

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held January 14, 2008

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

ROLL CALL: Richards, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Hermes, Michaels and Kovach all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of December 10, 2007. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of January 14, 2008 was presented to council. Marina Committee report and Resolution 2008-01 were added to the agenda. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marina Committee report was presented by Mr. Michaels. See attached minutes.

Mr. Marquette noted that the minutes showed he was not in attendance but that he was. Mrs. Eckel asked if offered a monthly dock rate how the docks would be assigned and was told by Mr. Michaels that only unused docks would be available. Mr. Oberdorf said one of the reasons for a monthly rate was to encourage people to use the marina and hopefully like it and stay as annual dock renters. Mr. Richards asked if there is a fee for overnight rental and was told by Mr. Ciecka that there is a daily fee.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to accept the committee report as given.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky hoped everyone had a good Christmas and Happy New Year. He said the Planning Commission met last Wednesday to follow up on the Fed Ex site plan and that Fed Ex has bent over backwards to address everyone's concerns as far as sound barriers, lighting, and plantings. The Planning Commission did give final approval on the site plan and it will be monitored closely. He said Resolution 2008-01 was added to the agenda as his recommendation for a new recreation director effective February 4th. He gave a synopsis of how the city arrived at this point including receiving over forty applications that were reviewed by the Recreation Committee council members and Mr. Ciecka before being reduced to nine applicants. These nine were then interviewed and narrowed down to three. The mayor agreed on these final three and after one dropped out the final two were interviewed with Pat Sloan included in that interview. A consensus was reached to select Ivan Kovacevic as the recommended candidate. Pat Sloan will work on a consultant basis for the short term to assist and he thanked her for her 35 years of service to the city. He complimented her on her love for the city and her dedication to the city's youth. A plaque was presented to her as well as John Folcik and Mary Jane Davenport on behalf of the city at Pat's retirement party. The mayor passed out a compilation of Wood County tax rates to council members and told them a recommendation on police vehicle replacement will be made shortly and forwarded to the finance committee for their review.

Mr. Ciecka said the contract with the Fire Department has been signed, said an executive session is on the agenda to talk about the public works contract, and told council he needed an additional authorization of \$10,000 to cover labor negotiation cost above the \$40,000 authorized last year. He told council that the RTID had entered into a development agreement with Miller Diversified for an extension of South Compass east from the Parkway approximately 1200 feet. This development agreement will provide a \$300,000 matching grant to private funds that will provide for road and water and sewer lines, as well as an easement for access to Lime City Rd. Mr. Ciecka told council that legal council had prepared two ordinances related to Fed Ex that will be on the agenda for the January 28th meeting, one involves future repaving of Buck Rd. with Fed Ex paying for an additional one inch of paving material and the other will place a restrictive covenant on the north 150 feet of property they purchased maintaining it as open space. He said site work had slowed down at Bass Pro due to the weather but that interior work is proceeding rapidly. He reminded council that the TMACOG General Assembly is scheduled for January 29th and told them that unpaid 2006 garbage fees had been sent to a collection agency. Mr. Hermes asked why the Fed Ex agreement is not a deed restriction as opposed to a restrictive covenant. Mr. Heban explained that as a restrictive

covenant the ultimate final control of that portion remains in the city's hands. Mr. Hermes asked if \$600,000 total is enough to do the S. Compass extension. Mr. Ciecka explained that any overage would be the responsibility of the private developer. Mayor Verbosky said the benefit of the extension of the road is the ability to extend the road to Lime City Rd. thus creating another egress and maybe increasing planned industrial development. Mr. Michaels asked if the restrictive covenant with Fed Ex expires if they are not the owner and was told by Mr. Heban it stays with the property.

***Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to permit the administrator to spend an additional \$10,000 for labor negotiations. All ayes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

One piece of correspondence was received from Pat Sloan addressed to the mayor and council members thanking them for the plaque and celebration for her years of service to the City of Rossford.

ORDINANCES

#2008-01 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE DUMP TRUCK THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka explained that the budget provided for a replacement vehicle and that this is being purchased through the state program which is exempt from competitive bidding. He said the oldest vehicle will be replaced at a cost of \$36,411 including plow and dump body. This replaces an early 1990's vehicle which is the oldest one in the fleet. Mr. Hermes asked what the time frame on this is and whether this needed to be passed as an emergency. Mr. Ciecka said it would be delivered within 30 days of approval and could be given a first reading. Mr. Richards noted that this ordinance did not reflect an endorsement by the public works committee. Mr. Ciecka explained he wanted to start the process and expected that this could go multiple readings giving the committee time to review. Mayor Verbosky noted that this is being paid for out of the 2005 3.5 levy which was intended for this purpose. Mr. Hermes said unless the public works committee disapproved it made sense to get this vehicle now during the winter months. Mr. Richards said he is sure this has to be done and agrees with Mr. Hermes. Mr. Hermes 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. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2008-01 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYORS APPOINTMENT OF IVAN KOVACEVIC AS PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said given the length of the search period he was asking this be passed as an emergency. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards 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 Mr. Richards seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Kovacevic thanked everyone and said both he and his wife are excited about coming to Rossford. He realized he has big shoes to fill but is looking forward to meeting everyone. Mr. Michaels asked how soon he will be moving to Rossford and was told he will be moving to the area over the next couple of weekends and then begin searching for a home in Rossford.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mrs. Eckel asked Mr. Ciecka to talk to the public works department about some icy spots on the roads.

Mr. Hermes asked Mr. Heban about Lyden Oil and was told the investigation was being finalized and that one last effort would be made to resolve before filing suit.

Mr. Michaels asked about the dirt on the Rt. 65 and Mr. Ciecka said he is aware of the problem and the police have been out and are on top of the situation. Mr. Michaels said the people filling in the pond seem to be doing an OK job of cleaning up.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

John Folcik, 215 Hannum Ave., asked if Simmons Rd. is permanently closed. Mayor Verbosky explained that it will be reopened at the completion of the Bass Pro project but will be rerouted and will not follow the previous route.

Don Montague, 106 Rossway, said he spent one year working with the downtown redevelopment committee and is disappointed to see that a third set of donation boxes has been added to the former 7/11 site. He feels it is unsightly and with the Pepto Bismol wall on one end and this on another an embarrassment to the community and asks if the city can control this. Mr. Ciecka said the charities did get permission from the property owner to place these boxes on the site and that he will review the city's zoning laws. Mayor Verbosky said the lease on that property runs through this year and when it expires the out-of-state owner will have an incentive to do something with the building.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to go into executive session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to return to regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to amend the agenda and add Ordinance #2008-02. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance #2008-02 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL 2954 OHIO COUNCIL 8 AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AFL-CIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards 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. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council