

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held April 11, 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 March 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 April 11, 2011 was presented to council. Public Works and Recreation committee reports and Ordinance #2011-19 were added to the agenda. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Eckel presented the Public Works committee report (see written report). Mr. Scott asked what the Island View project was and was told by Mrs. Eckel that is a paving project.

Mr. Oberdorf presented the Recreation committee report (see written report).

Mayor Verbosky reminded all committee chairs that the reports should show who attended.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky said he attended the RBA meeting on March 30th which had a guest speaker for the Convention & Visitors Bureau (Wendy Stram). She passed out the new county visitors' guide which included information on Rossford for the first time. He received a letter from the Arbor Day Foundation which congratulated Rossford for being named a Tree City in 2010 and offered his congratulations to our Tree commission. He also received a letter from WSOS outlining a program through ODNR which may make private residences eligible for reimbursement if ash trees need to be removed. He said Mr. Ciecka will have the information on this. He noted the Planning commission will meet on Wednesday, April 13th, that the yard waste program started again on April 1st, and said he had visited the new LaLah V's gift shop and wished her luck.

Mr. Ciecka said the recreation department had received a grant for playground safety resurfacing in the amount of \$1400, and that he had received a formal letter of award for \$52,000 to replace the HVAC system in the municipal building and the heating system in the maintenance building. He complimented Mannik & Smith for their efforts in obtaining this grant. He said that brush and tree pick-up will be the last week of April and that \$4000 had been budgeted for grinding this into mulch.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2011-14 - AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE PRIMARY ELECTIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said this and the next ordinance should go three readings. This was given a first reading only.

#2011-15 - AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF A FINANCE DIRECTOR IN THE CHARTER, AND TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF THE TREASURER TO THE FINANCE DIRECTOR, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a first reading only.

#2011-16 – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,250 FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR THE ROSSFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this ordinance will accept the grant and modify both the revenue and expense items in the budget pertaining to this and also approve the appropriation. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel 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 Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2011-17 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said our camera was damaged in a fire and that the insurance company provided \$12,059 for replacement cost. The camera was already purchased as only \$500 of city money was needed but after further review it was decided an ordinance was needed as the purchase price to the city was \$12,559 even though most was being reimbursed through insurance. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek 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. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2011-18 – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,100 FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) FOR THE REMOVAL OF EFFECTED ASH TREES AND CITY TREE CANOPY RESTORATION; AND PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this has been brought before council before by Mr. Ciecka and this is the acceptance. Mr. Ciecka said we are accepting the grant money and amending the revenue and expense budget. Mr. MacKinnon 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. MacKinnon moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. MacKinnon moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2011-19 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this will authorize the purchase of the turnout equipment which we accepted a grant for. This will award the order to Fire Safety Services for twenty five helmets, boots, turnout coats, and pants. This quote was less than the price through Ohio Cooperative Purchasing and therefore can be purchased without competitive bidding. Mr. Marquette asked why leather boots instead of rubber and was told by Chief Verbosky that the standards have changed and that the leather actually holds up longer and better. The chief also said that the fire committee looked at several vendors and that the current turnout gear is over ten years old. The new gear will breathe better, is lighter, and just better equipment. Mr. Duricek 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. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott 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. THIRD READING.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to table the resolution. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Hermes said he stopped into the new Lalah V’s and spoke to the owner who said her interaction with the city was fine and we were easy to work with. He noted that this weekend begins the presentation of the Rossford High School Spring Musical and said the students have invested over 100 hours of their time in rehearsal and he encouraged everyone to attend.

Mr. Scott said three other statewide publications also contain information about the Rossford CVB and that he had met with the Bowling Green CVB to prepare the final agreement for them to provide backroom services.
Mr. Duricek said the new finger docks at the marina look good and have filled up quite well.
Mr. MacKinnon said he is excited about the future of Northwest Ohio and Rossford.
Mr. Oberdorf encouraged everyone to check out the new equipment at the Recreation Center.
Mrs. Eckel said she would appreciate knowing what NWWSD is working on when they are in the city.
Mr. Marquette said that all councilmen have been given a copy of the proposed IT policy and that it will be reviewed by the judiciary committee and should be on the next agenda.

Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the April Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

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

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council