

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held September 22, 2014

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of regular council meeting minutes of September 8, 2014. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of September 22, 2014 was presented to council. Committee report from the Zoning Regulations & Technology committee was added to the agenda. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Zoning Regulations & Technology committee minutes from September 15<sup>th</sup> were presented by Mr. Marquette (see written report). Mr. Ruse questioned why each department has a Facebook page and wondered why we cannot just have one Facebook page for the city or just put everything on the webpage. Mr. Marquette said there is a lot of cost to updating the webpage on a daily basis and that the departments like having individual Facebook pages so they can communicate with the public quicker. Chief Drouard said the fire department has about 4700 followers on Facebook and that he can update himself rather than having someone else update the city webpage. He said Facebook is the easiest way to get communicate with the public. Mr. Ruse said that's great but we have a webpage and if it is not doing the job we need to update to let people know about the individual Facebook pages. Chief Goss said he can update Facebook from home and that it is tied to the police website. He also said it allows him to get information out to the public quickly and that they are no longer posting non-violent crimes on Facebook. Mrs. Eckel said Facebook is in real time versus the webpage and is better because it notifies you rather than having to go the webpage. Mayor Mackinnon said our webpage could be better and that both sides are right on this. He said he has been on Facebook for four years and uses it as a tool and whether we like it or not it is a reality and the fastest way to communicate and to not have would be doing a disservice. Mr. Ruse said he is not saying not to be on Facebook but we need to have some control and structure and what is being put out there. Mr. Marquette said that exists as the city does have a social media policy.

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mayor Mackinnon expressed his thanks for the Kevlar for Canines fundraiser and said Gideon had received armor and goggles, said that Hillside Dr. should be complete by the first of November, thanked Joe Zerbey the president of Block Communications for providing the cable hookup to watch DTWS at the RHS auditorium. He said Jonathon Bennett wanted him to offer his thanks to everyone in the community for their support.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Council was informed of a Great Lakes Water Conference taking place at the University of Toledo and told that the clerk had the registration information.

**ORDINANCES**

**#2014 – 54 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 505.08 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel said there was talk of discussing this in committee and wondered if it had been. Mayor Mackinnon suggested this be tabled so can be reviewed by the Public Safety committee. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to table this until the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2014 – 55 - AN ORDINANCE ENACTING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 521.15. THIRD READING**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf 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.

**#2014 – 56 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 351.16(b), PARKING AND STORAGE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Minarcin said the zoning committee had recommended this be defeated. Mr. Oberdorf questioned why and Mr. Marquette said because the ordinance places no restrictions on the number of trailers in the core commercial area. Mrs. Eckel asked Mr. Heban to clarify this. Mr. Heban said this ordinance would allow for more than two vehicles/trailers to be parked behind the front setback line. Mr. Minarcin said this was discussed in detail and identified some businesses that currently have more than two such as the Rust storage facility. Mr. Heban said the Rust property is zoned industrial not core commercial but screening has been discussed. Mr. Ruse asked if businesses like Duricek's or Larry's would be accommodated and was told yes. Mr. Ruse moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion fails 5-0

**#2014 – 62 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES (NON-BARGAINING) OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, REPEALING ANY PORTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said the finance committee had met tonight and wondered what the next step should be. Mr. Minarcin and Mrs. Eckel both said it was decided to take this to three readings. This was given a second reading only.

**#2014 – 64 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT TO EQUIP THE COMMAND VEHICLE FOR THE ROSSFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said this is the equipment needed to outfit the new fire chief vehicle. 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.

