

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held March 24, 2008

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

ROLL CALL: Richards, Oberdorf, Michaels, and Kovach all present. Mrs. Eckel and Mr. Marquette and Mr. Hermes are out of town. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to excuse the absent council members. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of March 10, 2008. 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 24, 2008 was presented to council. Change in the purpose for the executive meeting was made. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Oberdorf presented the Recreation committee report of March 18, 2008 (see attached minutes).

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka said he had passed out the summary of the 2007 waste collection program to council. It showed total waste tonnage picked up had increased but the tonnage going to the landfill had decreased. He attributes this to the success of the curbside recycling program. Mr. Richards asked how this decrease in landfill tonnage affected our cost. Mr. Ciecka said the \$6, 000 savings was due to the decreased landfill tip fees. Mr. Michaels wondered what caused the increase in total tonnage and Mr. Ciecka said possibly yard waste but it is being recycled in the brown bags. Mr. Ciecka said he will have a memo to council shortly concerning the 2008/2009 landfill contract with Hull & Associates. Mr. Ciecka said he needs an additional appropriation for labor negotiation cost in the amount of \$10,000.

\*\*\*Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the additional appropriation. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Verbosky made a presentation to both Kevin Boris and Norb Heban that recognized their 30 years of employment with the city. The mayor said that the resolution #2008-06 was introduced by Mr. Oberdorf at the suggestion of John Klepacz and yielded the floor to Mr. Klepacz. Mr. Klepacz explained that this resolution comes from an alliance of Ohio retirees who want Medicare left unchanged. He said that Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Akron, and Youngstown have already adopted the resolution. Mayor Verbosky said that he has received several pieces of correspondence related to the zoning changes. The mayor said he applauds the citizens of Rossford for their recycling efforts and asks anyone who is not recycling to give it a try.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

**#2008-06 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER ELEVEN, IN TOTAL, OF THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER ELEVEN OF THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE. THIRD READING.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to table this ordinance until the next council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2008-07 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPEAL OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND ADOPTING A NEW ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD. THIRD READING.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to table this ordinance until the next council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf said he had talked to one member of council previously about tabling this ordinance even before the absence of three members. He said he wants time to look at more closely, talk to the affected citizens, and said it was a good idea to table it.

**#2008-09 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 303.083; RELEASE OF VEHICLES; RECORDS; CHARGES. THIRD READING.**

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Kovach asked if there was an amendment to this ordinance and was told by Mr. Heban yes. He referred council to his memo of March 11 where the amendment will eliminate the actual charge amount and refers to a contracted amount. \*\*\* Mr. Kovach moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to amend. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2008-10 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 303.082, PRIVATE TOW-AWAY ZONES. THIRD READING.**

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2008-12 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said that previously council had authorized the purchase of a new truck and trade-in of an old one with an approximate trade-in value of \$500. However this was put on the website for auction and a bid was accepted for \$4,600. He said this will confirm the sale of the vehicle. Mayor Verbosky said Mr. Ciecka did call him when the opportunity came up to gain an additional \$4,100 and he told him he did not think council would have problem.

## RESOLUTIONS

**#2008-06 – A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION AND STRENGTHENING OF TRADITIONAL MEDICARE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a second reading only.

## COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Oberdorf asked if anyone saw a need for an April Committee of the Whole meeting. \*\*\* Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Kovach seconded the motion to suspend with the April Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf asked if Mr. Ciecka had an opportunity to follow up on the litter problem with Toledo Free Press distribution and was told no.

Mr. Richards reminded council members of the importance of making an appearance at the city booth at the RBA Business Fair. He said it is a worthwhile exercise. Mr. Richards commented on the zoning issue and said that Mr. Hofbauer's comments at the last meeting had struck a chord with him and that while he really appreciated all the effort of those who worked on this zoning plan he thinks that the affected property owners should have been individually notified before it got to this point. This would have given them the opportunity to comment long before it reached council. He said the city should think about improving the current notification process and while realizing the zoning efforts are in the best interest of the community that the individual property owner rights should be high on the scale and that a strong case needs to be made before changing anyone's zoning when they are objecting.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Mark Allen, 27431 Lime City Rd. Rossford, said he tried to refinance his property about two months ago and the application was approved until title work showed property was zoned planned commercial. Subsequently the application was denied, as the house could not be rebuilt under the zoning if more than 75% was destroyed. He is not asking for a rezoning but rather for an amendment from council that he would be allowed to rebuild the house if more than 75% destroyed and he was still the owner. He said that his bank will accept this. Mayor Verbosky said he has sympathy for his plight and has suggested to the zoning commission and council that in certain situations like this another individual look needs to be taken.

Elmer Hofbauer, 525 Glenwood Rd., Rossford, said he does not want his zoning changed. Residential zoning would affect getting any agricultural loans. Mr. Richards asked Mr. Hofbauer if it would be acceptable to him if allowed to remain agricultural but excluded any farm animals. Mr. Hofbauer said he has no plans to raise farm animals. He also plans to knock down an old barn and put up a new pole barn someday but if zoned residential this would not be allowed. Mayor Verbosky said Mr. Heban needs to look at this rather than conducting open meeting negotiations. Mr. Oberdorf said we need to step back and look at this situation closer.

Eunice Rinker, 8491 Wales Rd., Rossford, said her concern is rebuilding of any building i.e. pole barn if destroyed or dilapidated if zoned residential.

John Folcik, Hannum Ave., Rossford, suggested discussing these zoning issues at a committee of the whole meeting.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and a pending legal matter with Perrysburg Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels 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