

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held February 23, 2009

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the unfortunate and sudden passing of Councilman Richard Kovach on February 21st.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of February 9, 2009. 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 23, 2009 was presented to council. Report from the Recreation committee and Ordinance #2009-11 were added. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Oberdorf presented the Recreation committee meeting report for February 19th (see attached minutes) Mr. Hermes asked if the city is liable for losses in lockers if our employee uses the key and how we would monitor the key use. He was told by Mr. Heban that the city would be liable and that Mr. Kovasevic would need some type of secure key checkout system to monitor who uses the key. Mrs. Eckel asked about the refinishing of the gym floor and was told the schools do theirs every year and it has been some time since ours was done.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to approve the committee reports as given. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky said he had reviewed several issues with our new representative to TARTA i.e. ballgame bus, TMACOG meetings, call-a-ride etc. and asked him to give council a report once he is up to speed. The mayor said the majority of the Feb. 11th planning commission meeting was spent on discussion of the proposed Miller Diversified plan for 20 acres of senior and residential housing in the Crossroads which would require a rezoning of a remote corner of property behind Home Depot. This is a potential 30 million dollar project. The thought was that additional residents would benefit retailers. On Feb. 12th he attended the DARE graduation at All Saints and he complimented Officer Johnson, Police Chief Vespi, and Wood County Sheriff Mark Washlyshyn for their attendance. He said he had a discussion last week with Mr. Oberdorf, Mr. Ciecka, Mr. Heban, and Karen Freeman about a counter-proposal to give Toledo on the water contract. On Feb. 19th he attended the Wood County Health Dept. annual meeting from which he brought back copies of the annual report for anyone interested. He notified council that the RBA will meet on Feb. 25th at 8:00am in Bulldog Hall and that they are gearing up for the Business Fair. He advised anyone interested in filling the seat of Mr. Kovach until the November election to send a resume to the city attention: clerk of council. Council has 30 days to appoint someone or it falls to the mayor. He gave time to Pam Simenski who gave a short statement in memory of Mr. Kovach promising his work would continue.

Mr. Ciecka said he attended the TMACOG forum last week with Mr. Oberdorf and Richards, and attended a meeting at the city of Perrysburg at the invitation of Mayor Evans for a presentation on their water system. He will give council a copy of the report they provided. He has been discussing with the police and fire chief possibly contracting for an emergency call computer system that would notify specific areas of an emergency i.e. gas leak. He asked the fire chief to announce that on March 6 from 4-6pm free smoke detectors will be given away at the fire department and that Fox TV will be broadcasting the event. Mr. Hermes thought an ordinance authorizing money for the emergency call system had been approved last year and was told by Mr. Ciecka that the Wood County Emergency Mgmt has not instituted it yet and he believes we just discussed it last year. Mr. Oberdorf commented on the TMACOG forum saying that this was the first comprehensive analysis done in 35 years and that the analysis is recommending a sales tax instead of property tax to fund TARTA. When the minutes of the meeting become

available he will provide copies to council. Mr. Richards said the sales tax proposal did not provide estimate of funds yielded or answer the two county problem in voting in a sales tax. He thought the meeting was meant to enthuse not enlighten and thinks TARTA has shown improvement in the last two years in service but not communication.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2009-02 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 1 WITH HENRY W. BERGMAN, INC; 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 this covers changes in the field on road project i.e. Osborne that are typical for a road project. 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.

#2009-03 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO POLICE VEHICLES THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said city preparing to purchase two squad cars as part of the vehicle replacement plan through the cooperative purchasing plan. These are budgeted for and will be delivered in 120-180 days. The police chief recommended the Fords over the Dodge and Chevy police packages and therefore equipment will be transferrable from the old cars. Mr. Richards said this ordinance is no surprise as the purchase was discussed and the safety and budget committees. Mr. Oberdorf said that the vehicle replacement and maintenance plan is one of the positives that came out of the audit. Mr. Michaels wanted it noted that these are two new vehicles. Mr. Marquette asked if we will auction or trade in the old vehicles and Mr. Ciecka said as auction results have been better a trade in was not part of the proposal. Mayor Verbosky noted that these are funded from the 2005 3.5mill levy and that we are able to transfer equipment from the old vehicles to the new. Mr. Ciecka said the vehicle replacement plan was instituted in January of 2008 and called for purchasing two vehicles the first year, two the second, and one the third. Instead we did one the first year, two this year, and will do two next year. Mr. Oberdorf asked if it was critical to pass this tonight and was told by Mr. Ciecka no. Mr. Hermes said it would be fine to pass tonight. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion was Hermes, Marquette, and Eckel aye. Oberdorf, Richards, and Michaels no. 3-3 tie results in motion failing. This was given a first reading only.

#2009-04 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE GRASSHOPPER ZERO-TURN MOWER THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; 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 he is thinking of spring already and the city grass cutting. This did not go through the public works committee. This was given a first reading only.

#2009-05 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT) FOR THE 2009 -2010 WINTER SEASON

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said that ODOT extended an invitation to purchase salt through them for next year and is asking other communities to participate. He said that previously we cooperated with Perrysburg and other communities in a smaller co-op and hopefully this larger purchasing co-op will give a lower price. Mrs. Eckel said it appeared ODOT did not have any problem obtaining salt this winter so it's probably a good thing. Mr. Hermes asked if we know how much ODOT paid per ton vs. our price and Mr. Ciecka said he will obtain that number. Mr. Marquette said that Maumee entered into an agreement with ODOT last week. This was given a first reading only.