**#2014 – 65 - 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 TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said at the last meeting council elected to renew the Medical Mutual Plan and these are the renewal prices and also sets the rates for the alternative HSA plan for greater savings. He said the city will encourage employees to move to the HSA plan. There is no change to the vision/dental package. Mr. Minarcin said this was reviewed by the finance committee earlier today and discussed in detail. Mr. Minarcin 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. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2014 – 66 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER WITH THE MANNIK SMITH GROUP, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REQUIRED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HILLSIDE DRIVE WEST ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said that in 2013 the city authorized an engineering contract for Hillside Drive West and that during the process of design asked Mannik Smith to develop alternatives, do preliminary assessments, and conduct the assessment hearing. This money is to cover the cost of the additional engineering to the end of the project and also to provide funds to assure proper compaction. Mrs. Eckel said that any additional expenses incurred as the result of NWWSD compaction problems should not be our responsibility and Mr. Ciecka said this change order expense is on our work only. Mayor Mackinnon said meetings had been held to resolve the compaction problem with the NWWSD work and Mr. Ciecka said this is on our work where we cut the street. This was given a first reading only.

**RESOLUTIONS**

None

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Oberdorf referred to Ordinance#2014-62 as a difficult situation that he has given a lot of thought to as it involves department heads who he knows and supports. He said this should have gone to the finance committee first and that the 5% increase requested is probably a high request, a lot of money, and less would probably be accepted. He feels the citizens sent a message when they voted against raises for council and the mayor.

Mrs. Eckel asked Mr. Heban if we can have the Record about homeowners keeping the alleys passable and said there is still stone everywhere and asked if we have sent letters to the contractors. She said some potholes are developing at the intersections and we need to get this addressed. She asked Chief Goss about the issue with vandalism in the Arbor Hills/Bruns area. The chief said residential patrols have been beefed up at night and other plans formulated that he does not want public. Mayor Mackinnon said we will find out who is doing this. She also said the DTWS event at the high school for Jonathon Bennett was a great event.

Mr. Ruse asked if there is a timeline for finishing Colony Rd. and said the intersection by Stop N Shop is bad and needs to be addressed with NWWSD since it's been over a year. Mr. Ciecka said Colony Rd. will be buttoned up by September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Minarcin asked about the covered fire hydrant by the tattoo shop and Mr. Kolb said that NWWSD has a work order to replace the hydrant. Mr. Minarcin addressed Mr. Oberdorf regarding Ordinance #2014-62 and said there is currently not incentives or bonus for non-bargaining employees, the percentage of increase is determined by the mayor, in the past this ordinance has not went to committee but to the full council but he has asked for it to go to finance. He also said there were no raises from 2009 to 2012 due to funding and the last raise was December of 2012. Mrs. Freeman had told him that the budget would support these raises.

**AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Paul Laubenthal, 1234 Dixie Hwy. said he is concerned with the feral cat ordinance being enforced immediately as he does not want to stop feeding the cats and see them starve. He would like time to come up with some alternative. Mayor Mackinnon said he is still talking to different organizations and this issue has been tabled for a month to allow further research and discussion by committee and these organizations.

Bob Densic, 107 Birch Dr. referenced Mr. Marquette talking about a way to track nuisance properties and noted that there is an app called See It, Click It, Fix It available that gives GPS coordinates after a picture is taken. He asked Mr. Ciecka to clarify that all of Colony Rd. will be open by the end of the month and was told yes. He said he is still concerned about the work being done by the NWWSD contractor in the Colony as the sewer grates are not being covered and becoming covered and filled with mud.

Brenda Hageman, 155 Windsor, said she called in about a nuisance involving poison ivy and it did finally get cleared up but she noted other places like on Bergin St. where there is carpet sitting there for two months. She asked if there are forms that a citizen can turn in to notify about nuisances and was told yes. Mrs. Eckel said she knows that sometimes the Public Works department does cleanup work for NWWSD and that we should be charging if cleaning up after their contractor makes a mess due to their negligence/carelessness.

Mr. Ruse said we need to sit down with NWWSD and their contractors and have a discussion. He said it is not practical for people to call the Mayor on every issue. He said it will be a challenge to track who is responsible for repairs when there are three contractors working in town.

Mayor Mackinnon said he will schedule a meeting with the involved parties. Mr. Marquette said there should be bonding and professional liability involved if we have to go back on projects that are not done properly.

*Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Minarcin 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*