

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held March 27, 2006

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

Mayor Verbosky asked for a motion and Mr. Richards so moved, seconded by Mr. Oberdorf to appoint Patricia Ogdahl temporary clerk of council for March 27, 2006. All ayes. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Richards, Oberdorf, Marquette, Hermes, Michaels, and Kovach all present. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to excuse Mrs. Eckel who is absent due to a death in the family. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of March 13, 2006. 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 27, 2006 was presented to council. Reports from Recreation and Public Works Committees and an executive session to discuss personnel matters regarding a new police chief. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Kovach presented the committee report of March 21, 2006. Items discussed were costs of work requested to be done in 2006 and best use of the \$70,000 budgeted. After much discussion the committee feels that the city is better served by purchasing a kettle truck rather than rent or use an outside contractor for crack filling, that Mr. Jones bid curb work and asphalt overlay for Rossway Dr. this year, and the bid of Hull & Associates be accepted as the lowest and best bid of three submitted for landfill monitoring. The committee was also made aware that during the week of April 26<sup>th</sup> Waste Management will place mobile carts on the east side of Osborn St. and the west side of Bacon St. in a pilot project designed to eliminate using the alley for waste collection. Mr. Michaels explained the cost benefits of purchase vs. lease and cash purchase vs. financing for the tar kettle and recommended these costs be reviewed by Ms. Sabin and Mr. Hermes before a decision is made regarding purchasing or renting. Mr. Richards discussed possibly purchasing a used piece and that labor cost must be a factor. Mr. Hermes inquired whether it was possible to rent equipment from another city or commercial entity, said that a person who does crack-filling for a living would presumably be more labor efficient than someone who does only occasionally, and whether curbs or asphalt is more improvement. Mr. Michaels said he will obtain more information then prioritize the list but said council needs to act quickly as spring is the best time to crack-fill. Mayor Verbosky said council may want to consider doing more work this year and use next year's money to reimburse and possibly delay curbs in order to crack-fill and seal more streets. Mr. Hermes is in favor of doing more roads at the expense of delaying the curbs. Mr. Michaels and Mr. Ciecka agreed that curbs are important in order to move storm water off the pavement. Mr. Ciecka explained that the pilot project for Waste Mgmt. involves using carryout carts to bring garbage to front of property to avoid trucks going down alley. Waste Mgmt. will pick up the cost for the toters. Mr. Hermes asked if this could lead to further streets being involved and Mr. Ciecka said this is possible and any cost would be a factor in future contract bids.

RECREATION

Mr. Oberdorf presented the committee report of March 16, 2006. Items discussed were basketball club program, meeting held with a representative of Toledo to discuss collaboration between Rossford and Toledo on marina activities, cost quotes have been requested from other companies for the repair of the

tennis courts, courtyard lights for the Recreation Center are on order, and a total of 188 players have been registered for the summer ball program.

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

#### REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka told council that the performance and finance audits are continuing and that the marina should be opened on April 15<sup>th</sup> with marina staff orientation scheduled for early April,

Mayor Verbosky reported that the RBA Business Fair had approximate attendance of over 1000 people with many positive comments and that 39 businesses took part including the city. He thanked all the city people who volunteered as well as the school board especially Mrs. Gernot and Diana Hersch for hosting the fair in the school gyms. He said that last week the first official downtown revitalization meeting was held as the first step of the grant process and was very well attended. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

#### 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. SECOND READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said that other quotes are still being received. Mr. Richards said that the quality of bids had not yet been compared and recommended a second reading as there is no urgency to get this done as work would not begin until end of May. This was given a second reading only.

#2006-11 – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION TO PUBLIC USE OF THE STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES AND FACILITIES IN MERIDIAN BUSINESS CENTER PLAT TWO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the final plat has been accepted and the road actually has been in use for three years. Mr. Hermes asked what the current condition of the road is and was told by Mr. Ciecka it is in good condition with one cut for a storm sewer being made. Mr. Marquette asked if it had been crack-filled and was told it had not been needed yet. Mr. Michaels if Dave Jones had inspected the road and was told he had and it had received his ok. 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. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2006-12 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HULL & ASSOCIATES INC. FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE WALES ROAD LANDFILL FOR 2006, 2007 AND 2008; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to read by title only. Mr. Richards asked of Mr. Michaels questions regarding the bids from the last meeting had been resolved and was told by Mr. Michaels that they had. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes said a question had been raised about the ordinance authorizing the highest amount possible rather than a lesser amount. Mr. Ciecka said he took it to the highest range possible just to reduce further legislation depending on price.

Mr. Richards asked if the city would receive an itemized bill and was told yes. He also asked Mr. Michaels if the city would be protected and Mr. Michaels was not sure. Mr. Hermes said this is a three year agreement but Mr. Ciecka said the price is only locked for the first year and the city could rebid in the second year if it did not like the cost estimate. Mr. Richards suggested a first reading only but Mr. Hermes said he is comfortable with the legislation as is or with an amendment reducing the first year limit. Mr. Marquette said he is familiar with Hull & Associates and he is sure they would not risk the reputation they have built up by billing for an amount they did not earn and that he was comfortable with the legislation as is. 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. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ciecka said that later this spring Hull & Associates will meet with council at the landfill site to explain what is involved in the monitoring.

#### COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Hermes reminded council of the filing deadline for taxes on April 17<sup>th</sup>, said the Wood County Economic Development Dinner was an enjoyable evening at which Jamie Rossler, Rossford Schools Treasurer was recognized, and that the Budget Committee will meet on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Oberdorf asked if there was any reason to hold 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 unless issues arise. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Oberdorf also said the Rossford Business Fair was very well organized and a great event for the community and the businesses involved.

Mr. Richards said that he heard many positive comments while attending the Business Fair. He requested an Economic Development Committee meeting for April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the access plan for the Crossroads. He requested council members sign the letter to the PUCO regarding Columbia Gas rates and the request for a full audit of the company.

#### AUDIENCE REMARKS

Eunice Rinker, 8491 Wales Rd., Rossford asked Mr. Ciecka what is the toter that will be provided by Waste Management and was told by Mr. Ciecka that it is a 96 gallon wheeled cart. She has a problem with the pilot project because she feels the cost will be passed along to the city. Mr. Ciecka said if the pilot project was expanded any cost would have to be approved by council.

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave., Rossford had a question about the 55 gallon drums on the vacant 7-11 property that are tagged non-hazardous waste. Mr. Marquette said they are probably soil borings and that there are no EPA storage requirements for non-hazardous materials. Mr. Ciecka will follow up with the property owner.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Hermes 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.

Mayor Verbosky asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add Resolution #2006-06 and Ordinance #2006-13. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to amend the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2006-06 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT D. VESPI JR. AS CHIEF OF POLICE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky recommended the appointment of Mr. Vespi and said it was the result of two months of reviewing applications by a committee of himself, Mrs. Eckel, Mr. Ciecka, and Mr. Heban. The original

twenty-five applications were reduced to ten and then further reduced to six after a further review by Wood County Sherriff Washlyshyn. The committee then interviewed those six individuals and reduced to two and followed up with second interviews and background checks before the mayor recommended this appointment. 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. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2006-13 – AN ORDINACE ESTABLISHING A SALARY FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. A question was raised about the date in section one and Mr. Ciecka said the original has the date of April 10<sup>th</sup>. 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. Michaels 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.

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