

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held November 10, 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 27, 2014. Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of November 10, 2014 was presented to council. Committee report from Public Works and Ordinance #2014-74 were added to the agenda. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance & Insurance committee report from October 27<sup>th</sup> was presented by Mr. Minarcin (see written report).

Zoning & Technology committee report from October 30<sup>th</sup> was presented by Mr. Marquette (see written report). Mrs. Eckel commented on the feral cat issue saying that if the problem is the messes the cats leave behind than the catch-neuter-release program would not solve the problem. Mr. Marquette said the Humane Society said that catch-neuter-release is really not a good practice Mr. Ruse said he thought we received a two page letter from a resident a couple of months ago that contained some good ideas and maybe we should revisit this. Mr. Wagner said we should look to either Sylvania or Sylvania Twp. who he believes applied this practice a couple of years ago and see how successful it has been. Mr. Minarcin said the difficulty on the catch-neuter-release program is that the cats would return to the same area.

Public Works committee report from November 4<sup>th</sup> was presented by Mrs. Eckel (see written report).

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mayor Mackinnon said he takes 100% responsibility for changing the trick or treat night date to Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup> saying he wanted to find a way where families could enjoy both Trick or Treat and Friday night football. He said he would not change that decision but he is going to meet with Chief Goss and Chief Drouard as well as mayors of neighboring communities along with the RHS superintendent and treasurer to discuss the best ways of doing this. He said we had a tremendous amount of people and cars parked on both sides of the streets but we fortunate and had no problems and we will get better at it. He said we should be proud as a city that everyone wants to come here. He thanked voters for keeping Rossford a member of TARTA and said he had the opportunity to meet the owner of Camping World Mr. Marcus Lemonis of the TV show The Prophet.

Mr. Ciecka said the electric poles have been moved on Hillside Dr. and we are waiting for AT&T and Buckeye Cable to move their poles before finishing work on the street and that there is concern about the weather hindering completion of the project but the intent is to have asphalt down before the first snow. He said Ordinance #2014-74 that has been added to the agenda deals with the sidewalks on the north side of Hillside Dr. East. He added that the county engineer anticipates the deck will be completed on the Glenwood Rd. bridge before winter and that the four week delay on the project was due to the utility companies and lines having to be moved. He said that leaves are being picked up now, the marina closing has been completed, that the NWWSD work on the Colony is scheduled to be completed by the end of November, and that First Energy will be replacing the conduit in the Colony due to the number of breaks. Mr. Ruse asked when the First Energy project in the Colony will begin and Mr. Ciecka said he did not have a date.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Council was notified of one piece of correspondence received from the Ohio Liquor Control Authority showing a payment of \$1971.20 as our 35% of liquor license fees received from several entities.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **#2014 – 70 -ORDINANCE AMENDING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 151.08 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Kovasevic said the recreation committee is recommending a 15% increase across the board. He said this is the first increase since 2012 and will help offset rising staff costs. Mr. Oberdorf said our current fees are ridiculously low compared to other fitness facilities. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Marquette 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. 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.

### **#2014-71 - AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE RECREATION CENTER SHINGLE ROOF REPLACEMENT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Mackinnon said this needs to get approved as we are running out of time weather wise. Mr. Oberdorf questioned the \$10,000 difference between the first and second bid. Mayor Mackinnon said most roofing contractors are just trying to finish what they have and are not looking for new work. He said the low bidder is a reputable contractor who submitted a performance bond. Mr. Marquette asked if we specified the material to be used in our bid specs and was told yes. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and Pam Simenski, Hannum Ave. said she takes issue with the \$10,000 difference and wondered if there is a hold back in case of a problem. Both the mayor and Mr. Ciecka said there is a performance bond. Mayor Mackinnon said he knows the contractor and he is comfortable with them. Mr. Staczek asked if we checked the low bidder with the BBB and the mayor said he had not vetted every single one but they did have to come up with a performance bond. He said we do not have to do it. Mr. Kovasevic said it does leak when the wind blows a certain way. Mr. Oberdorf said if the mayor and Mr. Ciecka are comfortable we should go ahead with this. Mr. Wagner gave his own roof as an example of the price changing due to the season. 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.

