

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held November 12, 2012

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

**ROLL CALL:** Staczek, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Ruse, and Duricek all present. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Scott who is out of town on business. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of regular council meeting minutes of October 22, 2012. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of November 12, 2012 was presented to council. Recreation Committee report and a presentation from Penn National were added to the agenda. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Mackinnon said that Penn National was here tonight to make a presentation to the city. He asked former Mayor Verbosky to say a few words about the lead up to the casino coming to this area. Former Mayor Verbosky said Penn had promised to be good neighbors and fulfilled that promise for the area and the city of Rossford. He said they contribute to a number of organizations such as our police department and he is happy that they are here and thanked them for their commitment. Mr. Oberdorf said he was grateful to the Mayor for including him in the Penn talks and that while many had apprehensions about their coming here they have been nothing but good neighbors and a professional organization that he is happy to have here. Mayor Mackinnon said it is hard to find a day that you do not see a Penn National employee in a Rossford business. He said they are sincere individuals and great participants in the RBA. At this time he read a proclamation from the city of Rossford to Penn. Penn then presented a check for \$200,000 to the mayor to be used to help support the fire, police, and public safety of Rossford.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Recreation Committee report from October 18<sup>th</sup> was presented by Mr. Oberdorf (see written report).  
*Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to accept the committee report as given.*

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Ciecka first alerted council to HB601 which has been introduced and would have municipal income taxes collected by the State of Ohio. He said a number on municipalities have concerns about the potential cost and that the Ohio Municipal League as well as RITA has taken a position in opposition to this bill. He said that private residential owners have until the end of the month to apply for the 40% assistance in cost for removing up to two ash trees on their property, that he is reviewing an application for the transfer of a liquor license on Buck Rd., and that Beech St. should be repaved this week. Mayor Mackinnon thanked Hollywood Casino/Penn National for their generous donation, thanked DECA for a great Halloween parade, explained why he moved trick or treat night saying it was best to move based on a better weather forecast, less traffic on a Sunday night, more people at home, and said he would do it again based on how successful it was. He said in fact it was too successful based on the number of out of town people but we have that problem because of how safe our community is.

Mr. Ciecka then asked Mr. Heban to talk about the changes to OPERS retirement computations. Mr. Heban said he had given a memo to council and that he is in preliminary discussions with area solicitors and would probably have an ordinance prepared for the next council meeting to be given three readings. Mr. Ciecka said he is also talking to other city administrators. Mr. Oberdorf said that based on the changes and our current policy a councilmember would have to serve an extremely long time to earn retirement credit. Mr. Ciecka informed council that the charter amendment had passed and that the finance committee would be discussing future bonding requirements.

Mayor Mackinnon then had the new owner of the Sunoco station introduce himself.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Notice from State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control regarding licensing fee distributions was read to council.

**ORDINANCES**

**#2012-60 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ENACTMENT OF CHAPTER 934, ILLICIT DISCHARGE AND ILLEGAL CONNECTION CONTROL, OF THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka reminded council that this is an effort to bring our ordinances into compliance with the storm water regulations and has been reviewed by the public works committee. This clearly defines what can and cannot be discharged into the storm water system. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2012-61 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPEAL OF RMC 915.02 AND 918.01 OF THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is a companion to the previous ordinance and this will remove conflicting portions that are in our current ordinances. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2012-66 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A YEAR-END UPDATE TO THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES APPROPRIATIONS AND AMEND THE "BUDGET" FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2011-55.**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this has been discussed with the finance committee and will amend appropriations to allow the city to get through the end of the year. This follows the recommendation of the auditor to adjust appropriations periodically. 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 adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2012-67 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2013 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is the 2013 budget and he expects it to go three readings. He said this was put together with consultation from all department heads and review by the finance committee. It projects income growth from income tax but not enough to offset the loss of revenue from the state and local government fund. It is basically a level budget with only one new person being added in the recreation department. This was given a first reading only.

**#2012-68 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SECURE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said proposals were requested from various firms for the preparation of the CAFR and three were received. This ordinance awards the contract for a three year period at a cost of approximately \$13,000 annually. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Staczek 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. 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**

**#2012-21 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF BARBARA MONTAGUE TO THE STREET TREE COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

**#2012-22 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOHN VRABLIC TO THE STREET TREE COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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 suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2012-23 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF EDWARD TUCHOLSKI TO THE RECORDS COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

At this time Mayor Mackinnon said it is his intention to reappoint Police Chief Goss and Recreation Director Kovasevic to serve for the remainder of his mayoral term.

*Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to accept the mayor's recommendation on the reappointments of Chief Goss and Recreation Director Kovasevic for the remainder of the mayor's term. All ayes. Motion carried.*

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Duricek said he voted for the reappointment of Chief Goss for the remaining three years of Mayor Mackinnon's term and that he expects the chief to work on getting police overtime cost back in line. He said the marina is closed for the year and cleared about \$6,000 which will probably be reinvested into more finger docks.

Mrs. Eckel said the change in the trick or treat day was a good idea and that it is a compliment to the city that so many out-of-town people bring their kids here. She thanked the Hollywood Casino and Penn National for their donation to the city and for being a good neighbor and asked for a Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:00 on 11/26 to discuss the Jennings Rd. pump station issue and said the city could partner with the NWWSD in building a new pump station facility that would include restrooms and showers but that if costs are too high we do not have to do it.

Mr. Oberdorf offered his congratulations to Chief Goss and Mr. Kovasevic on their reappointments and said they are both true professionals who do a good job. He also complimented Chief Verbosky on going to the East Coast to assist in the disaster cleanup from Tropical Storm Sandy.

Mr. Staczek welcomed the new Sunoco owners to the city and said he is glad to see them at the council meeting, thanked the Hollywood Casino for their donation, said there are no official minutes from the Safety Committee meeting as some of the key players were missing so they only had an informal discussion, thanked the police department and Mr. Jones for making sure the Halloween parade route was clear, thanked DECA for organizing the parade, said changing the trick or treat night put an additional burden on our community, and congratulated Chief Goss on his reappointment. He said he had received a suggestion from some of the boaters on the north wall at the marina to perform some work on the docks to close off the hollow ends to prevent birds from nesting underneath, asked about safety ladders, and raising the cleats.

Mr. Cieccka asked if council intended to hold a committee of the whole meeting as requested by Mrs. Eckel. Mr. Marquette asked if we will have cost information available and Mrs. Eckel said yes.

*Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to hold the committee of the whole meeting on 11/26 at 6:00pm. All ayes. Motion carried.*

Mayor Mackinnon thanked former mayor Verbosky for his hours of hard work with Penn National.

**AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Bill Verbosky, 317 Eagle Point Rd., former mayor thanked Mayor Mackinnon for inviting him to the presentation by Hollywood Casino and said it is a nice culmination to a number of years of work. He said it was always meant to be a goodwill gesture for safety services of the city.

*Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adjourn.*

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*Neil Mackinnon, III  
Mayor*

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*Robert P. Watrol  
Clerk of Council*