#2009-06 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES (NON BARGAINING) OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, REPEALING ANY PORTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; 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 he asked for this ordinance that covers a 2% raise for non-bargaining unit employees in 2009. This was given a first reading only.

2009-07 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$273,000 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. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said the next five ordinances will seem repetitious as they cover the renewal of notes for outstanding debt. This is not new money but just existing notes coming due for renewal. As they come due the city has been trying to pay down principal. Hopefully this year's renewals will be at a lower rate. Mr. Richards said the finance committee had met with the city's financial advisor earlier today and he advised the city to move the process up to take advantage of a good market. He said we have a good reputation because we have been reducing principal, posting our audit reports, and doing an annual CAFR report. Hopefully this will make our cost less and give us an expected rate of 2 to 2.25%. Mr. Michaels asked what the cost for renewing is and was told by Mr. Hermes that this year it will be about \$12,000 for \$1.7M in notes and that last year the cost was \$20,000. Mr. Hermes noted that the next ordinance references a note that gets paid by assessments not by general fund revenue. This was given a first reading only.

#2009-08 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,010,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING CERTAIN ROADS AND APPURTENANCES AND INTERESTS THEREIN FOR PUBLIC USE AS A PART OF THE CITY'S SYSTEM OF PUBLIC STREETS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this is for debt in the Crossroads. This was given a first reading only.

#2009-09 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$115,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this note pertains to the sanitary improvements along Glenwood Rd. and the replacement of an outdated pump station that needed to be replaced. This was given a first reading only.

#2009-10 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$186,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING A WATER LINE AND APPURTENANCES THERETO AND INTERESTS THEREIN FOR OPERATION AND USE TO SERVE USERS IN THE CITY AS A PART OF THE CITY'S WATERWORKS SYSTEM, 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 this is for the water and sewer lines along Bass Pro Drive. This was given a first reading only.

#2009-11 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$186,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING CERTAIN SANITARY SEWERS AND RELATED FACILITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this cover the sewer lines in Crossroads parkway. This was given a first reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

None

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Marquette expressed his condolences to the Kovach family and asked about flying the flag at ½ staff. Mr. Ciecka said the city is flying the mourning flag at this time. Mr. Marquette suggested that a tree be planted in Mr. Kovach's memory on Arbor Day.

Mrs. Eckel thanked the Tree commission and the public works department for their efforts in Rossford being named a Tree City USA for the 12th consecutive year. She expressed her condolences to the Kovach family and said Rick was truly a servant to this community in his service to his church, school, and council and the lack of his presence will be noticed.

Mr. Oberdorf offered his sympathy and condolences to the Kovach family saying he worked with Rick as his teacher, advisor, and a fellow councilman and saw him grow into the mature man he was. He said that it is a sad day for all of us and he will try to remember the good memories he has of him. He asked if a reply to Mr. Marquette's question to Toledo Director of Development Dave Amstutz regarding any additional benefit Rossford would receive if the revenue sharing increased to 60/40 had been received and was told by the Mayor no. Mr. Oberdorf feels that is a valid question that deserves an answer.

Mr. Richards said the Kovach family is aware of the feelings of he and his family and that in the future we will notice that he is not with us. A safety committee meeting was scheduled for 6:00pm on March 9th.

Mr. Hermes asked if there was any need for a committee of the whole meeting and was told no.

***Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to suspend with the March 2nd committee of the whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hermes extended his sympathy to Rick's family and said he will miss working with him at the Knights of Columbus and at church.

Mr. Michaels extended his condolences to the Kovach family. He asked that legal counsel review the marina by-laws before they are mailed to the boaters.

Mayor Verbosky said that Mr. Kovach had been one year behind him in school and it gives him pause to reflect that you can not take tomorrow for granted. He expressed his condolences to the Kovach family.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, Hannum Ave., Rossford, noted the publicity regarding a sales tax for TARTA and wondered if it will take 100% agreement to get in as it does to get out, said he prefers to pay more for water to NWSD than Toledo, wondered if we can then cut out Toledo from the revenue sharing agreement, and voiced his opposition to possible residential usage in the Crossroads saying the purpose was to develop business out there and that Rossford citizens have invested a lot of money in that area. Mayor Verbosky responded that he was not sure about the requirements for getting in to TARTA, that since NWSD gets some of their water from Toledo it would not be possible to cut them out of the revenue sharing, and that the proposed residential project in the Crossroads is being looked at closely from the beginning because of it being an unexpected use.

Bob Cordrey, 306 Hawthorne Lane, Rossford said he had water in his basement during the last heavy rain as well as last summer. He is getting water from the back someplace pretty bad. Mayor Verbosky said he will have Mr. Jones take a look.

Andy Tokar, 214 Birch, Rossford, said his basement was flooded in 2006 and last summer. He is requesting an inspection while it is raining.

Kathy Brown whose mother lives on Birch is concerned about her mom's property flooding.

Deb Miller, 219 Birch, Rossford said in December, 2004 they had a plumbing company use a camera to look at the lines and it showed a crack in the main.

Mrs. Loga, 217 Birch, Rossford has had four floods in 5 years.

Mrs. Eckel said she knows that 101 Birch is getting water in the basement also. Mr. Michaels said we need to document the disconnecting of downspouts from the storm sewer system in order to get the I & I credits.

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

