

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held March 9, 2009

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 Michaels all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of February 23, 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 March 9, 2009 was presented to council. Reports from the Public Works and Budget committees were added. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Eckel presented the Public Works committee report for March 2, 2009 (see attached minutes). Mr. Richards asked what item #3 referred to and was told catch basins and manhole covers. Mr. Hermes asked if there will be anything at the RBA Business Fair in relation to item #2 and Mr. Michaels said more discussion needs to be held on this before disseminating information.

Mr. Hermes presented the Budget committee report for February 23, 2009 (see attached minutes).

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky updated council of the status of the process of replacing Mr. Kovach. He said that as of today seven letters/resumes of interest have been received and that the process will proceed as outlined in the charter. Mr. Oberdorf again expressed his condolences at the untimely death of Mr. Kovach and requested a Committee of the Whole meeting for March 16 at 7:00pm in order for council to interview the candidates. He said the deadline for submitting letters/resumes of interest will be Friday, March 13, at 12:00pm. He reminded council he had given them a format for the interviews with some sample questions and also encouraged them to formulate their own questions. He said Mr. Ciecka will notify all the candidates of the time and date of the interview session.

\*\*\*Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting for March 13 at 7:00pm for the purpose of interviewing council candidates. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Verbosky said that Mr. Oberdorf as President of Council will preside over this meeting and that a candidate will need four votes of council to be appointed to the seat. Mrs. Eckel said one person had sent a letter but no resume and Mayor Verbosky said a resume would be requested. The mayor updated council on the status of the water contract negotiation with Toledo saying the reply from Toledo to his February 26<sup>th</sup> letter was a letter on February 27<sup>th</sup> saying since no agreement had been reached that the new rate was now 125% over the Toledo rate. He said he asked Toledo how many other municipalities the size of Rossford were paying a 115% surcharge and a revenue split of 60-40 to which he received no reply. He said Mr. Marquette had asked what additional benefits Rossford would receive if agreed to the increased rate and revenue split to which he had received no reply either. He then told council that at the February planning commission meeting a presentation was made on rezoning 20 acres in the Crossroads for residential use as an extension of S. Compass Drive. He reminded council they had already been given information on this and then introduced Kurt Miller of Miller Diversified who owns the property. Mr. Miller reiterated that the information on this project had been submitted to the planning commission and council and there is no intent to try to ram this project through. He said the Crossroads is a major development for their company with over 200 acres under contract but that the retailers in the area want more rooftops for potential customers. This project will have a 55+ housing complex that will be adjacent to the existing retail as will the other part of the project. Right now there is only a preliminary drawing as details are still being worked out but the developer is looking for some idea of whether Rossford would accept the concept before proceeding with detailed drawings. Mr. Marquette said his one concern is that if we say yes to this how many more acres will ask to be rezoned residential. He also asked about the occupancy rate at the Levis Commons residential properties. Mr. Miller said he only has it

from hearsay but that he has been told there is a waiting list at Levis Commons but has not verified. He said that is a different market and that the Rossford market would be more affordable both in living cost and shopping cost. He said council would still control any future rezoning and thus control how many, if any more acres became residential. Mr. Oberdorf said before he could vote on rezoning he would like some type of team that would look at previous older developments like this that Herman & Kittle had done and look at the condition of these projects. Mr. Miller said that could be arranged. Mr. Michaels said he believes the developer is pretty sound with good financial backing. Mayor Verbosky said this will go to the planning commission first but wants council aware of what is going on now so they are well informed and not surprised. Mr. Hermes said he does not have a lot of reservations about this project but asked if the adjacent township project gets done first will it impact this project adversely. Mr. Miller responded that these are two different projects, that the township project is similar to what was done behind Walgreens which is kind of a duplex type single story unit and that the Rossford project will be different and appeal to a separate market. Mr. Hermes asked if it is legal to restrict housing to 55+ and was by Mr. Miller it is providing that certain conditions are met. Mayor Verbosky said he has always balked at putting residential in the Crossroads until all the primary acres were developed but at this point with Bass Pro taking 225 acres and the arena/amphitheater property sold and leveled that there is plenty of commercial acres remaining even if this 20 acres became residential. Mrs. Eckel asked about three story senior housing and was told by Mr. Miller that all the units will have elevators. She asked about storm water runoff and was told by Mr. Miller that it will be at the agricultural rate with a pond and ditch to hold until metered out. Mr. Oberdorf asked that an invitation be sent to Herman & Kittle to make a presentation to council. Mayor Verbosky said he had told them not to come to this meeting, as it was preliminary and early in the process but that they will be here sometime in the future. Mayor Verbosky reminded council of the Wood County Economic Development meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> and the RBA Business Fair on March 28<sup>th</sup>. He said as of today that more vendors were signed up than in the previous two years and that both gyms and the cafeteria will be used. He told council that Marty Linthicum is looking for donations to help in completing his Scout project of refurbishing the arches and plaques at Vets Park. He also noted the recent media coverage concerning casinos and reminded council that the Crossroads is already zoned to allow gaming and gambling.

