

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held January 9, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Mayor William Verbosky Jr. and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Richards, Oberdorf, Marquette, Hermes, Kovach all present. Michaels and Eckel are both expected to arrive later. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Michaels and Mrs. Eckel. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eckel then entered council chambers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of December 12, 2005. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of January 9, 2006 was presented to council. Report from Economic Development committee added. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Richards presented the committee report of December 19, 2005. Purpose of the committee meeting was the public hearing regarding the proposed downtown development project. Areas discussed were the definition of the downtown area to be included in the project, inclusion of participation by all property owners and business/resident occupants of the area, use of surveys and follow-up meetings, and issues of angle parking and uniform street name. The committee will meet again in the near future to discuss survey documents and work with RBA to finalize plans. Mr. Hermes suggested that Mrs. Nissen of the Rossford DECA group be contacted regarding possible involvement in the survey project.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to accept the report as given. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka said that the application for the Tier 1 downtown planning grant is either in the mail or in the final stages of preparation. He will provide a copy of the application to all council members as soon as available. He also told council that advertising for the police chief position has been placed in the Sunday Toledo Blade, the Sentinel-Tribune, and Rossford Record as well as being on the city website. The assistance of the Ohio Police Chief Association will also be requested.

Mayor Verbosky made council aware of the letter dated January 9, 2006 from Police Chief Foy stating his intention to resign. The mayor stated that applicants will be considered from both within and outside the department and that he intends to create a screening committee to review applicants. The mayor also commented on the informal December presentation by Michele Montague on wind energy. Mr. Ciecka is to follow up on any possibility of using this in the city and review First Energy contracts for possible conflicts. He also informed council that Buckeye Cable will institute a \$1 increase effective February 1, 2006 and that the Planning Committee will meet on January 11, 2006.

Mr. Michaels then entered council chambers.

CORRESPONDENCE

Two items of correspondence were received, a Christmas Card addressed to council from the Rossford Police Patrolman's Association and a notice of a public meeting regarding the Toledo East Side water main project.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2006-01 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD HOTZ TO THE RECREATION BOARD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. Mayor Verbosky stated that Mr. Hotz was a former recreation board member in his capacity as a Rossford School Board member. He is now interested in filling the citizen vacancy as he is no longer a school board member. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and seeing none the vote on the motion was all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Hermes said there will be an ordinance on the agenda at the next meeting for the 4% non-union personnel raised that are consistent with what was planned upon approval of the November levy. He also clarified that the 4% increase on water bills is from the City of Toledo and not instituted by Rossford, thanked Ms. Montague for her presentation on wind energy and said this is something city will probably never do as not in the business of providing energy, and asked Mr. Ciecka to follow-up with new subdivisions that are over two years old regarding sidewalk construction.

Mrs. Eckel said she has talked to Mr. Stalter from Poggemeyer Design on the review that was done for the proposed development on Lime City Rd. She has requested that the storm water review be updated from a five year review to a hundred year review and that the traffic study be more in depth. Mr. Stalter will revise the review after he looks at these issues in more depth.

Mr. Oberdorf thanked Ms. Montague for her presentation on wind energy, said the subdivision review uses the word negligible quite often, and wondered what that means. He enjoys the scenic beauty of that area now and finds it difficult to visualize the subdivision.

Mr. Richards commented on research he did regarding kennel licenses. It appears there is no limit on the number of dogs that can be boarded. He is concerned about this type of business being in a residential area and said the city needs to notify property owners that this type of business can not be conducted in said areas. He thinks a possible limit on the number of dogs allowed should be considered by the safety committee. Mrs. Eckel accepted this task on behalf of the safety committee.

Mr. Michaels asked who financed the subdivision study and if the city did how they will be reimbursed.

Mr. Ciecka responded that the city financed and will seek reimbursement from the potential developer.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

John Folcik, 215 Hannum Ave., Rossford asked if there will be an ordinance accepting the Brookside Condominium street right of way into the city. Mr. Ciecka said he is working with the city attorney on this and does not think an ordinance will be necessary.

