

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held March 13, 2006

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

ROLL CALL: Richards, Oberdorf, Eckel, Hermes, and Kovach all present. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Marquette and Mr. Michaels. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Michaels is expected to arrive later.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of February 27, 2006. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of March 13, 2006 was presented to council. Reports from Budget Committee and an executive session to discuss pending litigation with Perrysburg Township added. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET

Mr. Hermes presented the committee report of January 27, 2006. The meeting focused on a review of 2005 and the budget looking forward. The city ended 2005 financially ok but looking ahead wage and health care expenses and general costs are expected to increase higher than current growth in income tax revenues. The committee objective is to get spending to a level so that the just passed five year levy will not have to be renewed. The committee said that quotes for banking services will be obtained in the first half of 2006, that the performance audit has started, and the drug money recovered in 2005 has been received. They asked Mrs. Sabin to provide health care cost detail to the committee by the March 27th meeting as well as bond/note balance expectations.

Mayor Verbosky said the city now has two audits ongoing, the performance audit and the regular audit, and both should be finished in several months.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka reported to council that the new sound system is now installed with two additional microphones still to be placed for Mr. Heban and himself, that Recreation Director Sloan is working on a joint marina project with Toledo, the Ohio Elks gave a \$750 grant to the fire department to be used for purchasing smoke detectors for senior citizens, that the downtown planning kickoff meeting will be held March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at city hall, and that the Rossford Business Fair will be on March 18th and that council members are invited to volunteer to staff the city's booth. He also said that the city has been offered a donation from the Stansley Group of a shed that could be used for storage, that a proper location for it is being searched for, and that he will come to council before accepting. Mr. Ciecka said that Northwood had not consented to be peer city for the performance audit but that Upper Sandusky, Wauseon, and Napoleon had.

Mayor Verbosky reported that the Rossford Business Fair will take place March 18th from 10:00-5:00 at the Rossford High School gym. This is something new and is replacing the Street Fair which was dissolved due to the expense and work involved. He said 42 businesses have signed up for booths. He also complimented that business that donated money so that last years city fireworks could be held despite the city budget problems and thanked Pilkington who was a major donor last year for their donation of \$2500 for 2006. Mr. Michaels now entered council chambers.

Mayor Verbosky said several police chief candidates were interviewed last week and background checks on potential candidates are being done now.

CORRESPONDENCE

One piece of correspondence from Sergeant Marek from the Rossford Police Department was read. It thanked Councilman Hermes for his cooperation in obtaining a site at Pilkington LOF for the training of the Wood County Special Response Team on March 6th.

ORDINANCES

#2006-09 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPEDITURES OF FUNDS FOR THE REPAIR OF TENNIS COURTS AT BEECH STREET PARK FOR THE PARKS DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky commented that council had received a memo explaining about the shared cost with the Rossford School District for this project. Mr. Hermes asked how the city's portion would be paid for, was this done by competitive bid and if not was it too late to do so, can the city call for other bids, said that the recreation levy does not generate enough excess funds to cover this cost so it really is a general fund expense, and is a cost not anticipated in the 2006 budget. Mr. Ciecka said this will be paid with funds from land capital improvement funds from the recreation levy but as Mr. Hermes stated this is really a general fund expense. Mr. Ciecka also said that this was not competitively bid and it is too late to do so but that other cost estimates could be asked for. He said that Recreation director Sloan secured the estimate. Mr. Richards asked if the total cost is \$22,000 and our share is half and was told yes by Mr. Ciecka. Mr. Oberdorf would also like to see other quotes. Mrs. Eckel thought that this needed to be done before the first tennis matches in a few weeks and suggested passing this ordinance with the condition that this is the lowest price quote. Mayor Verbosky suggested that council may want to have a special meeting after further quotes were obtained and directed Mr. Ciecka to get with Mrs. Sloan regarding other cost estimates and get these to council by next week with council either then requesting a special meeting or voting on at the March 27th meeting. Mr. Kovach wondered what the time frame was for completing the project and Mr. Ciecka did not know. Mr. Hermes does not think they could start before the asphalt plants open approximately April 1. This was given a first reading only.

#2006-10 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE FINAL PLAT OF MERIDIAN BUSINESS CENTER PLAT TWO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka explained that Plat 1 which was approved earlier was the cul-de-sac where Erie Shores Credit Union is located and that Plat 2 will be south of the cul-de-sac extending south to S. Compass Drive. Mr. Michaels asked if the lot sizes are being adjusted from the original plat and was told by Mr. Ciecka they are not and that they are within the code for planned commercial development and that the plat meets all city standards. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Kovach 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. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2006-05 – RESOLUTION ESTIMATING THE AGGREGATE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO BE AWARDED FOR DEPOSIT, ACCEPTING PROPOSALS FOR BANKING SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said he is asking councils permission to see bids for active, inactive, and interim funds as well as banking services for a five year period. Funds are currently at Fifth Third and Sky Bank but the current agreement is expired. Mr. Hermes asked when it expired and Mr. Ciecka was not sure. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to amend the resolution by replacing the words National City with

Fifth Third. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel 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 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.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mrs. Eckel said there will be a safety committee meeting on March 20th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the dog and kennel issue. She said she had received a complaint about a building in the first block of Superior regarding the poor condition of the façade.

Mr. Oberdorf asked Mr. Ciecka about the status of a home on Glenwood Rd. that is in need of repairs.

Mr. Ciecka said he has received other complaints about that property and has asked the Wood County building inspector to look at.

Mr. Richards asked legal to prepare a letter from council to the PUCO seeking a Columbia Gas audit. He said an economic development meeting will be scheduled.

Mr. Hermes asked if Chief Foy is no longer active. Mr. Ciecka said he is active and still chief but is currently on personal leave with his last day scheduled for April 28th. Mr. Hermes only wanted to extend him best wishes on his retirement. Mr. Hermes said there will be a budget committee meeting on March 27th at 6:00 p.m., said the Ford Monument needs some attention as far as lights out and updating of mayor's names and dates. He encouraged attendance at the Business Fair and recommended the city pursue having the fire hydrants painted as part of a Student Corps project with the Rossford Schools.

Mr. Michaels commented on the TARTA presentation at the last meeting and said the TARTA levy amount given by Mr. Gee of \$600,000 is incorrect and that according to the county auditor it is about half that. He said one of the levies is coming up in November that is based on tax valuation which means the amount will be increasing. He was also disappointed that ridership numbers were not available.

Mayor Verbosky informed council that the RAAA had amended its bylaws so that the chair of the economic development committee would serve on that body rather than the president of council. Mr. Oberdorf then agreed to rescind his resignation and remain president of council and Mr. Richards was agreeable to serving on the RAAA.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to enter into executive session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to return to regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

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