

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held April 12, 2010

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, Scott, and Duricek all present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of regular council meeting minutes of March 22, 2010. 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 April 12, 2010 was presented to council. Resolution #2010-08 and an economic development committee report were added to the agenda. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Economic Development committee report from March 23<sup>rd</sup> was presented to council by Mr. Duricek (see written report attached). Mayor Verbosky noted that the city has been working with Toledo for some time on a possible JEDZ for that area. Mr. Richards asked if there is property available for companies to relocate and was told by Mr. Duricek that Pilkington has property available close to the CSX line. Mr. Scott said that the Convention and Visitors Bureau looked at merging with Perrysburg or Bowling Green but the merger was turned down. However if agreement is reached we may share services and staff. He noted that the CVB trustees are not appointed by council and that council will have one member on the board. Mrs. Eckel asked where the CVB would be located and was told by Mr. Duricek that no location was discussed. Mr. Scott said that chances are we will utilize a location in Bowling Green with our own phone line. Mr. Duricek said the idea is to keep administrative cost down.

*Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf 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 Wood County Economic Development annual meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> which was very well attended even including City of Toledo Mayor Bell. He informed council that the planning commission meeting for April has been cancelled but reminded council of the pond and outdoor furnace issues that will come up in the future. He said the new TJ Maxx retail store will hold its grand opening on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am, that the Arbor Day ceremony will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Vets Park at 10:00am and a tree will be planted in honor of all veterans. He said the RBA Business Fair last Saturday had its largest number of vendors ever as well as a successful blood drive. He thanked Ray Miller, President of the RBA for his efforts and all the city people who staffed the city booth. He said he had received a letter this afternoon for Local 8 concerning Ordinances #2010-17 and #2010-18 expressing their wish that any zoning change be denied until a site plan was filed. He welcomed as guests the Boy Scouts in the audience who were here to fulfill a public service requirement.

Mr. Ciecka said the city did meet with the fact-finder regarding police negotiations. Both sides asked the fact-finder to compile his result in a timely manner. He said the bond issue closed and believes our final rate was slightly less than 1%.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The clerk received a memo from Chief Vespi stating that the police department has no objections to the renewal of liquor permits for any current permit holders. Council was also informed of a request for the transfer of a liquor permit from Bad Bob's BBQ to the new Jade Garden and that Chief Vespi had no objection.

*Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to not request a hearing on the transfer. All ayes. Motion carried.*

**ORDINANCES**

**#2010-17 – AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A ZONING CHANGE FROM A C-2 CLASSIFICATION TO A PC CLASSIFICATION UNDER CHAPTER 1114 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf said he had received a letter from James Kozlowski, Business Manager of Local 8 requesting denial of the zoning change until additional information is acquired and a site plan and end user is unveiled. Lane Williamson, attorney for the property owners said this was the first time he had heard of this objection and that he would contact Local 8. This was given a second reading only.

**#2010-18 - AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A ZONING CHANGE FROM A R1-C CLASSIFICATION TO A PC CLASSIFICATION UNDER CHAPTER 1114 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE.**

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

**#2010-19 - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR THE ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD WITH FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka had previously sent council a memo regarding this issue. He said the voters approved the issue regarding electric aggregation last November. This was part of a First Energy proposal to the city which provided a \$100,000 to the city. He said the next step is to get a plan submitted to the PUCO. Two public hearing were held today as required. Upon council's approval the plan will be submitted to the PUCO for review and after passes review the city will request a listing of all city electric customers and a mailing will be sent to all these customers giving them thirty days to opt in or out of the aggregation proposal. Discounts are expected to be in place by the end of July. Mr. Richards said constituents are already looking for the discount. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2010-20 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 335.072, DRIVING UNDER FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LAW SUSPENSION OR CANCELLATION**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban explained that this was a clean up measure as part of the updates of ordinances received from the Walter Drane Co. This section was not picked up by Drane and needs to be enacted so that our ordinance conforms to the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2010-21 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT WITH THE BOARD OF WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO FURNISH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this will renew the contract with the County Commissioners for emergency management services. This will be a two year contract covering 2010 and 2011 and costs less than \$3000. He recommends this be approved as we are required to have an emergency management agency. Mr. Marquette asked what the scope of this is and was told by Mr. Ciecka it covers a broad range of issues and provides for things like the coordination of sirens in the county, emergency management on the scene and hazardous materials planning. Mayor Verbosky said that page 10 of the Wood County Annual Report explains this agency's role fully. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. 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 adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2010-22 -AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said the trailer is the old guard trailer from Vet's Park which is being replaced by the new guard building being built by Penta. Mr. Ciecka said the trailer is being sold as is. Mrs. Eckel said that Best Buy will recycle old computer monitors. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2010-23 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A WATERWAYS SAFETY FUND, EMERGENCY BOATING ACCESS GRANT AGREEMENT FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF WATERCRAFT TO IMPROVE THE ROSSFORD MARINA BOAT LAUNCH RAMP; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this and the next ordinance are partnered and if one is turned down not to pass the other. He said the city applied for a grant which was approved to extend boat launch ramp. Mr. Duricek asked for an explanation of the pour in place option and was told by Mr. Fredrickson that the concrete is poured under water. Mr. Hermes asked how concrete is poured under water, how big the extension would be and how long the ramp would be closed. Mr. Fredrickson said a special additive is mixed into the concrete which allows it to be poured under water using a stone base and forms, that the ramp would be extended 10 feet further and closed for three days to allow the concrete to cure. Mr. Richards wondered if we would not need twenty-four hour security to prevent usage and was told by Mr. Ciecka the work would not be scheduled until the marina guards were in place. Mrs. Eckel said to keep the Memorial Day weekend in mind before scheduling. Mr. Scott said this would be a good opportunity to develop a list of phone numbers of boaters for the One Call Now list He said the extension is really needed citing damage to his own boat on two occasions caused by going off the ramp. Mr. Marquette asked if we are okay with the grant using an informal bid process. Mr. Ciecka said the state limit is \$25,000 before requiring a formal bid so we are okay with the state. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and John Folcik of 215 Hannum asked if the ramp could be poured ½ at a time to avoid closing the ramp completely. Mr. Frederickson the cost was based on doing it all at once. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2010-24 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH RUDOLPH LIBBE INC. FOR MARINA BOAT LAUNCH EXTENSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. 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.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**#2010-08**

