

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held July 28, 2014

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of regular council meeting minutes of July 14, 2014. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of July 28, 2014 was presented to council. Committee report from Public Works, Ordinance #2014-45, and Resolution #2014-17 were added to the agenda. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance & Insurance committee minutes from July 14<sup>th</sup> were presented by Mr. Minarcin (see written report). Public Works committee minutes from July 22<sup>nd</sup> were presented by Mrs. Eckel (see written report). Mr. Ruse asked that the streets that would be milled and filled be clarified as 2014 projects and asked that we try to get a timetable for the completion of this work.

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mayor Mackinnon said that Mr. Ciecka is on vacation, that he and Rossford School District superintendent Creps will be meeting with the United States Secretaries of Labor and Education at the IBEW this week, the study is continuing on the feral cat issue, and that Lime City Rd. at SR65 will be closed for 2-3 hours this Wednesday. Mr. Minarcin asked what will be the next step on the feral cat issue and the mayor responded that after the study is completed he will send to the Public Safety committee. Mr. Staczek asked if feral cats could be considered a nuisance abatement issue and was told no by Mr. Heban as it is not a criminal violation.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from the Citizens Choice group regarding the TARTA issue was summarized to council who all received a copy of it. Mr. Ruse responded to the letter asking council if they should meet to plan a course of action or stay the course and see what happens in November. Mrs. Eckel said that council hired consultants, talked to Perrysburg and others, and spent hours studying this issue and determined that we could not do a better job or improve public transportation on our own. She feels that opting out would cause a financial burden to the city to provide some type of public transportation. Mayor Mackinnon said he thought we did the right thing by hiring a consultant who determined that we were receiving a level of service above what we paid for. He feels that Citizens Choice is getting nervous that the citizens would vote to opt out and we would not have public transit. He said they should have come up with a plan because council studied the issue and came up with a plan that was staying in TARTA. . He said council spent time, money, energy, and made the best decision for the city. He said having TARTA gets us extra grants for our roadways, it helps with site selection, and we get a great service for the amount of money we pay. Mr. Staczek said the city should have a plan in place in the event TARTA is voted out and that council is missing the point of being leaders and being prepared for that eventuality. He also disagrees with the numbers provided by TARTA on ridership. Mayor Mackinnon said that he and council did lead and did do the hard work and made the decision that TARTA was the best form of public transportation we could afford. Mrs. Eckel said the consultant did ride the buses and that we need to be proactive before the election letting the citizens know this is the best deal. Mr. Marquette asked if TARTA will have to recognize a no vote since the election will be past the cutoff date allowed by the original state legislation. Mr. Heban said he disagrees with the prosecutor's opinion on the timing of this vote and he expects that someone will challenge the vote should it

go against TARTA. Mr. Oberdorf said it will only take one entity to sue and question the Wood County prosecutor's opinion. He said he started out being in favor of getting out of TARTA but over years of meetings and study has come around to the other side that it is in the best interest for Rossford citizens to remain in TARTA and he thinks it is admirable for Citizens Choice to be doing what they are but he disagrees with them. He also agrees with Mrs. Eckel that we need to be proactive and support TARTA as there are people in our community that need public transportation such as TARPS and Call-A-Ride and that as a community we have a moral and ethical obligation to people who need public transportation and that we are getting more than our monies worth from TARTA. Mayor Mackinnon said we are a better, safer, and more attractive community because of TARTA and to get out of TARTA would be a huge mistake and hurt a segment of our community that does not really have a voice.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**#2014 – 16 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REPORT OF THE ASSESSMENT EQUALIZATION BOARD RELATING TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF HILLSIDE DRIVE WEST OF COLONY ROAD IN ROSSFORD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

**#2014-17 – A RESOLUTION NOMINATING MICHAEL SCOTT FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE NORTHWESTERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE MAYOR NEIL MACKINNON TO VOTE FOR MICHAEL SCOTT FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE VACANCY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Ruse moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said he would like to see this passed now and that Mr. Scott has done a fine job. Mr. Ruse 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. 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.

## **ORDINANCES**

**#2014 – 40 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A MID-YEAR UPDATE TO THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATIONS AND AMEND THE 2014 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014; AMENDING ORDINANCE #2014-63.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said this is a procedural step that we go through a few times a year in order to update the county auditor. This was given a first reading only.

