

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting**  
**Held February 11, 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, and Kovach all present. Mr. Michaels is on his way.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of January 28, 2008. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of February 11, 2008 was presented to council. A public works committee report and an executive session to discuss pending litigation with Perrysburg Township were added. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Works – see attached minutes.

Mr. Hermes asked about the reference to the line that Pilkington owns and felt that it should say the line whose ownership has yet to be determined. \*\* Mr. Michaels entered the meeting at this time. Mrs. Eckel will put amended minutes in everyone's mailbox. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to accept the committee report as verbally amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mayor Verbosky explained that resolution #2008-02 is the result of the untimely death of Joe Durco and gave a brief outline of the qualifications of Mr. Goeke for the appointment. He reminded council that the planning commission will meet February 13 to discuss potential businesses in the Crossroads. He said he had received a letter from Buckeye Cable regarding increases effective March 1, reminded council of the Wood County Economic Development Dinner on March 19, advised them to notify Mr. Ciecka if planning to attend, and said the city had received a certificate of achievement from the Government Finance Officer's Association for excellence in accounting. He said he had received a letter of resignation from Chuck Gibbons from the TARTA board due to health reasons and thanked him for his years of service to the city on this volunteer board. He asked that anyone interested in serving on that board notify him. He encouraged support for the Wood County Parks levy on the March election ballot.

Mr. Ciecka said the police chief had received notice from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services that the department is being recommended for funding of a silent dispatch capability project. The state will provide \$8,250 matched by \$916 from the city to provide new in-vehicle computers for the department. Mr. Marquette asked how many computers that provides and Mr. Ciecka thought six. Mr. Hermes asked if this was a competitive project and was told yes. Mr. Hermes said we should thank the chief for his efforts in preparing this grant request.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Three pieces of correspondence were read to council; a letter from the Ohio Municipal League regarding their new website and electronic communication, a letter from the City of Findlay Auditor's Office thanking the Rossford Fire Department for their assistance during the flood of 2007, and a letter from Jack Hilbert representing FedEx requesting council place him on the agenda to discuss a change in water/sewer fees for their recently acquired parcel. Mr. Richards asked that the FedEx letter be referred to Mr. Ciecka and was told by Mr. Ciecka that Mr. Hilbert is appealing a decision already made by Mr. Ciecka to assess the fees as stated. Mr. Richards feels that council needs to take no action. Mayor Verbosky would like to review this and will take it under advisement.

**ORDINANCES**

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

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

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

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

**#2008-05 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 141.20 OF THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE.**

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka referred council to the memo sent out by Mr. Heban and said this section will be repealed and replaced with a new sexual harassment policy. Mr. Heban said this does not need to be passed today and that the ordinance is the result of a seminar attended by Mr. Ciecka and said this is an update of the city policy. Mr. Richards noted that this ordinance and the resolution for the new policy need to be passed on the same day. Mr. Hermes said he would like to see this passed today. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. \*\*Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to amend the ordinance to add the standard emergency clause as section 3. 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.

## RESOLUTIONS

**#2008-02 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD N. GOEKE TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky requested approval of this resolution this evening. Mr. Marquette asked what the responsibilities of the civil service commission are and Mayor Verbosky responded that the commission sets up the civil service test for employment and administers the test, set up the ranking list of applicants, and per Mr. Heban they are the ultimate body that approves full time employees other than those appointed by the mayor. Mr. Oberdorf and Mr. Richards complimented Mr. Goeke as a leading citizen of the city. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. 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.

**#2008-03 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF MANNIK & SMITH GROUP, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this resolution is the result of council’s request for a city engineer and that a committee made up of council members, the public works director, and the city administrator had reviewed the submitted request for qualifications before making this recommendation. Mr. Hermes acknowledged that Mrs. Eckel was not on the committee in order to avoid any potential conflict of interest. Mr. Marquette noted that they will bill on a time and material basis and asked if anyone else bills the city like this and who will be in charge of hiring them. Mr. Ciecka said this was an attempt to standardize whom the city uses for engineering services and that he will probably be the ultimate authority in hiring them. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes except for Mrs. Eckel who abstained. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes except for Mrs. Eckel who abstained. . Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except for Mrs. Eckel who abstained. . Motion carried.

**#2008-04 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD POLICY MANUAL RELATING TO SEXUAL HARASSMENT.**

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. \*\* Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to amend the resolution by replacing the existing section 3 with the standard

emergency clause. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### COUNCIL REMARKS

Mrs. Eckel said she has heard the rumors regarding the Pharm closing and was told by the mayor that he has had Mr. Ciecka in contact with the Spartan headquarters in Grand Rapids, MI. for over a month and that they have not confirmed or denied these rumors. Mr. Ciecka said in view of the survey work being done that speculation would be that they may be up for sale. Mrs. Eckel also thinks the request by FedEx to change the city fees would not be a good precedent to set for future development and that she supports Mr. Ciecka's decision.

Mr. Oberdorf encouraged all council members to look at the transit forum materials he provided them and get back to him with any comments, questions, and suggestions before the next meeting. He also agrees with Mrs. Eckel on the FedEx issue and supports Mr. Ciecka's decision.

Mr. Richards thinks that council by saying nothing regarding the FedEx request has left it in the hands of the administration. He also suggested that council formally go on the record as opposing the amount of the Columbia Gas increase request which amounts to \$65 a year. He thinks there is reason to question whether it is justified and he would introduce a resolution of opposition at the next meeting.

Mr. Hermes asked about the status of the Lyden Oil problem and was told by Mr. Heban that information had been submitted to Patricia Lyden and no response had been received yet. Mr. Hermes asked about the letter requested in October to be sent regarding the railroad nuisance problem and was told that initially the problem was in locating the proper contact person and the letter has been recently sent. Mr. Hermes also suggested the city pursue making another offer on the ODOT property on Clark Drive at some later date.

Mr. Michaels said the property being developed just outside of Rossford in Toledo appears to be pursuing rezoning to downtown commercial and asked if the city has any recourse as this will hurt our own downtown businesses. Mayor Verbosky said he would talk to him regarding this issue after the meeting. Mr. Michaels asked if the city has contacted ODOT regarding the signs on I-75 that do not reference Rossford. Mr. Ciecka said they have been contacted but no response has been received yet.

#### AUDIENCE REMARKS

Laura Blackwell, 197 Oak St., Rossford asked Mr. Michaels what signs he was referring to and he explained the signs on I-75 that give directions to Perrysburg or Millbury but do not show Rossford.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation with Perrysburg Township. 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 adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

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William Verbosky Jr.  
Mayor

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Robert P. Watrol  
Clerk of Council