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky noted for public record that a facilities commission has been meeting for a number of months now on a recommendation but now formal declaration has been made yet. Mr. Hermes said this has been brought up by a lot of his constituents and the resolution states our case very well. He hopes that council will support and that the school board will listen to councils view. Mr. Duricek noted that it is highly unusual that the school is still in the downtown area and this is one of the few schools that has this much acreage in the middle of town and he fully supports this resolution. Mr. Richards said we have

always respected the autonomy of the school board and it is an unusual moment when council takes a position on school issue but he feels it is very important to the community and the school district for historical, heritage, and economic reasons. Mrs. Eckel said the presence of the school contributes to the character of Rossford and moving it would drastically change the city and probably not for the better. She said the school is a great asset to the downtown. Mr. Scott cited the economic effect of the school staff utilizing downtown businesses. Mr. Oberdorf said he was a teacher in the school building for thirty years and that the school is what contributes to our tightly knit community and moving the school anywhere else would have a tremendous impact on the city. He said it was a pleasure and an honor to teach there and it is absolutely necessary to keep the schools here. Mr. Duricek said the school is worth \$100-150,000 to his business annually and noted a decrease in traffic counts of cars going through downtown already and how much further that would decrease if the school moved. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mrs. Eckel commented that the RBA Fair was a great event as always.

Mr. Oberdorf said he had a great time as always at the Business Fair. He scheduled a committee of the whole meeting for May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm to discuss TARTA. Mayor Verbosky agreed it was a good time in view of pending possible reorganization of TARTA. Mr. Oberdorf mentioned three items: 1) elimination of the tax and transitioning to a sales tax 2) change in the opt out procedure 3) and change to TARTA service district.

Mr. Richards asked if there was a time scheduled yet for the installation of the new boulevard lights. Tucker Fredrickson, city engineer, said that 8 bids were accepted by ODOT last week and are now being evaluated.

Mr. Hermes extended his thanks to the RBA and everyone who helped put together the Business Fair. He scheduled a finance committee meeting for May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Mr. Scott said the Business Fair was a great event that gets better and better each year. He asked if there was a completion date for the new guard building at the marina. Mr. Ciecka said the Penta students came back to school this week from spring break and will again be working on it. Mr. Scott said he had lunch with Brad Gilbert, the Wood County Emergency Management Director, who told him that a grant had been received from the Office of Homeland Security which will cover our 2011 One Call Now cost.

Mr. Duricek said he had also attended the Business Fair and told council that the new Bulldog Diner opened last Friday and will be open 7 days a week.

### **AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave. asked again about fencing around the Stansley property and whether All Saints is responsible for having sidewalks. Mr. Ciecka that sidewalks could be part of the Safe Route to Schools plan and possible federal funding could be applied for. Mayor Verbosky said he has discussed with Mr. Ciecka a plan for sidewalks from Buck Rd. to River Rd. but nothing is finalized yet and that he would have an answer on the fence by the next meeting.

Isabelle Sloan, 1004 S. Ironwood asked council not to approve ordinances #2010-17 and #2010-18. She said Stansley has not been a good neighbor and unless they can offer a concrete plan for the site that council should not approve any zoning change. Mayor Verbosky said part of the rezoning of this property is to create another entrance to the Stansley property and to make buffer issues between the Stansley property and Ironwood are of primary importance and concern. He said it would probably be three years before anything went on that site based on a 2-3 year period to fill and one year to settle.

*Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf 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

