

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held February 22, 2010

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, Scott, and Duricek all present. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to excuse Mrs. Eckel who is ill. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of February 8, 2010. 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 22, 2010 was presented to council. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to accept the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky said that the February Planning Commission meeting had been cancelled due to weather considerations and that the next meeting would be held March 10th at 7:00pm in city hall. He said the RBA will hold a morning meeting at 8:00am on February 24 at Bulldog Hall. He referenced a letter received from Buckeye Cable System stating that an increase in rates would take effect on March 1. He welcomed Jade Garden, a new restaurant in the Crossroads and said they had already joined the RBA and would be holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony shortly. He has also instructed Mr. Ciecka to contact Mayor Bell's chief of staff so that we can move things along with the new administration.

Mr. Ciecka stated that ODOT had committed the funds for the downtown streetlight project.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2010-06 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO AND THE TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR CONTINUING AND COOPERATIVE REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

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 adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2010 -08 - AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A ZONING CHANGE FROM A C-4 CLASSIFICATION TO AN R-1-C CLASSIFICATION UNDER CHAPTER 1114 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said that this ordinance had come from the planning commission after a request from Mr. Hirzel. This is property near the interchange on Wales Rd. that was forced to be zoned C-4 when the interchange project was done and Mr. Hirzel is requesting a parcel be changed back to R1C. Mr. Hirzel is aware that this parcel will be surrounded by C4 properties and that he would need a further zoning change if he does intend to put a greenhouse on the property. Mr. Richards said this was thoroughly discussed by the planning commission and he thinks it has been well thought out. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek 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. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2010 -09 - AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO AND CHANGES TO THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2010 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2009-45.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said that three items are being changed. These are an adjustment to the street construction and maintenance account that is necessary due to a 2009 encumbrance for road salt that was not deducted from the 2010 budget

estimated balance, the debt associated with the leasing of the water/sewer lines from the RTID which involves a transfer of funds from the TIF fund to pay off the water/sewer debt due in April, and funds needed for the purchase of a ladder truck due to funds in the fire levy fund being insufficient to pay off this year. A transfer from the general fund of \$75,000 will be made and paid back in 2011 from collected fire levy funds. Mr. Duricek he had checked with our former bond representative Andrew Brossart who said that moving the TIF funds was not a problem and that they can be used outside the TIF area as long as they benefit the TIF district. Mayor Verbosky said that anytime we can pay down debt it is a good thing. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum, said he believes Mayor Verbosky stated at a previous meeting that no levy money would be spent on a ladder truck and if anyone had looked into that and also questioned whether the city can afford it. Mr. Duricek said he had listened to the tapes of that meeting and he cannot find any such statement. Mayor Verbosky commented that the purchase of a new truck was deemed not feasible, the refurbishment of the existing truck was deemed too expensive (\$650,000) and thus after much discussion and research a used truck was found. He also said that the existing truck cannot be refurbished and that council thinks that the fire department did a good job in listening to the citizens and getting the best price they could for a used truck. Mr. Hermes said after the fire levy renewal was approved it was posted on their web site that money would be used for a used truck. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2010 -10 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH FTR & R, INC.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards referenced a memo he had written for council (see copy included). Mr. Marquette commented on the fine job Mr. Richards and his committee did on this issue. Mr. Hermes asked about the other \$20,000 in mechanical issues and was told by Mr. Richards that these would be taken care of on a gradual basis and the costs offset by money saved by not making repairs on the old truck. Chief Verbosky said we had offered \$250,000 but that would have taken replacing the springs out of the deal. Mr. Duricek said it appears the estimate of repairs was done on a worst case scenario. Mr. Hermes 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. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards 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.

#2010 -11 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

#2010 -12 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT) FOR THE 2010 -2011 WINTER SEASON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said that ODOT has already started the bid process for the winter of 2010-11. He said that we currently use about 1000 tons annually and the maximum we would purchase would be 1250 tons for next year. We participate in the ODOT program and they ask for an annual ordinance with a deadline date of March 26th. Mr. Richard said that in previous years we had participated in a consortium of several area communities and asked if this was better. Mr. Ciecka responded that the theory was that the larger the purchase the better the price would be from the vendor so the local consortium had shifted into the ODOT program last year after agreeing that would be in everyone's best interest. 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. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2010 -13 – – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$906,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING CERTAIN ROADS AND APPURTENANCES AND INTEREST THEREIN FOR PUBLIC USE AS A PART OF THE CITY'S SYSTEM OF PUBLIC STREETS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this ordinance and the next two ordinances are in preparation for note sales to take place in April. These will be competitive bids and this ordinance is for borrowing \$906,000 in notes related to Crossroads Parkway. The RTID pays approximately 1/3 of the assessment to the City of Rossford to pay down this debt. A \$104,000 pay down is included in this note. Mr. Hermes said that two separate notes of \$186,000 are not being renewed due to the transfer from the TIF to payoff so in reality there is a total pay down of \$477,000. This was given a first reading only.

#2010- 14 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$205,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO REDEEM THE OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE CITY’S COMMUNITY CENTER CONSTRUCTION BONDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this ordinance includes a scheduled pay down of \$68,000 and will be paid off in 2013. This was given a first reading only.

#2010 -15 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$109,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is the debt for the construction cost of the Phase 4 Sanitary Sewer project and that the ordinance includes a pay down of \$6,000 coming out of the sewer fund. This was given a first reading only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Oberdorf said he had eaten at the new Jade Garden restaurant and he thought it particularly good and encouraged everyone to patronize.

Mr. Richards said he had received a call from a constituent regarding the narrowness of Hillsdale Avenue when cars are parked on the east side extending over into the roadway. He said he had driven there himself several times and thought that emergency vehicles may have a problem getting through. Mayor Verbosky said this had already been referred to the police department. Chief Verbosky said he had been told that the police sergeant in charge and been there and did not feel it was a problem.

Mr. Hermes said that two different RITA tax forms are available at the library but without an explanation of the difference. Mr. Ciecka is to follow up on this and get an answer to councilman.

Mr. Scott said he had picked up carry-out at the new Jade Garden and it was very good. He was happy to see a lot of traffic at the location.

Mr. Duricek just wondered if anyone on council had conversation about the six questions he had presented previously and said he had asked the mayor about the design review committee and was told it would be worked on in March. Mayor Verbosky said those appointments are at the top of his list to do. Mr. Oberdorf said he did talk to Mr. Duricek about a couple of those questions and it was not in writing just verbal and he was not aware it would be mentioned tonight. Mr. Duricek apologized if that was a problem and said he is just looking for comments on those questions.

Mr. Oberdorf asked if there was a need for a March Committee of the Whole meeting and seeing none Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to dispense with the March Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

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

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council

