

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held December 23, 2013

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

**SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILMAN:** Mayor Mackinnon swore in newly appointed councilman Joseph Minarcin who is taking the seat vacated due to the death of Mr. Duricek.

**ROLL CALL:** Staczek, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Ruse, Wagner, and Minarcin all present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of regular council meeting minutes of December 9, 2013. 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 December 23, 2013 was presented to council. Committee report from Public Safety & Health and Resolution #2013-39 were added to the agenda. Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Staczek presented the Public Safety & Health committee report from November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup> (see written report). He said that discussion regarding a water rescue boat took place due to Perrysburg and Toledo no longer having a boat thus it has fallen on Rossford to provide this service. He said the marina is an asset and we have a moral obligation to provide this service. Mr. Marquette agrees we need to offer water rescue and asked if the fire department needs additional training to do this. Chief Verbosky said that currently 2/3 of the department is trained in surface rescue and that we use the Toledo Dive Unit for any submerged rescues. Mr. Marquette asked the chief if we should have our own submerged rescue unit and the chief responded no due to the amount of hours and training involved. Mr. Staczek said in a recent conversation he had with the Coast Guard they are definitely reaching out to the city and he invited them to a council meeting in the early spring to further elaborate. Chief Verbosky said we started out with a rowboat in 1992 and now have a boat that was donated by Pilkington. Mr. Ruse said the increased costs for the lift cots and the ambulance concern him and asked for details. Mr. Ciecka said further discussion on this is planned but that the lift cots had a grant was for \$40,000 with a match of 25% from the city and that two cots cost \$72,000 minus the \$40,000 grant leaves the city share at \$32,000. Mr. Wagner said he had served on the Toledo Police Harbor Patrol until disbanded and that they have a three year old 28 foot Boston Whaler that we should check to see if they are interested in selling.

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Ciecka said that in the fall the city had applied for an OPWC grant for storm sewers on Hillside Dr. He said currently the storms are connected to the sanitary sewers and are woefully inadequate. The grant applied for was \$204,000 towards a \$437,000 project but that we were not selected, however he has been contacted by OPWC to see if we have any interest in loan money at 0% interest with a term tied to the useful life of the project or 25 years, whichever is less. Mr. Marquette said he knows citizens in that area and feels we owe it to them to pursue this. Mrs. Eckel said the timing would be good since there is other work in that area on the west side of Hillside. Mr. Oberdorf said a 0% interest loan is not easily gotten and we should seek this. Mr. Ruse agrees but said the Public Works committee needs to work on how we would pay for this loan. Mr. Ciecka also said that the brine truck is up and running.

Mayor Mackinnon thanked Mr. Kolb and the public works department for the excellent job on clearing snow from our roads and said they are better than any in NW Ohio. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ORDINANCES**

**#2013-71 - AN ORDINANCE ENACTING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 521.14**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this ordinance relates to the clothing collection bins that have popped up all over town. Mr. Heban said the different ways municipalities are handling this include a total ban or allowing for 501.c3 companies with restrictions

on the size of the box. This ordinance calls for a total ban. Mr. Ruse asked what happens with the bins already existing and was told by Mr. Heban there is no grandfather clause. Mr. Ruse questioned if we were doing any notification to the existing bin owners. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Mr. Ruse said if this were to pass tonight we would not have yet notified the bin owners. Mr. Ruse and Mr. Marquette both said they would like time to review this ordinance. Mr. Oberdorf said Mr. Staczek did a lot of research on this organization and this is a very viable problem that should be handled the sooner the better. Mr. Marquette said he is not discounting the work done by Mr. Staczek but he just wants to look at the alternatives. Mr. Oberdorf said he thinks this has been spelled out clearly by Mr. Heban and Mr. Ciecka. Mr. Wagner said we should have time for public feedback and should give this a first reading only. Mrs. Eckel withdrew her motion to suspend with the second and third readings. This was given a first reading only.

