

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held March 14, 2011

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

ROLL CALL: Duricek, Scott, Hermes, Marquette, Eckel, Oberdorf, and Mackinnon all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of February 28, 2011. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of March 14 2011 was presented to council. Public Safety committee report was added to the agenda. Mr. Duricek moved and Scott seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Mackinnon presented the public safety committee report of February 28th (see written report). Mr. Marquette asked about the mileage and condition of the vehicle being considered and Mr. Mackinnon said he did not know but is inclined to feel it is a good vehicle and that Chief Verbosky has the maintenance records. Mr. Duricek said he is not familiar with the vehicle but past experience shows that a police car with 100,000plus miles on it is a worn out vehicle. Mr. Hermes said the vehicle is a police car we bought used from the state patrol and that he is not a fan of using used police vehicles. He also said this idea has been rejected two times previously. Mr. Marquette asked about paying mileage to the assistant chief and was told by Mr. Ciecka it was offered two years ago to the assistant chief and that the city's position is that we provide vehicles for emergency response that are housed at the department and that this is an operational issue with one person responding from home versus two man teams, a part time employee having a vehicle full-time, and operational costs above the initial cost. Mr. Oberdorf wondered if it was worth putting \$3000 into this vehicle and Mr. Ciecka said in his opinion it was not. Mr. Oberdorf said he would rather the city purchase a better, more reliable and dependable vehicle if the city got into the financial position to do so. Mr. Ciecka noted that Chief Verbosky originally had a used police vehicle for his car and found out it was not suitable for carrying emergency equipment which led to the purchase of his current vehicle. Mr. Ciecka said the question is if this is a service that is needed and can we afford that service or is there a better way of doing it such as providing for full-time paramedic response in the evening hours as we have during the day. Mr. Hermes said this issue came up previously after the assistant chief had an accident in his own vehicle and at the time he was told he could use the chief's car to pick up items from the hospital and mileage reimbursement was also brought up. Mrs. Eckel said the problem of the assistant chief using his own vehicle from home was having city safety equipment in it which causes a problem with insurance. Mr. Hermes said the emergency vehicles we have now are garaged and that having a personal vehicle could possibly mean that medications etc. would be unsecured if the vehicle was left in the driveway. Mr. Scott said he can see both sides and wondered why mileage has not been paid. Mr. Ciecka said a mileage log must be provided before payment can be made. Mr. Mackinnon said he is not ready to make a decision and this will need to be looked at further by his committee. He feels if it saves one life it would be worth it. Mr. Oberdorf said knowledge of the vehicle condition is necessary before any decision could be made.

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to accept the committee report as given. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky said Cub Scout Pack 43 had held a mock council meeting in council chambers. He noted the planning commission had approved the final site plan for the proposed Rt. 20 development next to Sonic consisting of a Five Guys Burger and Fries, Radio Shack, Mattress Firm and two other yet to be named tenants. He said the planning commission also heard a presentation from Richard Baumgartner regarding developing the parcel in front of the Grassy Creek subdivision potentially for a medical office building. He said they also discussed the Schreier Rd. garage situation and complaints regarding its size and look. This building did meet code but the commission is going to look at the code further. He said he attended the Annual Meeting of the Wood County Health Dept last Thursday and that the annual report is available to look at which shows over 800 hours being devoted to Rossford. This Thursday the annual meeting of the NWWSD will be held. Last Friday he attended a Bounce-a-Thon held at

Heroes to benefit the American Diabetes Association at which a world record was set. He noted the RBA Fair to be held on 3/26, said the 2010 census shows Rossford's population decreased from 6400 to 6293, and told council about the two resolutions on the agenda. He said Mrs. Koch was recommended by the recreation board and after a lengthy explanation regarding the vacant treasurer position said he was filling it as he felt uncomfortable leaving it vacant for possibly ten months. He said Mr. Richards had volunteered to take this position.

