

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held January 28, 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 January 14, 2008. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of January 28, 2008 was presented to council. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka said he along with Hull & Assoc. had met with the Ohio EPA to discuss some outstanding items and also to begin preparations for the scope of work for next years work schedule at the landfill. The draft of the scope of work will be available for council at the next meeting. One concern is that there was a statistical spike in one well of sodium and chloride and that they will need to develop a program to address the EPA concerns that this may be a precursor of some type of pollution. Hull thinks the spike in the sodium and chloride levels is a statistical anomaly and not a significant problem but will have to test and prove this is the case. Mr. Marquette asked if it was an interior or exterior well and if this was a one time spike. Mr. Ciecka said it was an exterior well and it was a one time spike and came down the next time tested but not to historical levels. Mr. Ciecka said he has also been meeting on a periodic basis with the Crossroads property owners and also had a group of Toledo University engineering students look at the area as part of a learning project. One suggestion was to develop a common theme for the area i.e. Crossroads and add distinctive lighting for the area. He has not update on the fact-finder report on the police contract. He noted that shortly there will be a link on the city website for online auction of city property. He notified council that the fire department is conducting high rise fire training at the Hampton Inn site currently under construction.

Mayor Verbosky yielded the floor to Betty Woods on behalf of the Tree Commission. Mrs. Woods named the members of the commission, thanked Dave Jones and the city workers for their efforts in the Arbor Day tree planting ceremonies, and read a letter from Stephanie Miller, Urban Forester congratulating Rossford on being named a Tree City USA again and inviting the commission to the April 16 award ceremony. Mr. Marquette asked how many trees are planted a year in Rossford and Mrs. Woods said 28 were planted in 2007 and more than that in 2006. Mayor Verbosky commented that the Tree Commission works very hard and does not receive a lot of fanfare. Mr. Hermes asked the mayor if he has talked to Mr. Kovacevic about a starting date and Mr. Ciecka said he is scheduled to start February 4.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2008-03 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN FEDEX GROUND PACKAGE SYSTEM, INC. AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this was discussed as part of the zoning change discussion and this covers their financial participation in the resurfacing of Buck Rd. when that time comes. Mr. Marquette asked if this is a one time thing and was told yes and that later it would be considered part of the city's duty to maintain roads. Mrs. Eckel said nothing is mentioned about extreme wear and tear and Mr. Ciecka said this is considered part of the city's responsibility to maintain the roads and that the initial improvement to the intersection was to allow for increased traffic. Mrs. Eckel said she would have liked to see some kind of use agreement. Mr. Oberdorf questioned what one inch of additional asphalt

would cost and why a limit of 2 and 3/4' on the bridge. Mr. Ciecka said he would have to research the cost and that the limit is due to the weight on the bridge. Mr. Marquette asked where the city limits exactly are at that corner. Mr. Ciecka said we have three corners in the city- the Wendy's, the Shell Oil, and the corner with the empty house. The southeast corner is not in the city. This was given a first reading only.

#2008-04 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A GRANT OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS BETWEEN FEDEX GROUND PACKAGE SYSTEM, INC. AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said this is a part of the planning commission requirement to create a 150 foot buffer around the property to the north of the FedEx property. This prohibits Fed Ex and any future developer from putting a structure on that area without the city's approval. Mr. Richards thinks this is a good thing to do for the city's interest and wondered if passage was needed today to not affect any construction timetable. Mr. Ciecka said this could go to a second reading. Mr. Heban said in view of some ongoing discussion regarding water/sewer assessments he would like a first reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

None

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Hermes asked for an update regarding Lyden Oil and was told by Mr. Heban that he had met with Mr. Ciecka and will be meeting with Dave Jones to finalize a plan of action. Mr. Hermes said the Budget committee has scheduled five meetings for the fiscal year. Four of these are already scheduled for April 14, June 9, September 22, and October 27 all at 5:30 and open to the public. One more meeting will be scheduled prior to April 14 to wrap-up year end. Mr. Hermes noted that some of the lights along Crossroads Parkway are out and Mr. Ciecka said he is aware of this and is working on resolving.

Mr. Michaels said the city should be more consistent in enforcing the temporary sign ordinance as some people are exceeding the allowable time. Mayor Verbosky suggested he give specific instances to Mr. Drouard to investigate.

Mrs. Eckel said the free newspapers are being tossed into the yards and are all over. She asked Mr. Ciecka to contact the editor and let him know these should be placed on the front porch.

Mr. Oberdorf asked if there was a need for the committee of the whole meeting in February. Seeing none Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the February Committee of the Whole meeting. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf read part of a letter from Marlene Cervenec regarding a rescue call and indicated it was just another of the many positive things he hears about our fire department and he is grateful that we have such a dedicated group of individuals serving our city. He noted that a ribbon-cutting is scheduled for February 14 for the new Office Depot. He also provided council with copies of the information from the last TMACOG meeting on public transit and asked council to review and get back to him with questions and concerns before the next scheduled meeting in May.

Mr. Richards seconded Mr. Oberdorf's comments regarding the transit material and said he thinks the May meeting will be pivotal for things to come in the TARTA area. He scheduled a Public Safety committee meeting for February 4 at 7:00pm to discuss police issues-primarily vehicle rotation.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Paul Nawrocki, Schrier Rd. suggested that the city be firm in enforcing the deadline that boats must be removed from the water next fall. He is worried that boats not removed will delay the dredging of the marina that is scheduled for fall. Mr. Ciecka said this year's application has a note about the deadline and dredging project and that he would also follow-up.

John Folcik, 215 Hannum Ave., asked what the plans are for the Buck/Lime City Rd. intersection in view of the new Penta School opening this fall. Mr. Ciecka said the intersection is scheduled for upgrading but it will not be done this year as part of the Lime City Rd. repaving. The intersection is part of a federal grant project being handled by the Wood County Engineer. Buck Rd. may be widened up to the Penta entrance to 3 lanes and a light at the intersection is being studied. Mayor Verbosky explained that Penta is opening a year earlier than planned but that the intersection project can not be sped up.

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