

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held March 26, 2007

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, Michaels, and Kovach all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of March 12, 2007. 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 26, 2007 was presented to council. Committee reports from Public Works, Economic Development, and Recreation were added along with a presentation by Chief Vespi and Resolution #2007-02. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Chief Vespi was present to formally and personally thank city officials for the opportunity to attend the National FBI Police Academy. He gave a brief description of the training provided and informed council that only 1% of law enforcement professionals throughout the world are selected to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kovach presented the public works committee report of March 19th. Items discussed were a preliminary report from the NW Water and Sewer District related to the sanitary sewer line at SR 795 and Oregon Rd. and Rossford's responsibility. The cost estimate for repair is \$1.3 million and the committee decided to revisit this issue after some engineering questions and concern are addressed. The committee also discussed the capital improvement projects for 2007, replacing the sewer truck, recommended the repairs to the leaf truck as requested in Ordinance #2007-08, and heard that a new backhoe will be needed. The committee recommended that the city develop a long term equipment replacement plan and a way to fund it and asked the administrator to obtain a RFQ for a city engineer consultant. Mr. Hermes asked why the backhoe could not be repaired and who was going to develop the equipment replacement plan. Mr. Kovach said that according to Dave Jones the backhoe is shot. Mr. Kovach and Mrs. Eckel said the each department needs to look at their equipment needs and develop a replacement schedule and then look at methods for funding. Mayor Verbosky said that over the last few years the budget has been very tight but now may be the time to prioritize what vehicles need to be replaced and when. Mr. Richards said that over the last few years public works may not have been a priority. He suggested that we could look at sharing a sewer truck with another jurisdiction. Mrs. Eckel said that Mr. Jones wants to plan for replacement of vehicles in his yearly budget rather than waiting till a vehicle falls apart. Mr. Marquette asked who is responsible for the sewer problem at SR 795. Mr. Michaels said that several different parties contribute to the flow at that location and a meeting with the designers has been asked for. Mrs. Eckel said it is still being investigated as to who all flows into that sewer. Mr. Michaels noted that the performance audit did recommend a plan for motor pool replacement.

Mr. Richards presented the economic development committee report of March 12th. The primary meeting topic was a discussion of TARTA and the proposed state legislation. After much discussion the committee decided that a second meeting would be needed before a vote on recommending the proposed resolution could be made. Mr. Richards also gave to council a memo which outlined his reasons for supporting the proposed legislation. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion that council support SB88 by sending a letter to the members of the transportation committee and our state representative and senator. Mayor Verbosky said he would like to see a resolution from council to accompany this letter and that council have the opportunity to see the proposed letter before voting on. Mr. Oberdorf feels strongly that this is a voter rights issue which he feels very strongly about. Mr. Richards withdrew his motion at this time. Mrs. Eckel said that TARTA service has not improved despite assurances from the TARTA representative and that the TARTA levy is seen by the citizens as an additional tax of the city. Mr.

Michaels informed council of the availability of medical transportation provided by the Wood County Committee of Aging for those over 60 years of age. Mayor Verbosky asked that his attendance at the Economic Development meeting approximately half way through be noted.

Mr. Oberdorf presented the recreation committee report of March 15th. Items discussed were the police assisting with background checks on summer ball coaches and staff, summer ball registration results, and fees for travel team's use of fields. The committee was informed of the following priorities for permanent improvements 1) repair to rear wall of RCRC (\$90,000 grant), 2) rebuild or replace 15 year old heating/cooling unit, 3) repair roof at cost of \$7,500, and 4) enlarge fitness area and replace flooring at cost of \$7,579. Mr. Richards asked that the fee for travel teams using fields be clarified and was told by Mr. Oberdorf that if the field had already been prepared for city use that the travel team would only have to pay a portion of the cost. Mr. Ciecka said the repair to the rear wall has been sent out for bid by the Wood County engineer and that he will be meeting tomorrow with Pat Sloan to discuss the heating/cooling system. He said funds are available through the Recreation Capital Improvement levy.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky commented on the RBA Business Fair held last weekend. He thanked the schools for the use of the facilities, local scout volunteers, local press, Mr. Ciecka, and everyone who helped staff the city booth. He said the fair had almost doubled in size since last year. He also said he had attended the Wood County Economic Development annual meeting on March 21st and that Rossford had received some good accolades, that he wanted to give special thanks to Officer Jodi Johnson for her work in the DARE program, and that he had received a letter from a resident concerning traffic patterns which he will forward to Mr. Ciecka, a letter from the Governor concerning the 2008-09 state budget proposal, and a note from Ann Russell thanking the city for the expression of sympathy on the death of former councilman Bill Russell.

