

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held July 24, 2017

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of July 10, 2017 regular council meeting were presented to council. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes except Mr. Wagner and Mr. Minarcin who abstained. Motion carried. Minutes of July 10, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting were presented to council. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes except Mr. Wagner and Mr. Minarcin who abstained. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of July 24, 2017 was presented to council. Ordinance #2017-47, #2017-48 and Resolution #2017-10 were added to the agenda. Mr. Ruse moved and Wagner seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance & Insurance committee report from July 13th was presented to council (see written report).

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mike Scott reported that the Rec Center's Summer Theatre will perform Willy Wonka on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at RHS. Little League football signup deadline is July 31 for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Chautauqua and Riverfest were a huge success with over 2000 attending Chautauqua with 2/3 being from outside Rossford and Riverfest attendance back to normal range and enough donations received to cover the \$9,000 cost of the fireworks. Ohio Chautauqua returns next year from June 19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> and Riverfest will be a separate event. Casino Color Smash Run will be August 5<sup>th</sup> and the Rec Center will be closed on August 18<sup>th</sup> for resurfacing of the gym floor and a water line replacement. The public works department worked hard to make Chautauqua and Riverfest look good and run smoothly and they continue to work on road patching and storm sewers. The fire department had an incident over the weekend with a firefighter slightly injured. The annual audit had been completed with no finding which means the finance department will receive another award. In regards to Economic Development he said that Harmon Development will begin roadwork and building construction next week. The TARTA sales tax proposal was turned down by Sylvania Township which means it will not be on the ballot this November and property taxes for TARTA will remain the same. Two ordinances added to the agenda this evening are for liability insurance with the quote just received last Friday calling for a 4.6%

increase which includes increased value for auto insurance, increased coverage for data processing, and 2% inflation on buildings and another for the .25% increase in payroll income tax which just came out of finance committee. Mr. Ruse said the date may change for Ohio Chautauqua and it could be held again in conjunction with Riverfest. Mayor Mackinnon recognized Mr. Ledesma, Mr. Kolb, and Chief Goss for a great job this weekend on the Chautauqua event.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **ORDINANCES**

**#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. THIRD READING

Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse said this is on the finance committee agenda and they are waiting on a cost assessment from Edison for switching the lights to LED. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to table until the last meeting in August (August 28). All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2017-45** – 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. FIRST READING

Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said this involves various nuisance properties where we have taken care of snow removal, grass cutting, and the tear down of one property. Mr. Heban said he has been in touch with the owner of the property on the corner of Glenwood/Superior St. and the assessment on that property from this ordinance may push them to accept our offer. Mr. Minarcin asked if there was any advantage to going to a second and third reading and Mr. Scott said no, it would only hold up getting this done. Mr. Marquette 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. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2017 – 46** - AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said the health insurance quote shows an increase of ½ of 1% from last year and this can go three readings as finance wants to look at possibly self-funding some portion. Mr. Marquette asked if we had projected the increase and Mr. Scott said he does not know but this is the lowest increase we've seen. This was given a first reading only.

**#2017-47** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE GENERAL LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING

Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott this quote was just received on Friday and the ordinance was added to the agenda so it can go three readings. The increase is 4.6% but we have greater coverage and more autos to cover. This was given a first reading only.

**#2017-48 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND TO INCREASE THE CITY INCOME TAX .25% EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018, WITH THE INCREASE TO BE EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, CONSTRUCTION, AND ALL RELATED COSTS FOR STREETS, ROADWAYS, STORM SEWERS, SIDEWALKS, CURBS, GUTTERS AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND FOR ALL OTHER LAWFUL RELATED PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING**

Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said this ordinance came out of the finance committee after looking at the options presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting. He said it is part of a three prong approach using some of our reserve funds, the .25% tax increase, and a \$4.00 storm water fee. He said if the money from the .25% increase is pledged for a road bond it will not go against the city debt limit and will not affect our borrowing limit, that we are expanding the time line to build the roads is extended from five to ten years and the financing from 15 to 25 years and all road projects are included that were in the five year plan and that this needs to be at the county by August 9<sup>th</sup> to be on the November ballot thus council needs to decide this evening or have a special meeting. Mr. Wagner said we will need a special meeting so that Mrs. Eckel and Mr. Oberdorf can have input on this and that if want roads done we need some funds and this will make it the voters choice. This will affect people who work in Rossford who use our roads and not affect senior citizens as a property tax would. Mr. Minarcin said this came from the committee of the whole meeting to finance to here. Mr. Marquette said he disagrees with Mr. Wagner regarding input from the two absent councilmembers and he thought we had a consensus of council after two committee of the whole meetings about the roads and that we need to do this and he does not think we have to wait for absent members to vote on this. Mr. Ruse said the ten year timeline does mean that people will have to wait quite a while so this is not a wonderful picture were painting. Mr. Scott said the road plan is pretty dynamic and includes a 20% contingency so that as bids come in we may have more money to spend. Mr. Staczek said he understands this will go to the voters but that he agrees with Mr. Wagner that we should have the other councilmembers here and wondered why this wasn't presented at the time the TARTA part was talked about. Mr. Scott said this was presented as part of the plan during the committee of the whole presentation. Mr. Minarcin said it was Mr. Oberdorf at the committee of the whole meeting who said it was time to move on. Mr. Marquette said we can't stop action of council due to absent members. Mr. Wagner said he wasn't there but if Mr. Oberdorf and Mrs. Eckel were aware of this option then he is good with going forward. Mr. Scott said they have both been brought up to speed on this. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and Amy Marshalko 28015 Lime City Rd. asked if this will be a renewable tax and Mr. Wagner said no, it is permanent. Vote on the motion was Marquette, Ruse, Wagner, Minarcin aye; Staczek no. Motion fails 4-1 as five votes needed to suspend. This was given a first reading only.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**#2017 – 10 - A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE UPON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017, THE QUESTION OF INCREASING THE RATE OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX FROM 2.25% TO 2.50% COMMENCING FOR THE TAX YEAR STARTING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING**

Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott said this is the companion to Ordinance #2017-48. Mr. Marquette said the whole plan to fix the roads depends on ordinance #2017-48 and he asked Mr. Staczek why he voted against that ordinance. Mr. Staczek said he just saw this four or five hours ago and he does not know what Mrs. Eckel and Mr. Oberdorf saw and he wants to hear their opinion and he is not going to reconsider his previous vote. Mr. Ruse said to get this on the ballot in November we

will need a special meeting between now and the next regular council meeting and he is out of town next week and we will need at least five people at the special meeting.

*Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to hold a special meeting on Monday, July 31, at 6:00pm. All ayes. Motion carried.*

This was given a first reading only.

### **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Staczek thanked everyone involved in Chautauqua and said they did a great job and the fireworks were awesome.

Mr. Minarcin asked Mr. Kolb about how last week he saw someone washing the road down in front of his house who wondered why we don't ever move the cars to the other side so the street cleaner can get the other side. Mr. Kolb said he is not aware of that ever being done but he will look into it.

### **AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Dick Goeke, 121 Harbor Point Rd. said he understands that SR65 is to be repaved and suggested that wait until after all construction is ended at the high school so that heavy construction equipment does not destroy the new pavement. He asked how much the .25% increase would bring in and Mr. Scott said approx. \$500,000 annually. Mr. Goeke asked how long until the debt on the Buck Rd. bridge is paid off and Mr. Ruse said that is worked into the road financing schedule as current debt falls off.

Amy Marshalko, 28015 Lime City Rd. said she wanted to comment on the newspaper article in the Blade and that she objected to the mayor's comment about the same 6 or 7 people being against everything. She said he does not know how people vote and that their group is a diverse group and it is damaging to people to be classified as he did. Mayor Mackinnon said he will not back away from his comments based on his perusal of social media and people who have had more press conferences and publicity than he has as mayor.

Erin Crawford, 544 Bruns, said she too objects to the quote from the mayor in today's Blade because it causes guilt by association and he implied the people on the petition was part of that 6 or 7 people group, said the only thing she voted no on was the reciprocity and she is part of the city charter petition but it seems like she was included as one of the 6 or 7 people and that is not true.

Bob Densic, 107 Birch, thanked Mr. Kolb and Mr. Ledesma for a fantastic job this weekend and thanked Mr. Staczek, Mr. Scott, and Chief Goss and his department for solving a problem at the marina over the July 15<sup>th</sup> weekend. Mayor Mackinnon said Mr. Densic should have called the police first rather than text Mr. Scott and Mr. Densic said the police were called by the marina guards and Mr. Mackinnon said that is not true.

Doug Glick, 410 Forest Dr. thanked council for all the time they have spent on the road issue and said we will need some facts, data, and comparisons to other communities if they want this .25% increase to pass. Mr. Marquette asked about previous comments from two gentlemen in Colony talking about leaving Rossford and Mr. Glick said only that a lot of people were upset that the Colony streets were torn up and not repaired.

Lou Combard, 835 Lime City Rd. said he operates fourteen McDonald's restaurants in NW Ohio and said he was not part of any lead up to the roundabout and that the \$4M could be better spent on other roads. He said even with the roundabout that when traffic leaves Penta it will get backed up by the light at the overpass, that the roundabout will affect his main entrance and exit, and he

would like to see the project revisited and see if there is a better way to alleviate traffic on that road and spend the \$4M

Suresh Nanda, 1137 Buck Rd. said he owns the Subway and that he was never informed about this project by the city and that he never knew about until the appraiser came to look at his property. He said the loss of land to the roundabout will cost him the opportunity for another tenant. Mayor Mackinnon said the city is one of four partners in this project and the Wood County Engineer is the lead on this and he should contact them.

Mr. Ruse said that when he was on the Planning Committee prior to being on council that one of the first site plans had McDonald's involved and dedicating right of way for improvements to that intersection although we did not know it would be a roundabout at that time. He said in the future property owners should be contacted.

*Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin 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

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