

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held February 25, 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 February 11, 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 25, 2008 was presented to council. Public safety and recreation committee reports were added. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation – see attached minutes

Mr. Oberdorf said it was an exciting meeting to be at as Mr. Kovacevic exuberated energy and enthusiasm and he looks forward to working with him in the future. Mr. Ciecka noted that the Bruns tot lot had not yet been installed.

Public Safety – see attached minutes.

Mr. Marquette asked how towing is handled now and was told by Mr. Richards that a rotating list of 10-12 companies is used unless the automobile owner expressed a preference. He said only one licensed operator exists in the city and that the system works well but it has been about 12 years since rates were reviewed.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to accept the committee reports as given. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Verbosky introduced Mr. Neil Munger representing the Wood County Parks Board to make a presentation regarding the park levy on the March 4th ballot and outline the reasons for the replacement of the .7mill levy with a 1.0mill levy. Mr. Richards asked how many employees work in the park system and was told 20 full-time. Mayor Verbosky said he is a member of the Friends of the Park and sees the results of the use of the levy money. He thinks it is a fine program and that a lot of the money is returned to the communities in the form of park grants. Mr. Ciecka said that since 1984 Rossford has received \$42,000 in grants.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka said the new internet auction site is working ok and that he has taken out some ads to draw attention to the site. He said the public works department has about 400 tons of road salt remaining in the bin and that no report has been received yet from the fact-finder on the police contract. He said when the report comes in that council will have 10 days to take action which may necessitate a special meeting. He also said that the Wood County Engineer is taking the lead on the Buck Rd. /Lime City Rd. improvement and that a public meeting has been scheduled to review the various alternative designs presented. This is a required meeting due to the federal funds involved and will be held on March 13th from 4-7pm. at the IBEW at 807 Lime City Road. Public comments on the designs will be sought. Mr. Ciecka told council that he will be on vacation the week of March 1st but will be in touch with the office by phone.

Mayor Verbosky said Mr. Munger's presentation was part of his report and the only other thing is that the planning commission will meet in March.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

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

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards asked if there had been any further contact with FedEx attorneys regarding their earlier request which was denied. Mr. Ciecka said there had been nothing further. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2008-06 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER ELEVEN, IN TOTAL, OF THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER ELEVEN OF THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said the intent is to pass this ordinance together with #2008-07 and gave the background for this new chapter of the code. Mr. Ciecka said the process began about four years ago with several stops and starts due to funding issues. Poggemeyer was used as a consultant on the planning text assisting the planning commission. The text has been reformatted to make more readable and a section on sexually oriented businesses was added. A public hearing resulted in some additional changes being made. Mr. Hermes questioned several items showing amendment effective ?. Mr. Ciecka said these were amendments that council was considering when this was document was put together and this will be corrected. This was given a first reading only.

#2008-07 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPEAL OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND ADOPTING A NEW ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD.

Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the zoning map has been updated with all the changes that council approved over the years. The new zoning map also includes zoning changes to railroad right-of-way. Previously this had been unzoned. Some agricultural property has also had the zoning changed. Mrs. Eckel asked if the property owners were notified of the changes and was told not specifically but by general notice. . Mr. Marquette feels its better to notify individual property owners. Mr. Michaels asked how many properties will be effected and was told probably less than 20. Mr. Oberdorf also feels it is better to notify each effected property owner. This was given a first reading only.

#2008-08 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE POLICE VEHICLE THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM; 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 said this purchase is part of the 3.5m levy and the city's pledge to maintain public safety. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2008-09 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 303.083; RELEASE OF VEHICLES; RECORDS; CHARGES.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette noted that there is no dollar amount mentioned and wondered how we protect our citizens from being overcharged. Mr. Hermes said the police chief has a policy statement that shows the authorized maximum charge. Mr. Marquette and Mr. Kovach both would like to see this language in the ordinance. This was given a first reading only.

#2008-10 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 303.082, PRIVATE TOW-AWAY ZONES.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the purpose of this ordinance is to remove a redundancy in the municipal code. This was given a first reading only.

#2008-11 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT WITH THE BOARD OF WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO FURNISH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said that we have been in this partnership with the county for several years and that the county now wants the contract renewed every two years. He said the increase in cost will go into effect in 2009 and is the first since 2004. Mr. Hermes thought the account number in the ordinance was incorrect and asked Mr. Ciecka to check. Mr. Richards said the service is worth several times more than the cost. Mr. Richards 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 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. Marquette seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2008-05 – A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY OF ROSSFORD WILL PICK UP THE STATUTORILY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD PURSUANT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 414(H)(2); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky reminded council that they had received a memo from Karen Freeman dated January 20 which outlined the background of this resolution. Mr. Ciecka said this will enable the city to treat the employee's share of PERS contributions as tax-deferred from federal and state tax. OPER has recommended the city update its plan. He said that in 2004 the city adopted a similar plan for the police and fire retirement plan. Mr. Richards said it is important to note that this involves no increase in cost to the city. Mr. Hermes asked if this includes police and fire personnel and was told by Mr. Ciecka no, that it is for employees covered under OPERS only. Mr. Oberdorf asked if would like this passed tonight and was told yes. 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.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Hermes asked about the status of the Lyden Oil case and was told by Ms. Galernik that a document had been send to their attorney and she was waiting for a response. Mr. Hermes also asked about the status of a property at 545 Glenwood and asked if any action was proceeding and was told by Mr. Ciecka that no action is going on now but it will continue to be watched as a potential nuisance property.

Mrs. Eckel asked if there was anything the city could do about the property and Mr. Ciecka said all we could do was continue to monitor the condition for potential violations of our nuisance ordinance.

Mr. Oberdorf asked if there was any reason for a committee of the whole meeting in March. Seeing none *** Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to suspend with the March Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. He also reminded council members to review the transportation information and give him their input. Mr. Oberdorf said he had the need to utilize our paramedics last week and said he cannot appreciate our men enough. They were thorough and able to put him at ease. He wanted to publicly thank them.

Mr. Richards said he is still awaiting some information from the PUCO regarding the Columbia Gas rate increase request and that hopefully he will have it before the next meeting.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

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