Mr. Ciecka said the downtown lighting project has begun and is to be completed before Memorial Day. He said he is working with the ODOT and Mannik & Smith on two projects involving additional lighting from the boulevard to Eagle Point Rd. and improving the HVAC system at the municipal building with possible grant money being available. He told council he has a summary sheet explaining the ramifications of SB5. Mr. Marquette asked if our negotiations are stalled while this bill is being debated and was told no, that we only have one negotiation with the fire department going on. Mr. Scott asked if the possible grants are matching fund grants and was told they require 10% from the city. Mr. Duricek asked if we could get LED lights in the second lighting phase and was told that is a requirement.

CORRESPONDENCE

Three items of correspondence were brought to council. The annual meeting of the NWWSD will be held March 17th, an invitation to attend a statewide transportation improvement open house on April 6th or 13th, and a notice regarding renewal of all existing liquor permits.

ORDINANCES

#2011-06 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$750,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING CERTAIN ROADS AND APPURTENANCES AND INTERESTS THEREIN FOR PUBLIC USE AS PART OF THE CITY'S SYSTEM OF PUBLIC STREETS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2011-07 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$100,000 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. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2011-13 - 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. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky described the surplus property as chairs and desks previously in council chambers, old recreation van and exercise equipment. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Scott 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. Scott seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2011-02 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JAMES RICHARDS AS MUNICIPAL TREASURER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.,

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf said he is somewhat confused in that at the last meeting the mayor had said speaking as a former treasurer the treasurer position was antiquated and a duplicative position. Mr. Oberdorf said it seems a symbolic thing and a waste of Mr. Richards' value and talents. Mayor Verbosky said he stands by his comments from the last council meeting but that he is trying to fulfill the charter requirement and his duties as mayor. Mr. Heban said that if the mayor does not make an appointment someone could file a mandamus action to legally force the mayor to make an appointment. He also said there is no ordinance on the agenda to eliminate the position yet because according to the law this cannot be done earlier than six months before the election. Mr. Hermes said he agrees with Mr. Oberdorf and would not fill it, as it seems silly to have Mr. Richards come in and do nothing. He said it has been three months

since Mr. Michaels resigned and no mandamus action has been filed yet. Mr. Marquette said he concurs with Mr. Oberdorf and Mr. Hermes. Mr. Duricek wondered if council is willing to risk a mandamus action for a position that has been recommended to be eliminated and concurs with the other three council members. Mr. Scott suggested just letting this go three readings and then table. Mrs. Eckel asked if this had been discussed by the judiciary committee and Mr. Marquette said their thought was to leave vacant. This was given a first reading only.

#2011-03 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF BEVERLY KOCH TO THE RECREATION BAORD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf said he knew her as a member of the Bellas family and that she has worked for the YMCA. He said she will bring much enthusiasm to the position. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Scott 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. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mrs. Eckel suggested having a brochure available at the RBA Fair listing empty commercial properties available in Rossford and reminded people that they will be able to give blood at the RBA Fair.

Mr. Oberdorf noted the recent article in the Rossford Record regarding Representative Gardner renewing his efforts to allow communities to leave TARTA and read a portion of the article to council.

Mr. Mackinnon wished everyone a safe and Happy St. Patrick’s Day.

Mr. Hermes reminded everyone of the Chicken Paprikas Dinner being held at All Saints next Sunday and asked where we stood on the Bauer property on Glenwood Rd. which he has received many complaints on. Mr. Heban speaking second hand from information received from Mr. Drouard said the property owner had previously revoked the consent to the teardown of the property and that the Wood County Health Dept. has filed criminal charges in Perrysburg Municipal Court which are pending and being handled by the Wood County prosecutor. Mr. Hermes said he would like some kind of idea as to when this will be resolved so he can tell people where it stands and so they do not think it is our fault.

Mr. Marquette noted that Rossford has its first wind turbine and wondered if the city had received any calls regarding this. Mr. Ciecka said no calls have been received and Mayor Verbosky said it is being used as a training tool for the Electrical Workers apprentice program.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

John Folcik, 215 Hannum Ave., asked if any citations were issued for people who did not shovel their sidewalks this winter. Mayor Verbosky said he did not know and Mr. Folcik asked him to find out and said there is no sense in having the ordinance on the books if we are not going to enforce.

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council