### **#2014-72 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2013-63 ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said a new set of exhibits was given to council this evening and that there are no significant changes. Mrs. Freeman said we are required to have our revenue and expenditures match. Mr. Ruse said since this ends on December 31<sup>st</sup> we should give this three readings in case any items change. This was given a first reading only.

### **#2014-73 - AN ORDINANCE TO AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said this is as close to the 2014 budget as possible other than certain expenses going up. She did say there are is no salary expense increase budgeted for part time police officers and one full time public works person and that we may see a \$50-60,000 impact for repairs to the ladder truck, and also changes in the solid waste expense depending on the new contract. She said this should go three readings. This was given a first reading only.

**#2014-74 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH ED KELLY & SONS INC. ON THE HILLSIDE DRIVE REHABILITATION 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 this is to replace the sidewalks on the east side of Hillside Dr. that were taken out due to the water/sewer project. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Minarcin 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. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Minarcin seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

None

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Minarcin reiterated that the Halloween Parade was great and had a fantastic turnout.

Mr. Wagner said the Trick or Treating on the 30<sup>th</sup> probably tripled our population and our public safety crews did a great job as we had no traffic accidents and no one hurt. He thanked all our veterans in acknowledgment of Veterans Day tomorrow.

Mr. Ruse asked if previously tabled ordinance #2014-62 will be on the agenda at the next meeting and Mr. Minarcin said yes. Mr. Ruse said we should think about having a Committee of the Whole meeting in December to answer any question council has regarding the budget and to talk about funds needed for upcoming road projects saying we will have a cost share on the Buck Rd. /Lime City Rd., Colony Rd/SR65, and SR65 thru town projects and we need a plan to budget for these and other road repaving. He also offered his thanks to our veterans.

Mr. Marquette offered his thanks to our veterans and clarified that the Buck Rd. /Lime City Rd. project has not been approved by council yet.

Mrs. Eckel thanked the voters for allowing our continued membership in TARTA and said she appreciated the support, said the problem with Trick or Treat night was all the cars and that she has no issue with closing streets to traffic and that she was very pleased that there were no issues. She agreed that it is a compliment to our community that so many people wanted to come here. She complimented the public works department saying they are working really hard to get things done before the snow season, asked for the date of the Christmas tree lighting, and echoed Mr. Ruse comments regarding the roads. She was told the Christmas tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Oberdorf thanked the voters for allowing us to remain in TARTA, thanked the finance committee for their hard work on researching comparables for the non-bargaining unit raises, and thanked the veterans also especially those who served in the Vietnam War. He said he had mixed feelings regarding Trick or Treat night saying he has received both negative and positive comments and that there were some traffic problems.

Mr. Staczek echoed the same sentiments about Trick or Treat night and said Hannum Ave. was like mob rule. He also commended the public works department for an excellent job on closing the marina and asked if we are looking at improving our downtown Christmas decorations. Mayor Mackinnon said he thinks ours are excellent but that if council wants more they control the purse strings. Mr. Staczek said he would like to see new decorations added and was told by Mr. Kolb we just added new ones last year.

**AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Bob Densic, 147 Birch Dr. thanked our veterans and asked if we had any word from NWWSD on projects for next year. Mr. Ciecka said the only project next year is the pump station.

Bob Watrol, Clerk of Council, noted that after last winter the public works committee had talked about not allowing parking on the streets so the snow plows could get through and do a complete job. He asked if this was still be looked at citing as an example that when a car is parked on the street the snow plow has

to swerve around it which means the street is not plowed in front of that property. Mrs. Eckel said this is still being looked at.

*Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Wagner 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*