

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held September 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Neil Mackinnon III, and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in memory of the 11th Anniversary of the 9-11-01 attacks. Barb Weir provided council with homemade cookies to enjoy during the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Staczek, Eckel, Marquette, Ruse, and Duricek all present. Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Scott. All ayes. Motion carried. Council decided to wait before excusing Mr. Oberdorf as not sure about his status.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of August 27, 2012. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of September 11, 2012 was presented to council. Committee report from Finance & Insurance committee was added to the agenda. Mr. Ruse moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance committee meeting report from August 27th was presented by Mr. Ruse (See written report). Mr. Staczek wondered if we had considered putting the remaining casino money into the police or fire department. Mr. Ruse said the remaining \$125,000 was recommended by the finance committee to be used for capital improvements, more specifically roads. Mrs. Eckel said we will have several road projects next year that need to be done with the city required to provide a match that are probably three times our annual street repair budget.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to accept the committee report as given. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Mackinnon said that last night the official announcement of the dates for next year's Chautauqua event was made with the dates being announced as July 9-13th. He said he was surprised at the size of the crowd that attended the Oliver Hazard Perry presentation at Owens last night.

At this time he swore in new police officer Eric Thompson.

Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Oberdorf who had called in saying he would be absent. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ciecka said that council should have received the email with the attached audit that had been released by the state auditor. He also said our current CAFR had been printed and released. He said he has been in contact with the Hofbauer estate and that all required notices have been issued and we are in the waiting period before we can begin clean up. He noted that the largest lien holder on the property had passed away a week ago which will complicate the notice procedure. Mr. Marquette asked if the value of the property will exceed the liens and clean up cost and Mr. Ciecka said he does not know. Mr. Ciecka said he had received a letter from Rossford DECA requesting that the Halloween Parade be held on October 28th this year and that the theme will be "Scooby Dooby Do, No Mystery, Drugs are Bad for You".

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to allow the Halloween Parade on October 28th. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eckel moved to hold Trick or Treat night on October 31st from 6-8pm. Mr. Duricek said we usually wait to see what night neighboring communities are holding theirs and we did not need to do this yet. Motion died for lack of a second.

CORRESPONDENCE

One piece of correspondence from the Ohio Municipal League giving notice of their annual conference was presented to council.

ORDINANCES

#2001-50 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1132.02 (ZONING DISTRICTS AND REGULATIONS) OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this can go to a third reading. This was given a second reading only.

#2001-51 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1134.04 (FENCE REGULATIONS) OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon asked if Mr. Duricek still wanted a committee meeting on this and was told no that Mr. Duricek had talked to the Planning Commission and was okay with this ordinance. Mr. Staczek asked if this will prevent people from using sheets of plywood for a fence and was told that our current fence ordinance does not allow this now. This was given a second reading only.

#2012 – 57 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH COLGAN-DAVIS, INC. FOR THE GYMNASIUM LIGHTING UPGRADE AT THE ROSSFORD RECREATION CENTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon asked if this needed to be done tonight and Mr. Ciecka said yes, that a number of units are broken and the repair estimate does not justify the expense. The new lights will create better energy efficiency and give better light. Mr. Kovasevic has viewed these lights in use at other facilities and they are also eligible for a rebate from First Energy. Mr. Kovasevic said these will replace lights from 1992 of which six are broken with an estimate of several thousand dollars to replace. These will save about \$2500 a year in energy cost. Mr. Marquette asked if we checked with any other contractors for a price and what is the incentive. Mr. Kovasevic said that this was done through First Energy. Mr. Ciecka said no, that this was submitted as part of a First Energy rebate program. Mr. Kovasevic said the rebate will be about \$1250. Mr. Ruse said that the \$1250 incentive and the \$2500 energy savings is a substantial part of the \$11,000 cost. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Duricek 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 Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

None

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Duricek said he was at last night's meeting with the Wood County Commissioners and then went to Owens for the Oliver Hazard Perry presentation which was very well done and makes him look forward to next summer's event.

Mr. Ruse asked if the possible changes to PERS by the end of the year will impact our budget. Mr. Ciecka said to his knowledge it will not impact the budget. Mr. Ruse said he is thinking of the possible impact if it leads to retirements.

Mrs. Eckel said she also attended the presentation at Owens last night and that it was very interesting. She said the Chautauqua event will present unique entertainment. She said the Tree Commission still needs to look at the force main plans and the effect on trees in the right-of-way. She said any construction next summer should take note of the Chautauqua event and either be done or nothing going on that week. She noted that the Beautification Committee will meet tomorrow at 6:30pm.

Mr. Staczek said that the old lights from the Recreation Center will probably be considered hazardous waste and we need to check the contract to make sure the contractor is responsible for removing and disposing of them. He also said we need to notify CSX about trains that are blocking the crossing for a ½ hour at a time. He will also be scheduling a safety committee meeting.

Mayor Mackinnon thanked Kent Murphree for substituting for Mr. Heban this evening.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

John Folcik, 215 Hannum Ave. asked if Veterans Park will have enough seating for the Ohio Chautauqua event. Mrs. Eckel explained that they set up their own tent capable of holding 500 people.

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

Neil Mackinnon, III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council