A.J. Kovacik, 646 Marilyn, Rossford addressed council on behalf of himself and several of his neighbors regarding the Rowhouse development. A significant number of people in attendance indicated their opposition to this development. Mr. Kovacik said their concerns consist of traffic and safety concerns for the children at the adjacent school, the trustworthiness of the developer, the marketing of this as a retirement community, the monetary value of these row houses, the current soft real estate market, traffic on Lime City Rd. with the future Penta site in place, change from single family residential to multi-family, and potential flooding problems. He also said potential road closings for construction could endanger lives by delaying response time for fire and rescue.

Craig Tymiak, 625 Marilyn, Rossford said he has been against this project from the beginning and wants this development to be built under the same zoning constraints as Marilyn Rd, and that he has concerns about flooding.

Larry Hoffman, Marilyn Rd., Rossford is concerned that the sewer trunk lines are already at their capacity for handling drainage.

Diane Jendrich, 634 Marilyn, Rossford said that in 1985 her yard was flooded and wonders what the city will do when yards and basements are flooded due to this development.

Lauren Hume, 624 Marilyn, Rossford provided pictures showing flooding in the area and said the developer is marketing this to 50+ and single people.

Molly Jakubec, 107 Park Dr., Rossford said she owns property at 661 Lime City Rd., commented on the pictures showing the flooding and said a change in the zoning for this parcel would destroy the integrity of the existing neighborhood and would also damage the credibility of council and the administration. She reminded council that they serve at the pleasure of their constituents and these constituents alone have the last word. She also said the developer should consider the land on the river next to Pilkington for this project.

Wendy Jakubec, 661 Lime City Rd., Rossford said she had circulated a petition in which she obtained over 200 signatures of people in the area who do not want this development. She said that the existing traffic already affects the safety of walking on Lime City Rd. and further traffic would only make it worse, and that the developer had said this project could take 3-4 years to complete and could cause temporary closing of Lime City Rd.

Nadine Laubenthal, 637 Marilyn, Rossford said she does not like the aesthetics of the development and feels it would be out of place for the area. She feels Rossford needs something nicer than this and something that would keep the trees.

Ron Boney, 635 Marilyn, Rossford said he bought his home one year ago as a R1 zoned parcel and wants this area kept R1. He is also concerned for the safety of the children at All Saints.

Phil Halloran, 615 Lime City Rd., Rossford said he lived there before Marilyn Drive was developed and that one thing that hasn't been considered is the train traffic and how it ties up traffic and backs it up on Lime City Rd. which causes people to use Marilyn Drive as a cutoff at speeds exceeding the limit. He also questioned marketing this for retired people when it is a 2 or 3 story structure.

Laura Drouard, 630 Marilyn, Rossford said that the tax levy barely passed and this will further impact the police and fire departments.

Gar Green, 651 Marilyn, Rossford said that zoning serves a purpose of protecting adjacent property owners and a change in zoning may affect value of property. He also asked council to note the opposition to this plan.

Tina Lodge, 625 Marilyn, Rossford said that before changing the zoning in this area that the Crossroads area should be looked at. Mayor Verbosky then explained the zoning for the Crossroads as commercial/retail and the reasons that is not zoned for residential. He said he will do everything possible to maintain the quality of life in Rossford.

Julie Boney, 635 Marilyn, Rossford said she moved to Rossford for the small town community and this development is not suited for Rossford.

Dave Filipiak, 628 Marilyn, Rossford read a description of the purposes of zoning.

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum, Rossford said he supports this group fully and that if the mobile home project in the 60's failed due to the infrastructure he is sure it has not been greatly upgraded in the last 40 years.

Larry Tremsky, 1041 Schreier, Rossford said that the failed mobile home project took place when this area was still Perrysburg Township.

Mayor Verbosky explained that the planning commission will vote on this project first based on new plans and requirements and upon their recommendation this will go to council to vote on. He then explained this process and the process for notifying interested residents.

Mr. Richards then stated that this is a difficult issue for a number of people and that he believes that most of council is not in favor of changing the zoning in order to develop this property.

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

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council