**#2013 – 72 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPEAL OF ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 521.06, DUTY TO KEEP SIDEWALKS IN REPAIR AND CLEAN; SNOW REMOVAL, AND ENACTING A NEW ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 521.06, DUTY TO KEEP SIDEWALKS IN REPAIR AND CLEAN; SNOW REMOVAL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said this was proposed by the zoning inspector and would require sidewalks to be cleared within 24 hours of a snowfall or the city would clear it and charge the property owner. Mr. Ciecka said about 6% of the studied properties were not cleared with the problem occurring mostly on vacant lots or vacant properties with only 2% being residences in violation. He said we need this to get owners of bank owned and rental properties to respond to a serious issue. He said this ordinance did not go through a committee but was generated by the administration. Mr. Ruse asked who takes care of the downtown sidewalks and whether it is ours or the property owner's responsibility. Mr. Kolb said that we do the walks sometimes when coming back from the Recreation Center but it is up to the property owner. Mr. Marquette 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. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Ruse seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Ruse 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. SECOND READING.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a second 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. SECOND READING**

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

**#2013-38 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF DAVID MERRELL 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 carried. 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.

**#2013-39 – A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03b REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION 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 there are two fire levies, a .6 mill and a 1 mill up for renewal or replacement in 2014. He said there are six options to look at which are a renewal of both levies, a replacement of both levies, renewal of the 1 mill plus a .5mill increase and a brand new .5 mill levy. This information from the auditor is necessary so that the committee can begin reviewing options in time to get on May ballot. Mr. Ruse said he thinks it is a great idea to get the information

but he is still taken aback by the increase in the ambulance costs and for the cots and we need to do a better job on tracking these numbers. Chief Verbosky said the increase in the ambulance cost is due from going from a diesel to a larger gasoline engine at a significant increase. Mr. Minarcin said he agreed with Mr. Ruse and said a replacement levy will be new money. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and Joe Nyitray of 210 Birch asked why the change to a gas engine. Mrs. Eckel said the diesel engine we have now has been nothing but problems. Chief Verbosky said the new ambulance will be a Class 3 chassis on which the diesel engine is no longer offered. He said everyone is going to the gas engine due to the maintenance problems everyone had with the previous diesel engine. He also said that our fire building limits the size of chassis we can purchase and if we could get a bigger chassis then we could get a diesel engine. 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.

*At this time Mayor Mackinnon presented the committee assignments to council (see written list).*

### **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Staczek asked about the blue and yellow bags still being distributed and was told by Mr. Ciecka that the companies have not been notified yet of our new ordinance, thanked the police department for the invite to their Christmas party, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Oberdorf asked if anyone saw a need for a committee of the whole meeting in January.

*Mr. Ruse moved and Mr. Wagner seconded the motion to dispense with the January Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.*

Mr. Oberdorf thanked All Saints Church and the Toledo Symphony for the excellent concert last Sunday which included Katie Calcamuggio from Rossford as the soprano. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mrs. Eckel thanked the public works department for their hard work on the streets and also extended holiday wishes.

Mr. Marquette welcomed Mr. Minarcin to council and recognized Mr. Watrol's son who is a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy. Mayor Mackinnon asked Michael Watrol to come to the microphone and give council his exciting news. Michael Watrol told council he had been selected for Navy Pilot and would report to Pensacola, Fl. after graduation from USNA.

Mr. Ruse offered his congratulation to both Michael Watrol and Mr. Minarcin and wished everyone a joyous and blessed holiday season.

Mr. Wagner welcomed Mr. Minarcin to council, congratulated Chief Goss and Detective Kitzler for getting an indictment on the alleged rapists, said Mr. Kolb and the public works department had done a great job, and wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Mr. Minarcin said he had enjoyed his first meeting and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

### **AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave. asked if there was a ceiling on the recreation levies and was told by Mr. Ciecka yes, that they are both .4 mill levies, invited Mrs. Eckel to look at the street in front of his house where most of the lousy slurry seal job has ended up out of the street and on his tree lawn.

Pat Carson, 190 Windsor said that Mr. Kolb and the public works department had done a great job on getting leaf pickup completed.

*Mr. Minarcin moved and Mr. Marquette 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