

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held October 27, 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 October 13, 2014. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of October 27, 2014 was presented to council. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to accept the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Mackinnon welcomed Boy Scout Troop 62 to the meeting, said the DECA students at the high school did an amazing job with the Halloween Parade and congratulated them and their advisor Mrs. Nissen, announced that the Haunted Trail will be this Thursday at Island View Park from 7:30 to 9:30pm, and presented Mrs. Freeman with a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the state auditor's office.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council was notified of two items of correspondence, one a thank you from DECA thanking the city for their \$200 donation towards the Halloween Parade, and a letter from Bob Densic of Citizens Choice regarding their opposition to TARTA which council was given a copy.

ORDINANCES

#2014-54 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 505.08 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING ON 9-22-14 AND TABLED FOR 30 DAYS.
Mr. Wagner moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to table this ordinance for another 30 days. 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. THIRD READING
Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.
Mr. Ruse thinks this is reasonable and Mrs. Eckel said this was all work that needed to be done. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except for Mr. Ruse who abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

#2014 – 67 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT DEFENDANTS IN “ORDINANCE ONLY” CASES FILED BY THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING
Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.
Mr. Heban again explained the ordinance is an annual contract with the public defender's office to provide representation for indigent defendants involved in ordinance only cases. He said thus far this year we have spent \$800. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion

carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2014 – 69 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 1200 NORTH DIXIE HIGHWAY, ROSSFORD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO AND ACCEPTING A DEED FROM THE TITLED PROPERTY OWNERS FOR SAID REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF ROSSFORD

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said the contract provides for thirty days so council can delay or vote on this evening. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. 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 adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

None

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek said he is receiving complaints about not receiving notice of road closures and that we need to coordinate these and post on the website. Mr. Ciecka said that if the closure is temporary and on a residential street notice is not given. Mr. Staczek congratulated DECA for a great job on the parade. Mr. Oberdorf thanked Heather Nissen and Mr. Kovasevic for doing a great job on the parade and the Haunted Trail. He thanked Neil Lavigne for the TARTA forum. Mayor Mackinnon said the forum was hosted by the Ability Center of Toledo. Mr. Oberdorf asked if anyone saw a need for a committee of the whole meeting.

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

Mrs. Eckel thanked everyone who organized and helped put on the Halloween parade and encouraged all motorists to watch out for kids on trick or treat night.

Mr. Ruse thanked Mr. Ciecka for distributing the notes from the TMACOG educational series.

Mr. Wagner thanked DECA for a great job on the parade and notified council that the improvements to the turn lane at SR795/Crossroads Pkwy. are almost complete and hopefully alleviate the traffic backup.

Mr. Minarcin congratulated DECA and Mrs. Freeman and noted that he supplied council with comparisons on salaries as requested. Mr. Wagner said the committee is looking at total compensation including benefits so have an apple to apple comparison. Mr. Minarcin gave the dollar amount that TARTA costs per year based on a \$100,000 home.

Mayor Mackinnon had four Notre Dame high school students introduce themselves. They were attending the meeting as part of their government class.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Don Montague, 106 Rossway, said he thought the TARTA forum was supposed to be an open forum for both sides to take part in with no rent charged. He felt that the Ability Center had campaigned for a no vote which violated the open forum concept and the neutrality issue which allowed no rent to be paid.

Mayor Mackinnon said he was not going to charge them. Mr. Wagner said that both sides had the opportunity to campaign and Mr. Marquette asked if a Perrysburg councilman was there on behalf of Citizen Choice and was told yes. He said the Citizens Choice committee has had campaign signs stolen four times from the Stop n Shop location. Mayor Mackinnon explained that he talked to the owner about the issue and he (the owner) took them down. Mr. Montague feels that if their signs are taken down then all signs should be taken down and removal of the signs is a felony. The mayor explained that is private property and the owner can have whatever signs he so chooses.

Beverly Laubenthal, 1234 Dixie Hwy., asked if the two cate agencies had been contacted yet and was told no. She asked if it was possible for an animal control officer to come in and give advice for controlling dogs and cats. Mr. Ruse added that ordinance #2014-54 deals with this issue and the committee is still looking into this which is why the ordinance was tabled this evening.

Brenda Hageman, 155 Windsor Dr., complained about the deplorable conditions of sidewalks which are cracked or even missing saying that when she walks some sidewalks are raised up three inches. Mayor Mackinnon said we are constantly looking for grants to help with the sidewalks such as the Safe Route to Schools grant.

John Folcik, 215 Hannum, wondered what is the plan for the property the city purchased on Dixie Hwy. The mayor said we had the opportunity to acquire that property for potential improvements to that intersection at a reduced price. Mr. Ruse added that the RCVB may use as office space until such time as any intersection construction would take place.

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum, said Miller Pipeline has been very respectful in their work on Hannum but as his house was one of the last to be reseeded he wondered what will happen if the grass does not come up and he has bare spots next spring. Mrs. Eckel said a good contractor will usually come back in the spring and see if any areas need to be over seeded.

Dick Goeke, 121 Harbor Point Rd., asked what type of contract we have with TARTA. Mr. Heban explained that it is not a contract but an agreement by the city of Rossford to be a member of the district. Mr. Ciecka used the analogy of the Constitution of the United States which has no clause for any state to leave the union. Mr. Goeke wondered if our taxes can be increased for TARTA without our approval. Mr. Heban explained that the entire district votes and it is the total vote that determines approval as did Mr. Ciecka. Mayor Mackinnon suggested Mr. Goeke do his research on his own time.

Steve Vedra, 172 Hannum, said we all pay a good size water bill and that we need to do something about people blowing leaves into the street and clogging up the sewers. Chief Goss said he has put out a notice to the officers and they will advise homeowners if leaves are on the street. Mr. Vedra also noted that people are speeding through work zones and not slowing down for construction.

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

Neil Mackinnon, III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council