

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held November 26, 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, Scott, and Duricek all present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of regular council meeting minutes of November 12, 2012. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes except Mr. Scott who abstained. Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of November 26, 2012 was presented to council. Finance and Public Works committee reports, Ordinance #2012-71, and presentations by the Mayor were added to the agenda. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Mackinnon presented proclamations to the following teams: 1) Rossford Little League football 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade league champions with a 7-0 record, 2) 2012 State Champions for 12-under football in the Ohio Athletic Commission, 3) Junior High Cross Country Northern Buckeye Conference champions, and 4) 8<sup>th</sup> grade football 2012 Northern Buckeye Champions with a 7-0-1 record.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance and Insurance Committee report from October 22<sup>nd</sup> was presented by Mr. Ruse (see written report).

Public Works Committee report from November 12<sup>th</sup> was presented by Mrs. Eckel (see written report).

*Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to accept the committee reports as given.*

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Ciecka gave council notice of the dedication of the Habitat for Humanity home to be held Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00pm, said the Public Works department will be assisting in removing a large dirt pile from the site and taking to the landfill to be used to create a mound along Wales Rd., reminded everyone that the application deadline for grant money for ash tree removal is November 30<sup>th</sup>, and finally welcomed a new employee to the Public Works department as of November 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Marquette asked if Hull & Associates is aware of what we are doing at the landfill and Mr. Ciecka responded that they are and it has been cleared by the EPA.

Mayor Mackinnon said the new Christmas lights in the boulevard look great and that a new business had opened in downtown called Delightfully Done.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

*None*

**ORDINANCES**

**#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. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a second reading only.

**#2012-69 - AN ORDINANCE ENACTING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 1327.16 DEALING WITH THE ASSESSMENT OF COSTS FOR NUISANCE ABATEMENT. SECOND READING.**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this was drafted by the law director with his input and will help in cases where a property owner wants to abate a nuisance but cannot afford to do it. This will give the city the ability to abate the nuisance and apply the costs to the tax bill. Mr. Ruse asked clarification that we currently do not have legislation that allows this. Mr. Heban said we do but it did not allow the property owner to request. Mr. Ruse said he does not see a process for collecting interest. Mr. Heban said each individual case will come back to council and this can be done at that time. This was given a first reading only.

**#2012-70 - 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 Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the last time council addressed this issue was in 2009. Mr. Marquette asked what the percentage increase is and Mr. Ciecka said it varies by position but are generally in line with the union increases and comparable to other communities in the area while still not putting Rossford in the top 25 pay scales. This was given a first reading only.

**#2012-71 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD. SECOND READING.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf said this was discussed briefly at the last council meeting and asked Mr. Heban to explain. Mr. Heban said that OPERS has changed the calculation method for retirement benefits effective January, 2014 gearing it toward township trustees pay and this legislation will mimic the township trustee pay language to the OPERS formula in the ORC. Council's current pay will only give ½ month credit under the new formula.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

*None*

## **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Duricek said the new lights in downtown look wonderful at night and hoped everyone had a nice Thanksgiving.

Mr. Scott said he agreed with Mr. Duricek's comments regarding the lights and said the building that was renovated for the new business Delightfully Done looks great.

Mr. Ruse asked whether the zoning inspector position is under Civil Service requirements for being filled and was told by Mr. Ciecka no, that as a part-time position it does fall under our UAW agreement and if changed to full-time would require Civil Service. Mr. Ruse said discussion on this should be directed to the zoning committee. Mayor Mackinnon said we should look at filling this position soon.

Mr. Marquette wanted to thank Ron Recknagel and also the Igo and Maxwell families along with four or five other families who started the Pop Warner program about ten to twelve years ago. This program has paid a lot of dividends for the youth in Rossford including his own kids as shown by the presentations made earlier this evening.

Mrs. Eckel congratulated all the teams recognized this evening, thanked Dave Jones and the Public Works department for putting up the Christmas decorations and said she had received a lot of compliments on them, said they had done a great job on leaf pickup, and offered her welcome to Delightfully Done.

Mr. Oberdorf thanked everyone involved in with the new Christmas lights and said his wife thought they were beautiful. He said we have been complimenting Dave Jones and his department but that we have exceptionally good departments and department heads.

Mr. Staczek also thanked Dave Jones and his crews for their work on the new Christmas lights, thanked Meijer and Tim Horton's for the donations of food and drink for the Christmas Tree lighting program, and asked Mr. Jones if the Public Works department picks up branches after high winds or storms. Mr. Jones said we do pick them up but we try not to advertise that.

Mayor Mackinnon said it's been almost a year since he took office and he wanted to thank everyone in this room and said they have all been great.

Mr. Ruse asked about the December 24<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting.

*Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to suspend with the December 24<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.*

## **AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Debbie Zuchowski, 202 Hilldale, said she thinks the new lights look great but she does not like the way the trees look as sparsely lit. She suggested skipping every other tree next year so that the tree is full of lights. Mayor Mackinnon said it will improve every year as we add lights and Mr. Jones said as we change trees in the boulevard this will also affect this.

*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*