have legislation at the next meeting for salt at \$49.14 a ton, said the Waste Mgmt. cart issue is settling down and we will begin enforcing the new ordinance, the 2015 paving project was to begin today but due to weather is delayed, that a change order ordinance was added to the agenda for the drainage at SR65/Eagle Point Rd., a liquor permit was requested for the Holy Toledo softball tournament and signed off by Chief Goss, and that he asked Mr. Appt to put a link of the website to the Toledo water dashboard showing water quality. Mr. Wagner asked about the civil service list for replacing police officers. Chief Goss said we are now down one full time and one part time officer. Mr. Ruse asked if there were any stipulations on the donation money for the police dog and was told by Mr. Heban there was not. Mrs. Eckel asked for better communication should there be a water problem again as compared to last year. Mr. Scott said the communication is better now and that we may possibly use a company for an internal call list. Mrs. Eckel also said the canine unit issue should have went to committee and been discussed before this evening. Mayor Mackinnon said we just found out two weeks ago and Mr. Scott added that the dog has an injured leg. Mr. Staczek said he would like some information on the person being appointed acting recreation director and Mr. Oberdorf said this would be discussed when we get to the resolution. Mr. Minarcin said he agreed with Mrs. Eckel that the canine unit discussion should have gone to committee.

Mayor Mackinnon said that our Public Works, Police, and Fire departments did a fantastic job during the flooding incident, introduced David Schaffer who will be installing a 4 X 6 sign at the Ford Memorial as his Eagle Scout project, and said that Mr. Kovacevic did an amazing job as recreation director with the events, athletics, and facilities and that we will miss him and appreciate everything he did.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Council was notified of thank you letters received from the families of Kevin Boris and Hunter Goss and a copy of a resolution received from the Wood County Commissioners rescinding their previous approval of an annexation request.

### **ORDINANCES**

**#2015-23-** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016. THIRD READING.

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

**#2015 – 29 -** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Wagner moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott discussed amending this ordinance to add the canine cage and vest saying we have a purchaser for the equipment already. Mr. Ruse asked if the safety committee wants to revisit this issue before selling the equipment. Mr. Oberdorf and Mrs. Eckel both agreed this canine issue should go to committee first and that it is unfortunate that a buyer is already lined up but we should follow protocol. Chief Goss said he was not sure of the process to follow. Mr. Wagner said we should hold on and see if we have any

future need should we decide to get another dog. Mr. Oberdorf said this needs to be discussed in safety committee. Chief Goss explained the change in the law regarding forfeiture and said the new rules include probable cause for using the dog. Mr. Oberdorf said to leave this ordinance as is and send the canine items to safety committee to determine if we should keep. Mayor Mackinnon explained the history of the canine unit and said the dog paid for itself over the last 3 ½ years. 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.

**#2015 – 30 - AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE COST OF IMPROVING HILLSIDE DRIVE, WEST OF COLONY ROAD IN ROSSFORD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said letters will go out to the property owners and they will have 30 days to pay in full and then would go on taxes. Mr. Ruse said we need to look at the amount the city agreed to pay based on the estimate and since cost changed should be adjusted. This was given a first reading only.

**#2015 – 31 - AN ORDINANCE CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AN ASSESSMENT AND LIEN UPON CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD PURSUANT TO ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 1327.07 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

**#2015-32 – AN ORDINANCE CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AN ASSESSMENT AND LIEN UPON CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD PURSUANT TO ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 1327.07**

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

**#2015-33 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH THE SHELLY COMPANY ON THE 2015 STREET PAVING PROGRAM SECOND CHANGE ORDER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said this came out of committee and relates to removing the storm water grate that is in the roadway and repaving so water flows to original storm sewer grate. Mr. Ruse said the road will be graded so that water drains to the right place. Mrs. Eckel said if SR65 is repaved next year this would be required to be corrected before anyway and we need to fix this low spot. 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. Ruse seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**#2015-09 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT MAY BE RAISED BY A LEVY AT THE MAXIMUM RATE AUTHORIZED BY LAW WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IS INSUFFICIENT, AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A RENEWAL LEVY FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel 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.

**#2015-10 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF AN ACTING PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said this is a temporary appointment until the mayoral election in November after which the mayor will make department head permanent appointments. Mrs. Eckel said Mr. Ledesma does a great job and has done a lot with the kids programs noting that the soccer program has boomed over the last couple of years. Mr. Oberdorf said this is an outstanding appointment and that Mr. Ledesma learned from the best and that he was totally impressed with Mr. Ledesma's initial interview when hired. Mr. Wagner said he has been coaching in the baseball program for fourteen years and that Mr. Kovacevic did a great job and that Mr. Ledesma is very dedicated and familiar with the program. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Wagner 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. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ledesma thanked council for the opportunity saying he has been working here for the last seven years and has seen firsthand the direction Ivan was leading the department and that he will maintain that momentum and direction.

### **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Staczek said that Mr. Kovacevic had done a great, outstanding job as recreation director, thanked the marina guards for all their work during the recent weather event as well as the Mayor, administrator, Mr. Kolb, and all the public works crew for their efforts. He said he has received a lot of compliments regarding Mr. Kolb and his department and that we need to look at more personnel for that department.

Mr. Oberdorf also complimented Mr. Kolb and his department and said there were a lot of boaters that also helped out.

Mrs. Eckel said her boss's boat is in safe harbor at our marina and he is very complimentary of Rossford. She said she is excited for Mr. Kovacevic's opportunity but that we will miss him and that fortunately the timing is perfect to appoint Toby Ledesma, noted that the Rossford Beautification committee met regarding the sign project for the Edward Ford Memorial and will meet with Chief Goss regarding a Police Memorial, and that is good to see the streets milled and ready for paving.

Mayor Mackinnon noted that Mr. Kolb and the public works department are spraying for mosquitos on Thursday evenings from 8pm to 12am.

Mr. Ruse complimented the awesome job done by Mr. Kolb and the public works department, said it is good to see the progress on street repaving, and said that Toby has big shoes to fill. He said that the repair of the Edward Ford Memorial should be a priority with the new sign being done. Mr. Scott said that he had met with Mr. Densic and Pat Andrews and they had looked at the areas of the memorial to repair and are working on it.

Mr. Wagner said Mr. Kovacevic had done a fantastic job with the recreation center, parks, and baseball program and thanked him for everything he did.

Mr. Minarcin thanked David Schaffer for his Eagle Scout project, congratulated Mr. Kovacevic on his new job, said the public works department does a great job, and said new roads means new life for the community.

### **AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Pam Simenski, 194 Hannum Ave., said during the recent weather event she called Mr. Kolb about a downed tree limb and within forty-five minutes he was there. She said he does a stellar job.

Tony Koprowski, 545 Maybar Drive informed council of a problem concerning a dam buildup in Grassy Creek behind the home at 543 Maybar. He was advised to contact the Wood County Engineer for assistance. Mrs. Eckel also recommended a program called Clean Streams.

Ivan Kovacevic, city recreation director, thanked everyone for their kind words today and for the last seven and ½ years of support from council. He has mixed emotions about leaving Rossford but said the Bowling Green opportunity has been a long time goal. He said Toby will do an excellent job.

*Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing pending litigation and a personnel employment matter. All ayes. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to return to regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek 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*