**#2014 – 41- AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE CITY'S COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) LOAN PAYBACK ACCOUNT TO FUND HOUSING ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES TO ELIGIBLE ROSSFORD RESIDENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Minarcin asked Mrs. Freeman if these funds just run to the end of the year and was told yes. Mr. Ruse said they do carry over. Mr. Ruse said this is money that we receive and it is usually not utilized by the community so we need to stress the availability of these funds. Mr. Minarcin agrees that we need to publicize this fund. Mrs. Eckel 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 all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2014-42 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ROSSFORD TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH FLEETMATICS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Chief Goss said this is part of moving forward on doing dispatching through the Wood County sheriff. He said it is a GPS system that allows the dispatcher to know the location of patrol cars and is a three year agreement for \$10, 143, offers tracking assistance and is a safety issue. Mr. Ruse said this works out to \$280 a month or \$40 a vehicle. 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. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2014 – 43 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A JOINT SELF-INSURANCE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TO JOIN THE OHIO PUBLIC ENTITY CONSORTIUM HEALTHCARE COOPERATIVE TO PROVIDE SELF INSURED HEALTH CARE BENEFITS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**

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

**#2014 – 44 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROCEED WITH THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT RELATING TO HILLSIDE DRIVE, WEST OF COLONY ROAD IN ROSSFORD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel said we need to pass this tonight so they can get started. Mr. Ruse said he thought we approved this at the last meeting and Mr. Heban responded this is a procedural issue after the meeting of the equalization board. Mrs. Eckel 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 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. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2014-45 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE HILLSIDE DRIVE WEST REHABILITATION PROJECT PART II AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel said this is the paving portion of the project and was only delayed because we wanted MSG to review the Kelly bid which they did and found acceptable. Mrs. Eckel 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 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. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Staczek said there have been several instances of people using the emergency ladders at the marina for swimming and that we may need to put a sign up such as emergency use only or no swimming off wall. He also said he had sent an email regarding the Coast Guard boarding boats on the river and trying to meet and get legislation passed that would limit the number of boardings. He said the number of boardings could affect our marina because boaters won't want to add to the time it already takes to get to the lake from our marina or others on the Maumee River.

Mr. Oberdorf asked if anyone saw a need for a committee of the whole meeting.

*Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to cancel the August committee of the whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the August 11<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.*

Mrs. Eckel thanked All Saints Church and all the volunteer workers for a nice event, encouraged people to volunteer for help with the Downtown Strolling event and Riverfest, said the public works minutes will be revised to include Bacon St., and said the safety committee met today and discussed the need to purchase several small items.

Mr. Wagner offered his congratulation to Scott Williams on his promotion to Sergeant, said that similar issues regarded boat boarding were brought up several years ago in Toledo and while he disagrees with the 45 minute length of time it takes he does agree that multiple boardings is a problem. Mr. Staczek said he has been stopped the last two weekends on his personal boat and it has taken 45 minutes to an hour. Mr. Wagner reminded council that next week is the Rossford Children's Theatre production.

Mr. Minarcin thanked Beth Church of the Rossford Record for printing the NWWSD updates in the paper, thanked the mayor for his focus on the feral cat issue, and said council needs to work on getting yards and bushes trimmed in the city.

### **AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Bob Densic, 107 Birch, said the Department of Homeland Security does mandate boardings of boats, asked if we could put up more no parking signs since people are parking on both sides of the street when its one side only, said that the TARTA issue is a passionate subject on both sides but as a member of Citizens Choice he would ask council to look at saying he disagrees with the level of need but does agree public transportation is needed. He said an empty bus is not a value and that we have to determine the need as opposed to just the value. Mr. Ruse said Mr. Densic himself admitted there is a need for public transportation but disagrees with what that need is and he is asking council to be proactive in putting a new levy on the ballot in November and determine what the need is. Mr. Ruse said the consultant analyzed the cost and council has already determined it meets the need and we do not have to reanalyze this. Mayor Mackinnon said he agrees with Mr. Ruse that we did everything right and he does not understand how Citizens Choice thinks they are more qualified than the transportation consultant. Mr. Minarcin asked Mr. Heban is citizens can be added to committees of council and was told only certain committees allow for citizen members.

*Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel 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*