Mr. Ciecka said he is working on possible stimulus projects through the governor's site and supplied our information and indication of interest. He will keep council aware of what happens. He noted that the fire department gave away 164 smoke detectors and 78 gun locks to Rossford residents last Friday and will have them available at the Business Fair.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Copies of Letters of interest and resumes for vacant council position already given to council.

#### ORDINANCES

**#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 Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards said that at safety committee the police chief noted the length of time it takes to receive the vehicles after ordering and therefore Mr. Richards would be moving that this be passed now and as an emergency. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#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.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#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. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the city has previously been part of an area consortium led by Perrysburg for purchasing salt but that the state has now opened their bidding process to municipalities. The state requires an ordinance be passed to be part of with the deadline being March 25. Mayor Verbosky said the previous consortium had consisted of nine partners at that this year we were able to get only ½ of the salt requested at twice the previous price. Mr. Marquette asked if we ran out of road salt this winter and was told by Mr. Ciecka that due to a mild February we did not. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and Ahmad Saleh, 916 Jennison Dr., Rossford asked if there is a benefit to the city as to cost of doing this and what our obligation would be for quantity purchased. Mr. Ciecka said we are obligated to purchase at least 80% of what we contract for and the bid cost per ton has not been determined yet but he would expect a better price since a larger volume being purchased. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#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 this represents a 2% increase for non-union employees. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. 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 adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Verbosky said the next five ordinances are the annual renewal of existing notes and do not represent new debt. These are notes that the city has been paying on annually.

**# 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. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this is the note for the recreation building which was built in 1989 and originally had a balance of \$1million. Dave DuPont of the Sentinel asked what the principal pay downs are on these notes and was told by Mr. Hermes that #2009-07 has a pay down of \$70,000, #2009-08 has a pay down of \$400,000, #2009-09 has a pay down of \$6,500, #2009-10 has a pay down of \$37,500, #2009-11 has a pay down of \$37,500 for a total principal pay down of \$552,000. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. 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. Hermes moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#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 Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. 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.

**#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 Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this is the note for the sanitary sewer in the Glenwood/Maybar area. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes 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.

**#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 the note for the Crossroads waterlines. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. 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.

**#2009-11 – 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.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this is the note for the sanitary sewer in the Crossroads. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2009-12 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A RELEASE OF A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this was a temporary construction easement from 1973 for a project on the former Pringle property which is now part of the pending sale of the property to Dr. Jackson. This temporary easement should have been released long ago. Mr. Michaels asked if there is still a permanent easement on the property and was told there is one for the sewer. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes except Mr. Hermes who abstained. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except Mr. Hermes who abstained. Motion carried.

**#2009-13 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2008-40 THAT AUTHORIZED THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT; 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 900 tons of road salt had been ordered and we received slightly more amounting to an additional cost of \$283 over what had been previously authorized. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. 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.

RESOLUTIONS

None

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mrs. Eckel asked when lawn waste bags will begin to be picked up and if there will be brush pickup this spring. Mr. Ciecka replied that the waste bag service begins in April with twice a month pickup and that there will be a brush pickup and he will check on the dates but that it will not conflict with Easter.

Mr. Hermes suggested that we use some of the money set aside for tourism/economic development to encourage economic development and to get that money working quickly such as in an i.e. Buy Rossford Campaign.

Mr. Richards said that fund was a topic at the last economic development meeting and that Rex Huffman is looking at the legalities of using the Rossford/Perrysburg Township Port Authority as a channel for this money.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Mickey Reiter, 643 Valley Dr., Rossford, asked about the possibility of getting into the Cops Now program again. He said the city did this in the 1990's and that adding additional officers would cut overtime. Mr. Richards said this was discussed at the safety committee meeting and that Chief Vespi was requesting three officers using stimulus plan money which would pay salaries for them for 36 months. After that the city would have to decide on how many to keep based on the budget and attrition. He said the safety committee and the chief are both in favor of doing this.

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

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William Verbosky Jr.  
Mayor

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Robert P. Watrol  
Clerk of Council