

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held March 8, 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. Mayor Verbosky said Mrs. Eckel was expected shortly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of February 22, 2010. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes except for Mrs. Eckel who was not present yet. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of March 8, 2010 was presented to council. Mr. Richards said he had a short report from the safety committee. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes except for Mrs. Eckel who was not present yet. Motion carried.

Mayor Verbosky noted that Finance Director Freeman is in attendance due to Mr. Ciecka's excused absence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Richards said the safety committee has not taken any action but that earlier today the fire chief and other fire department personnel had returned from an inspection of our newly acquired ladder truck and they had brought a drawing of the vehicle for council to view. *At this time Mrs. Eckel entered the meeting* They also obtained all the surplus equipment such as nozzles and hoses and brought that material back.

Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to accept the safety report as given by Mr. Richards. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky first yielded the floor to Debbie Zuchowski, 202 Hillsdale, who as a trustee of the Rossford Eagles Auxiliary reported that in May they will hold a Child Advocacy Day for fingerprinting, fire and home safety, and drug awareness, and they will require assistance from the police and fire departments. Mayor Verbosky asked her to get the exact date as soon as possible and then coordinate with the police and fire chiefs as well as Mr. Ciecka. Mrs. Zuchowski said they are also planning an Art Contest for Grades 3-6 on Pride and Patriotism with a best of show prize of \$500. They are also going to try to start a God, Flag, and Country event. Mayor Verbosky reminded council of the letter sent by State Representative Gardner to all citizens letting us know he is keeping his eye out for us on the casino issue. The mayor also said that TJ Maxx had held a job fair last week at the Holiday Inn Express and that he had met with the new manager who said they will be hiring between 80-100 employees with the majority being part-time and that they will have a booth at the RBA Fair. The mayor said that booths at the RBA Fair are sold out. He said the planning commission will meet on March 10 at 7:00pm. at city hall to discuss potential rezoning of the pond area and the land north of McDonalds. This Thursday he will attend the annual meeting of the Wood County Advisory Council along with our representative Betty Woods. He said he had received confirmation from the Arbor Day Foundation that Rossford has been selected a Tree City USA for the 13th year.

Mrs. Freeman said the city is working on a new brochure with Waste Management with the new contact numbers and services. This will be mailed shortly. She said a mailing has been sent regarding dock space renewals and that the marina will open on April 18th. The fact-finder meeting on the police contract has been rescheduled for April 8th. Our annual audit is currently in process and they will be here tomorrow and then back in April if anyone has any questions for them.

CORRESPONDENCE

An invitation from the NWSA to attend their annual meeting was sent to council.

ORDINANCES

#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. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this ordinance and the next two will be given second readings only. . This was given a second 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. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this ordinance and the next two will be given second readings only. . This was given a second 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. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this ordinance and the next two will be given second readings only. . This was given a second reading only.

#2010-16 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said these are two old police vehicles, a 1999 and 2003 Ford. 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 declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Marquette said he had been asked by a citizen about seeing a police car being towed. Mr. Heban said it was a faulty fuel pump that was repaired under warranty.

Mrs. Eckel asked about the rezoning on Lime City Rd. and was told both entities are seeking to change to planned commercial. Mr. Ciecka is also working with both entities to add another entrance to alleviate traffic concerns.

Mr. Oberdorf asked if there was any update on the old 7-11. Mayor Verbosky said people are working on but he has no opening date yet. Mr. Richards said he has stopped and talked to the person installing the tile who said when he is done the counter and fixtures will be installed and that it should be about six weeks until they are ready to open.

Mr. Scott said he had attended the OML seminar for newly elected officials and that it was very interesting. He scheduled a marina committee meeting for Monday, 3/15 at 7:00pm.

Mr. Hermes suggested that council discuss a potential change in its rules that would allow for an all ayes or nays vote on the approval of minutes, committee reports, reading by title only etc.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave. offered his apology to the mayor for stating at the last two meetings that Mayor Verbosky had said that no fire levy money would be spent on a new fire truck. He said it was actually at a safety committee meeting held on 10-12-09 that the mayor had said no new truck would be purchased. Mr. Appelhans said he had also heard that garage sales can no longer be advertised on the bulletin board in front of city hall. Mayor Verbosky thought that was incorrect but said a disclaimer is now posted on the board due to a complaint that the city was implying an endorsement of items on the board. Mrs. Freeman said the new policy is that only community organizations can advertise on the board and no individuals. Mr. Appelhans also questioned the disclaimer and how it affects city officials attending community events and does this violate the endorsement violation. Mr. Hermes said since it is not the city’s money being spent that is viewed as an individual endorsement not the city. Mr. Appelhans wondered how with such a tight budget the fire truck was still purchased. Mayor Verbosky stated that expenses will be more than revenue this year but that the budget is being balanced by drawing on savings funds. The mayor said the situation on the fire truck was a changing situation and the opportunity was seen to replace an aging fire truck with a good cost/benefit.

Jackie Brown, 316 Eleanor, said she is on the board of trustees for TMACOG and that they are working on possibly one or two grants for the police department and that as a citizen of Rossford she hopes that the city consider reapplying for the downtown revitalization grant and also look at obtaining grant for repaving and widening of streets.

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

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council