

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held February 26, 2007

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. Richards said Mr. Michaels may be late or absent and said he will make a motion to excuse later if needed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of February 12, 2007. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of February 26, 2007 was presented to council. Recreation committee report was added. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Oberdorf presented the Recreation Committee report for the meeting of February 15th. Old business discussed was 1) repairs to the recreation center- Pat Sloan reported that she had spoken to Mr. Steiner of the Wood County Planning Commission and that the environmental studies had been released and he should be going out for bids shortly with work expected to begin by late spring. 2) meter box at Vets Park- this has been repaired but not relocated due to being an unbudgeted expense. 3) ice rink- the curbs would not hold water for an ice rink so the suggestion was to place a portable ice rink behind the Rec Building. This would be able to be monitored by staff during working hours, it could be fenced in, and a fee could be charged to defray the costs of the rink. The committee felt this was a good idea and should be pursued. Pat Sloan also informed the committee that ballroom dancing could not be arranged for Friday nights and the committee recommended she request Sunday evening as an alternative. New business items discussed were a frozen water pipe that burst and was repaired, golf classes being rescheduled for Monday evenings in March, response to request for Fireworks contributions, and enlarging the weight room. In other business Mrs. Eckel said the recreation department should make it mandatory that all persons working for the department, especially in the area of children's programming have a background check on file. After discussion the committee decided that background checks need to be done on assistants and that no one should be on the sidelines or dugout without an ID badge issued by the recreation department. Mr. Marquette suggested Pat Sloan contact Chief Vespi for assistance.

Mr. Oberdorf apologized for the clerical errors in the written report saying he did not get a copy and thus was unable to review as he usually does. Mayor Verbosky said he had talked to Pat Sloan last week and she had shown him the area for the proposed portable ice rink and the enlarged fitness area. He feels that these are both good ideas.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka said he had talked with Ray Huber the county engineer today and been informed that the Schrier Road bridge is to be replaced in about 45 days which will close that section of the road for about 60 days. This is being paid for under the County Engineer bridge maintenance program. Mr. Ciecka said the public works department had issued letters to residents in the Highland/Homestead Drive area informing them that the city will be removing ash trees that are in the public right-of-way, said the planning commission had given approval for a Hampton Inn to be built on Clark Drive and the reconstruction of McDonalds on Buck/Lime City Road, and invited everyone to an open house to be held February 28th from 3-5 p.m. in honor of Annette Plikerd's retirement.

Mayor Verbosky wished Mrs. Plikerd the very best on her retirement, said it is good news for the city to see the Hampton Inn project go forward, thanked the public works department for their excellent work

during the recent snowstorm, and said he had received a letter stating that Volunteers of America week will March 5-9, 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2007-04 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. Mr. Galernik said that Mr. Heban has talked to ODOT regarding an option to purchase but has not heard back yet. This was given a second reading only.

#2007-07 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A STORM WATER TAP AGREEMENT WITH WAL-MART STORES EAST, LP; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Cieccka said the Wal-Mart being built on the corner of Rt. 20 and Simmons Road is in area that is a tributary to dry creek and that the drainage from their storm water retention pond is projected to flow into our storm water drainage system and thus Wal-Mart has approached Rossford asking for permission to do this. The city, in consultation with engineer Bill Moll, has determined that a fee of \$45,000 should be sufficient to cover the city's expenses. Mr. Richards asked where this money would go and Mr. Cieccka said council could direct that it go into the general fund but he would suggest it be placed into a capital account anticipating future development. Mr. Marquette asked where Wal-Mart will get their water and sewer from and what happens if the city says no to allowing their drainage to flow into our system. Mr. Cieccka believes their water and sewer is coming from the NW Water and Sewer District and that if the city says no Wal-Mart would have to negotiate with private owners to clean dry ditch across Simmons Rd. Mrs. Eckel asked what is Wal-Mart's responsibility for future maintenance cost of the drainage system and was told by Mr. Cieccka that the line is a public line and any future improvements the city would make or need would mean the city could look at an assessment for maintenance but it would be difficult since Wal-Mart is in another jurisdiction. Mr. Hermes suggested the agreement contain language that would cover any future unforeseen costs and Mr. Cieccka said he would look into that. Mr. Kovach would like to see the actual exhibits associated with the agreement because he wants to see where the dry creek is and where it goes. He also asked is there an actual pipe associated with this and what size it is. Mr. Cieccka said the actual pipe is a 48" pipe that goes up to dry creek. Mr. Kovach wants to make sure that this would not have any detrimental effect on the city's future development in this area. Mr. Hermes asked what the engineering cost is so far, what hold the city harmless if any flooding, and how the \$45,000 was arrived at. Mr. Cieccka responded that the cost so far is less than \$1,000, that he would have to research the city's liability for flooding, and that the \$45,000 amount was arrived at using the 1999 storm water plan and a ratio of estimated cost of improvement to the drainage ditch to Wal-Mart's acreage. Mayor Verbosky said that three issues appear to be charging a maintenance fee, water flow, and liability. Mr. Oberdorf asked for clarification of a blank space in the ordinance and was informed that will probably be replaced with "10 year storm". Mrs. Eckel explained how the flow number is arrived at how the retention pond is used to restrict the flow so that the maximum number is not exceeded. She also said that maybe the city should charge an annual fee to Wal-Mart after establishing a storm water utility. Mr. Richards believes that several years ago the county engineer advised that drainage could not be restricted by the city, but that the city could establish reasonable guidelines. This was given a first reading only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Hermes asked if a response to the letter from Mrs. Boris is being prepared and was told by Mr. Cieccka that it was. Mr. Hermes told of seeing a proclamation issued by Perrysburg Township to a new business and suggested the city may consider issuing proclamations to new businesses.

Mr. Marquette asked if there had been an increase in vehicle accidents since the city changed the policy regarding road salt on secondary roads and was told by Mr. Ciecka that he is aware of no increase. Mr. Ciecka explained that secondary roads are only being salted at intersections, hills, and curves. Mr. Hermes explained that the decrease in the use of road salt was the result of an EPA recommendation to reduce the amount of salt in storm water runoff.

Mrs. Eckel said she has scheduled a Safety committee meeting for March 5th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss fire concerns and the response to the Boris letter.

Mr. Oberdorf asked if there were any items to be discussed that called for a committee of the whole meeting. Seeing none Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Kovach seconded the motion to suspend with the March Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf said that at the previous meeting Mr. Kovach had brought up the issue of debris and people congregating at Beech St. Park and possibly adding additional lighting. In response Mr. Oberdorf said he had talked to Pat Sloan and looked at the lighting at the park and it was decided that additional lighting would not help but that additional police patrols and video cameras are being looked at as a solution to the problem.

Mr. Richards said that compliance with the requirement to remove snow from sidewalks appeared to be reasonably good and asked if there had been any complaints. Mr. Ciecka said there had been a couple and that the police have talked to these people. Mr. Richards scheduled an Economic Development meeting for March 12 at 5:30 p.m.

**At this time Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Michaels. All ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave., Rossford asked if there was an ordinance that did not allow the distribution of advertising materials that are just thrown into the street or driveway. Mayor Verbosky did not know and said he will have that checked on.

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