

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held September 23, 2013

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

**ROLL CALL:** Staczek, Oberdorf, Eckel, Ruse, and Duricek all present. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Marquette for a personal reason. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of regular council meeting minutes of September 9, 2013. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of September 23, 2013 was presented to council. City Facilities, Parks, and Marina; Public Safety and Public Works committee reports and Ordinance #2013-53 were added to agenda. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

City Facilities, Parks, and Marina committee report from September 19<sup>th</sup> was presented by Mr. Oberdorf (see written report). Mr. Duricek asked if we do a replacement levy versus a renewal levy will we lose the state money from the homestead rollback. Mr. Ciecka said he will check into that.

Public Works committee report from September 5<sup>th</sup> was presented by Mrs. Eckel (see written report). Mr. Ruse commented that it is only the parking lot that is in the right of way not the building itself on the corner of Lime City Rd. and SR 65. He also asked what the timeline was on rebidding Phase II of the Glenwood Rd. project and was told by Mr. Ciecka that the bid deadline has been extended to October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Public Safety and Health committee report from September 19<sup>th</sup> was presented by Mr. Staczek (see written report). Chief Goss gave an update on the SR 795/Crossroads Parkway intersection and said it had been inspected by an engineer from ODOT. He said the plan is to change the timing of the turn arrow and sequence of lights and see if this improves the intersection. This should be done by the end of October.

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Ciecka said that Public Works is in the process of picking up brush this week.

Mayor Mackinnon expressed his sympathy on the death of John Welch, owner and publisher of the Rossford Record and a great supporter of the city. He then presented a proclamation to Seaman Travis Steer a 2009 RHS graduate and currently on active duty with the U. S. Navy and a recipient of the Blue Jacket of the Year award.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ORDINANCES**

**#2013-39 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1133.02 (YARD, LOT COVERAGE, AND HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS TABLE) OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE. THIRD READING**

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

**#2013-40 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1133.03 (DRIVEWAYS AND LOT RESTRICTIONS) OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE. THIRD READING**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse asked Mr. Ciecka to review and Mr. Ciecka said the biggest change is in section (d) and this will be controlled through the permit process. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2013-41 – AN ORDINANCE ENACTING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 1133.04 (ACCESORY STRUCTURES/ACCESSORY BUILDINGS). 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.

**#2013-42 – AN ORDINANCE ENACTING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 1133.05 (IMPERVIOUS SURFACES). THIRD READING**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2013-43 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1171.01(b) (TERMS DEFINED) OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE. THIRD READING**

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

**#2013 – 52 - AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,260.00 FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY UNDER THE 2013 WESTERN LAKE ERIE BASIN ASH REMOVAL GRANT PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said council had previously approved Ordinance #2013-44 to give permission to apply for this grant and this ordinance is for the grant amount which the city has to match. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek 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. Staczek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2013-53 – 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.**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said our health benefit contract is due to renew on October 1<sup>st</sup> and that we received bids showing a 15.8% increase from last year. He noted that last year's bid was 30% less than the prior year. This increase may be negotiated down in further meetings with the insurance broker. Mr. Ruse said we should make sure we are staying above board on the selection process. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek 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. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**#2013-19 - RESOLUTION TO RESTATE THE CITY OF ROSSFORD EXISTING PICK-UP PLAN FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this affects the city in no way and is simply restating the language of an existing program that the city has adopted previously. This will bring our language in line with the state legal language and allow for an increase in the employee share. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek 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. Staczek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2013-20 - A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ROSSFORD FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION'S APPLICATION TO HOST THE ANNUAL NORTHWEST OHIO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S CONVENTION ON JUNE 20-22, 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said he thinks this is a great event and gives great exposure besides bringing dollars to our city. . Oberdorf 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. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Duricek said he believes the municipal code address boat parking in Section 1329.03 allowing for 72 hours and requiring a permit and fee. Mr. Heban said he had met on this issue with Mr. Ciecka and Ms. Purpura and they have a matrix they would like a council committee to review. Mr. Ruse said he hopes we are collecting the required fee. Mrs. Eckel asked Mr. Ciecka to communicate to the contractor working on the water lines that they keep the streets drivable and eliminate the big bumps, loose stone etc. She reminded all candidates to place their campaign signs properly, said the Rossford Beautification Committee will be having a fall planting on October 5<sup>th</sup>, and asked when

the Rossford Schools plan to make the agreed upon changes to the school athletic entrance on Glenwood. Mayor Mackinnon said he has received no communication from the school.

Mr. Oberdorf asked Chief Goss about improperly placed campaign signs and asked Mr. Heban to provide our police officers with the legal sign rules.

Mr. Staczek congratulated the RHS Athletic Boosters for a successful Party at the Fountain, invited council, the mayor, and all veterans, on behalf of the VFW to their Open House on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-10pm. and said the hall needs repairs and that they have received help already from the Rossford schools and Home Depot.

Mr. Duricek asked if anyone has had a problem with trains blocking the Glenwood Rd. crossing by Indian Hills School and said if so please let him know.

Mr. Ruse asked if anyone saw a need for a committee of the whole meeting in October.

*Mr. Ruse moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the October Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.*

**AUDIENCE REMARKS**

David Weeks, 318 Hillview, read a prepared statement in which he thanked the public works department which does varied jobs with a limited number of employees (5) and questioned how the city can talk of spending millions on a roundabout, spend money on things like TARTA and electronic signs and put raises for council on the ballot but yet can't find the money to hire additional personnel for the public works department.

*Mr. Staczek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing economic development. All ayes. Motion carried.*

*Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to return to regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Duricek 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