

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held April 10, 2006

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

ROLL CALL: Richards, Eckel, Marquette, Hermes, Michaels, and Kovach all present. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Oberdorf who has a family obligation. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of April 10, 2006 was presented to council. Reports from Budget, Economic Development and Public Safety Committees added. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Mayor Verbosky commented that after an exhaustive search and recommendations from people in the county our new police chief Robert Vespi Jr. was selected and would be sworn in this evening. Mr. Vespi was sworn in and said he was glad to be here.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET

Mr. Hermes presented the committee report of March 27, 2006. Items discussed were new quotes for the tennis court repairs, a strategy for road repairs and funding, collection of outstanding trash fees, the sheriffs sale of the RAAA property scheduled for early summer, the outstanding lien on the fire station property in the Crossroads, the bid for repairs to the RCRC, and notes coming due in June. Mayor Verbosky commented that the administration still has no plans to build a fire station in the Crossroads. Mr. Kovach asked how much was the approximate amount outstanding for trash fees and what it would cost to place this as an assessment on the tax bill. Mr. Ciecka said the amount outstanding was about \$18,000 and to place on the tax bill is primarily a cost of time. He said a list would be presented to council this summer of any unpaid bills before sending to the county auditor. Mayor Verbosky said the list was revised last week as some names were on the list erroneously and that any legal cost could be added to the assessment. Mr. Kovach also said the fire station property lien has been a mess for some time and wondered if that parcel should be sold. Mr. Heban explained that the only lien outstanding is \$17,000 to Carpenters Success, that the city does hold title to the property subject to that lien, and that the amount is agreed on and the delay is in getting a final survey and invoice.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Richards presented the committee report of March 27, 2006. Items discussed were the access policy for the Crossroads Parkway and the downtown redevelopment program. The committee agreed that the access policy should be reviewed by the county engineer. Mayor Verbosky commented that the downtown redevelopment program is being spearheaded by Poggemeyer Design with the process expected to take about a year to obtain needed data before submitting a grant request.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mrs. Eckel presented the committee report of March 20, 2006. A public discussion regarding multiple dog ownership was held with comments received from multiple dog owners after which the committee chose not to recommend any legislation. Members of the RPPA were in attendance and presented concerns they had regarding police officer safety. Mayor Verbosky said the new police chief has been made aware of these concerns and is ready to handle and that three new police vehicles should be arriving shortly.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky presented to council Brent Reiter, Robert Zuchowski Jr., Michael Saleh, Bryan Meadows, and Andrew Dupuis who recently received their Eagle Badge from the Boy Scouts of America. Cindy Reiter gave a presentation on what is necessary to achieve the Eagle Scout rank and the individual scouts explained the community project they completed as a requirement for achieving this honor. Mayor Verbosky congratulated the Rossford Fire Department for obtaining a new training grant, said the Wood County Board of Elections is looking for workers to staff the polling sites on primary election day, informed council of the training classes offered by the Ohio Municipal League, and commented on correspondence received from the Ohio Consumers Council regarding HEAP applications.

Mr. Ciecka said further quotes have been received for the tennis court repairs and are still being reviewed and that he would ask council to table Ordinance #2006-09. He said brush and tree limb pick-up only will take place the last week of April using the remaining funds from last years solid waste grant, asked council to review the memo from Mr. Heban regarding home rule, reminded council of the informational session to be held at the landfill in April 20th with Hull & Associates, and told council he will provide them with a copy of the letter regarding the pilot program to be instituted by Waste Management. Mr. Ciecka then presented Mr. Steven Szanto of Cabrera Capital Markets who gave an explanation of the current note market, interest rates, and the timeline for issuing the renewal notes for the city. Mr. Richards asked why a new firm was being used to handle this year's renewal. Mr. Ciecka explained that the previous firm had several changes in representation and had not been in contact therefore he had requested qualifications from a new firm and presented this to the mayor. Mayor Verbosky said he had reviewed and accepted. Mr. Marquette asked why the repairs on the RCRC had been delayed and Mr. Ciecka said the funds being provided by the county had been delayed but were now on track and that the repairs would be completed by this fall.

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. Hermes seconded the motion to table the ordinance per the administrators request until such time as it is recalled. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2006-14 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is a follow-up to a previous auction that was cancelled and the list has now been revised with additional items. Mr. Hermes said he had a question about the pole barn being declared surplus and was told by Mr. Ciecka that it is in disrepair, not being used, needs to be sold or scrapped, and that the EPA has asked that it be removed. Mrs. Eckel asked about the surplus holiday decorations and was told they are older than the ones currently being used. This ordinance was given a first reading only.

RESOLUTIONS #2006-07 – A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ROSSFORD FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION TO HOST THE 133 ANNUAL NORTHWEST OHIO FIREFIGHTERS CONVENTION ON JUNE 15-17, 2007, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Chief Verbosky explained that this is the same event that council was asked to support last year and that subsequently the fire association decided not to pursue till this year. The event will include a large parade and several other events and bring approximately 40-50,000 people to the community. The chief estimates overtime cost to be about \$1200 for police and \$1000 for public works. Mr. Hermes said that overtime cost number is what council asked for last year and he is glad to see that it has been estimated and he would like to see council put a cap on approved overtime cost. Mr. Marquette asked if money generated by events like the pancake breakfast would be used to reimburse the city for its expense. Chief Verbosky said it probably could or money generated by possible corporate sponsorships. Mr. Richards asked if the needs to be passed tonight and was told by the chief yes as he would like to have in hand when making his presentation on April 22nd.

**Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to amend Resolution #2006-07 to include in Section 1 language that the total city funded expense is not to exceed \$5,000. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were asked for and received. Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum, Rossford, said he does not believe that \$5000 is a high enough number for city expense and that there are better places to spend this money in Rossford. Chief Verbosky said that most costs will be handled internally by the Association. Debra Zuchowski, 202 Hilldale, Rossford, said she has been involved in these types of events previously and that this would be a great event for Rossford. Scott Reiter, 1257 Grassy Ct., Rossford, asked how much money will be realized from vendors to the Association. Chief Verbosky said the amount has not been determined. Mr. Hermes asked the chief if they hope to make a \$20-40,000 profit which would be used for fire department needs and was told yes. Mr. Michaels asked if this had ever been done in Rossford before and was told no but that Northwood hosted in the mid-70's and North Baltimore 5-6 years ago. Vote on the motion to suspend was 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 Resolution #2006-07 as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mrs. Eckel said that she attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony and said it was very impressive, said the RBA Business Fair was a great event also, congratulated the fire department for obtaining another grant, and thanked the members of the discretionary fund for the flowers sent upon the death of her mother-in-law. Mr. Hermes thanked the public works department for the maintenance performed on the Edward Ford Memorial.

Mr. Kovach thanked Chief Verbosky for his efforts in obtaining several grants.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave., Rossford, asked if the landfill site will still be available for brush to be dropped off and was told by Mr. Ciecka that it would be.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Saleh, 906 Jennison Drive, Rossford, again asked for the city's help in resolving zoning problems with Northwood on property behind his property. Mayor Verbosky said that he, the city administrator, and law director, will review and do everything possible including meeting with Northwood officials to address the residents concerns.

Debra Zuchowski, 202 Hilldale, Rossford, said the Eagle Scout display is set up in the lobby and encouraged council and audience members to view.

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