

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held December 9, 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, Marquette, Ruse, Wagner, and Duricek all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of November 25, 2013. Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.
Approval of organizational council meeting minutes of December 2, 2013. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Marquette asked for some discussion on the resignation of Mr. Oberdorf and what transpired so he could decide whether to ask for a revote on President of Council. Mr. Oberdorf said he was caught up in the emotion of the moment and acted hastily which he regrets and thus withdrew. Mr. Marquette asked to hear what other council members felt about this and Mr. Wagner asked if council can remove Mr. Oberdorf and was told yes by Mr. Heban. Mr. Ruse said the resignation was never put in writing and therefore Mr. Oberdorf was allowed to rescind. Vote on the motion to approve the minutes of December 2nd was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of December 9, 2013 was presented to council. Committee report from Public Works was added to the agenda. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Eckel presented the Public Works committee report from December 4th (see written report). Mr. Ruse said that in regard to the brine issue the public works study will do a comparison study between the cost and usage of salt versus the cost to use brine.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka said we have signed an agreement with ODOT to obtain brine at their facilities, that he will ask at the next meeting for authority to surplus the old leaf truck, that final leaf pickup will be this week if weather permits, that we had a nice turnout for the 5K Reindeer Run last Saturday, and that Chief Verbosky is absent this evening due to participating with Pilkington in an exercise on emergency plans. Mr. Oberdorf asked again for the dates regarding interest in the vacant council seat and Mr. Ciecka said applications from all interested applicants are due by 4:30pm Friday December 13th and that council had yet to decide when they wanted to meet to consider those applications. Mayor Mackinnon suggested they pick that date tonight. He also said that council will have copies of all applications received by the cutoff date hand delivered to their residence. Mr. Ciecka will also notify all candidates of the date and time decided. Mr. Ruse wondered if discussion was allowed in executive session and was told only the appointment can be discussed in executive session. Mrs. Eckel asked the clerk if these meetings are usually open to the public and was told yes. Mr. Marquette did not want an executive session prior to interviewing the candidates. Council determined they would hold a special meeting on Monday, December 16th at 7:00 to interview and then select a new councilperson.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2013 – 59 - AN ORDINANCE ENACTING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 521.13. THIRD READING

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

#2013 – 61 -AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A YEAR-END UPDATE TO THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATIONS AND AMEND THE “BUDGET” FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 2012-67. THIRD READING

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

#2013 – 63 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014. THIRD READING

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

RESOLUTIONS

#2013-28 – A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT MAY BE RAISED BY A LEVY AT THE MAXIMUM RATE AUTHORIZED BY LAW WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IS INSUFFICIENT, AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A REPLACEMENT LEVY FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES IN EXCESS OF THAT RATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the Recreation Committee had recommended a replacement levy for the May 2014 ballot for both recreation levies of .4mills, one being for recreation and the other for capital improvements. This was given a first reading only.

#2013-29 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT MAY BE RAISED BY A LEVY AT THE MAXIMUM RATE AUTHORIZED BY LAW WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IS INSUFFICIENT, AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A REPLACEMENT LEVY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR ACQUISITION OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES IN EXCESS OF THAT RATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a first reading only.

#2013-30 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO STATE CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS FOR A PURCHASE MADE WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER (ORC 5705.41 “THEN AND NOW”).

Mr. Staczek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion approved. Mr. Ciecka said the fire department had ordered cleaning solution for their vehicles but at the time the order was placed no purchase order had been issued. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf 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.

#2013-31 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOHN FOLCIK TO THE STREET TREE COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion approved. 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.

#2013-32 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOHN RUST, JR. TO THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

#2013- 33 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S RE-APPOINTMENT OF DAN SOVIAR TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

#2013-34 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF JEANNE ZAJAC TO THE STREET TREE COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion approved. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Ruse 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.

#2013 -35 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF RAYMOND J. MILLER, JR. TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Staczek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion approved. 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 -36 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOHN RUST, JR. TO WOOD COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion approved. Mr. 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.

#2013 -37 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF BETTY WOODS TO THE STREET TREE COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Staczek said the Safety committee will meet either this week or next. He has heard some complaints that the new curbs on Glenwood Rd. are too high, congratulated Dan Dorner of the RFD for being named Fire Fighter of the year, and thanked Officers Johnson and Baker for participating in the Shop with a Cop program.

Mrs. Eckel asked if we started tearing houses down today and was told by Mr. Ciecka that the three houses scheduled for demolition begin being torn down today.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Joe Minarcin, 220 Jennings Rd. asked if the garage is also being demolished with the house on Jennings and was told no.

Steve Vedra, 170 Hannum Ave., congratulated Mr. Kolb and his public works department for the great job they did on the leaves with inadequate equipment and also said he disagreed with the interview process for filling the vacant council seat saying it should go to the next highest vote getter.

Pam Duricek, 143 Jennings Rd., said she appreciated some of the support she received from council during the recent loss of her husband but said the Mayor's comments regarding Chuck's passing displayed a lack of compassion to herself and her family, that she was devastated by his remarks, and that he should have replied no comment. The mayor apologized saying that was not his intent and Mrs. Duricek said too little, too late.

Bob Densic, 107 Birch Dr., also congratulated Mr. Kolb and the entire public works department, thanked Mrs. Eckel for her notations regarding NWWSD and the unsafe practices being used by the contractor, said he had turned in his letter of intent for the vacant council seat today, and said that his annual Christmas light display was up and running. He said there is a donation box and that all donations go 100% to charity.

Erin Robinson, 1116 Lewis Ave., asked council to reconsider their no vote on appointing Bob Densic to the vacant council seat and said the top vote getter should get it. She also criticized Mrs. Eckel for supporting the interview process and said council's opinion should not outweigh the voters of Rossford. She also offered criticism of Mr. Staczek for voting for this process.

Debbie Zuchowski, 202 Hillside thinks that council is doing the right thing using the interview process saying that Mr. Densic was not the only losing candidate in the last election.

Pat Carson, 190 Windsor Dr., said when he was council it was his impression that the next person with the highest votes would get a vacant council seat.

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave. asked why council could not just appoint a person to the vacant council seat until May and then have a council seat election as part of the May primary and was told the procedure used is outlined in the city charter.

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

Neil Mackinnon, III
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council