Mr. Ciecka said that the yard waste program will begin in April with bi-weekly pickup starting on April 4th and then going to weekly in May. Only Waste Management bags will be picked up and these are available at the city and the Pharm for \$1.55 each. He said the marina will open in approximately 3 weeks and that there are still spaces available. He asked the safety committee to meet and discuss the ODOT ordinance that was tabled at the previous meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk notified council of a request for transfer of liquor permits for the two BP stations under the JF Enterprise name to the new owner Armada Oil and Gas. The request was reviewed by the police chief who saw no reason that a hearing should be requested. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to not request a hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

#2007-07 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A STORM WATER TAP AGREEMENT WITH WAL-MART STORES EAST, LP; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban had provided the four exhibits to council and stated that Tucker Fredrickson was here representing the Wal-Mart project and prepared to answer any questions. Mr. Heban said that Mr. Moll had reviewed the language in section 4 of the agreement and that it was correct. Mr. Marquette asked if the city is developing a plan to allow for future growth in this area and a fund to allow for possible repairs. Mr. Ciecka said this area is under the TIF and that fund can be used for future improvements. Mr. Fredrickson said that Wal-Mart has agreed to pay their portion of any future maintenance. Mrs. Eckel asked what the proposed discharge rate was and was told it was under 12 which is lower than the Wood County standard. She thought that the 19.25 rate as stated in Section 4 was going to be lowered. Mr. Oberdorf asked if Wal-Mart was agreeing to the cities rules and regulations as any other business in the city would and was told by

Mr. Ciecka they were. Mr. Michaels complimented Mr. Fredrickson on the design of the system and the use of prudent engineering practices. Mr. Hermes moved to amend Section 4 in the storm water agreement changing the 19.25 to 12. This was seconded by Mr. Michaels and the vote on the motion was all ayes. Motion carried. This change will have to reviewed and approved by Wal-Mart also. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2007-08 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ED SCHMIDT TO REPAIR THE 1977 GMC TRUCK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this had been referred to the public works committee and had been recommended by them. Mr. Richards said that after hearing the report of the public works committee he would move to suspend with the third reading which was seconded by Mr. Kovach. 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.

#2007-09 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 139.11 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 ordinance as well as the companion ordinance #2007-10 was discussed two weeks ago at the public safety meeting and that this new ordinance will allow the fire department through its fire chief the right to establish rules and regulations for the department. Mr. Marquette questioned what this ordinance accomplishes and was told that changes to rules and regulations for the fire department will no longer have to come before council. Mr. Richards said it will allow the chief to act as a department head. Mr. Michaels asked if this same problem exists with other departments and was told by Mr. Ciecka that the other city departments set their own rules and regulations. Mr. Kovach said he is concerned that council is relinquishing their overview of the department. Mr. Ciecka responded by saying that the rules and regulations as well as the standard operating procedure of the department are subject to the collective bargaining agreement and the chief cannot make changes in the department without first discussing with the bargaining unit. Mr. Oberdorf said he has nothing but the highest admiration for the fire chief and he is confident in his ability to make rules and regulations for the department. This was given a first reading only.

#2007-10 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 139.12 DEALING WITH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRANSPORT CHARGES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this will be new section of the municipal code dealing specifically with the charges for basic and advanced life support and transportation charges. This ordinance is modeled after other communities. Mr. Marquette asked if these numbers reflect our cost and was told that they do not reflect the total cost but only what the city reasonably expects it can collect from insurance. Mr. Hermes indicated that the city collected \$68,000 last year from these fees. Mr. Richards reminded council of the history of the collection of these fees being used to subsidize not pay for emergency services and being subject to change from time to time with a mechanism in place to forgive unpaid fees if so warranted. Mr. Michaels asked where the fees collected appear in the budget and was told by Mr. Hermes that there is a specific line item for recovery fees that then flow back to the general fund. 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. Michaels seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2007-11 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2007 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2006-55.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said that Ordinance#2006-55 was the appropriations budget for 2007 and that he is now asking council to increase the capital improvements line item by \$30,000. This will provide for keeping the police car replacement plan on schedule using left over funds from 2006 that resulted from the purchase of used vehicles and would allow for the purchase of a new vehicle this year. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Marquette 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. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2007-02 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FILING OF A MARINA GRANT FOR THE ROSSFORD MARINA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards said that as council had previously authorized the administration to pursue this grant he would move to suspend with the second and third readings which was seconded by Mr. Oberdorf. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Michaels wanted it to be known that no city general funds would be used and that if the grant is received the city's share will come from the marina fund. 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 she had received some letters from the fourth grade class at Indian Hills School who are learning about city government and thanked them for their interest. She also thanked the RBA for hosting another successful business fair.

Mr. Oberdorf asked if anyone saw a need for a committee of the whole meeting in April. Seeing none 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 also congratulated the RBA for what was a great and well attended, well organized business fair. He also thanked the fourth grade students at Indian Hills for letters he received. He thanked Officer Johnson for the great job on the DARE graduation programs at the individual schools.

Mr. Richards said the RBA event was fantastic and he welcomed the chance to talk with constituents. Mr. Michaels said the RBA event was a good event for the community and he also complimented the voluntary participation of city employees.

Mayor Verbosky informed everyone that the RBA does meet the last Wednesday of every month at a noon luncheon meeting, thanked Meijer and Bay Park ProMedica for being major sponsors of the RBA fair, and said that Bay Park had leased space in the former Cousino-Proch building for use as medical facility providing basic lab services and mammograms.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

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

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council

