

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held April 13, 2009

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

Chuck Duricek Jr. was sworn in as councilman to complete the term of office for deceased councilman Rick Kovach.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of March 23, 2009. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of April 13, 2009 was presented to council. Committee reports from Public Safety and Recreation were added to the agenda. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Richards presented the Public Safety committee report from their March 9th meeting (see attached minutes). Mr. Marquette suggested that council still needed to talk about reconditioning the existing aerial ladder truck versus purchasing a new one. Mr. Richards noted that he voted no on the levy proposal for the new aerial as he felt it was a rushed decision and the wrong time to put an additional tax levy on the ballot. He thinks this issue needs to come back to committee and/or council for further discussion. The mayor said he will bring this issue up again as part of his comments.

Mr. Oberdorf presented the Recreation committee report from their March 19th meeting (see attached minutes). Mr. Richards noted that the membership and revenue increased are impressive and requested an YTD comparison of revenue and expenses to the previous year.

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 began his report by thanking the chairman Ray Miller and coordinator Brenda Schwind for the RBA Business Fair and said it was the best attended and participated in thus far. He said he heard a number of positive comments and thanked all those who helped staff the city booth. He said he received a letter from James Gee of TARTA on April 7th referencing the comprehensive operations analysis of services that he will share with Mr. Ciecka and Mr. Oberdorf and Richards for follow-up. He said the city will observe Arbor Day on April 24th at 2:00 by planting a tree at the Rec. Ctr. in memory of deceased councilman Rick Kovach. He noted that DARE graduations will take place this week at Glenwood and Indian Hills schools. He also noted that the grand-opening of Country Inn Suites will be April 22nd at 4:00. He informed council that Hamill Mfg. has sold their building at auction and that the city will be following up with the new owner as to their intended use. He referenced his April 2nd Letter to the Editor regarding the current water negotiations with Toledo, encouraged all councilmen to follow-up with their constituents, and explain the facts.

Mr. Ciecka said the next TMACOG Summit Conference will be held April 28th from 4:30-6:30pm in the Grand Lobby of the MLK Plaza and will include community feedback related to the TARTA comprehensive analysis. He noted that the city has received notice from the Wood County Park District of an award of \$9000 to renovate the exercise stations at Island View Park. He said the emergency call system is in operation and said the 2400 calls from the mayor were made using the system itself as notification. He said he is still working with the fire and police chief on a new dispatch contract and they will be visiting the sheriffs' dispatch office tomorrow. He told council that the notes were sold last week with the low bid coming from 5/3 Securities at a rate of 2% versus the rate last year of 3%. He said the city had received a bond rating from S & P of A+ and a note rating of SP1+ which is the highest rating for short term notes. The A+ on the bonds is an investment grade rating.

At this time Mayor Verbosky deferred to Chief Verbosky who informed council that a community forum will be held on April 20th at 7:00pm at the fire station to discuss the upcoming fire levies. He said the owner and engineer from Sutphen will be there to explain why the existing aerial truck is not refurbishable because of its age.

Mr. Marquette asked why the height of the aerial is a factor since no aerial can reach the taller buildings. Chief Verbosky said the height needed is a factor of the height of the building and distance from the building and that no truck can reach every floor but that the existing aerial can no longer be repaired. Chief Verbosky said that of the last four different repairs done on the aerial they have been told that is the last part available. Mrs. Eckel asked if the only part that could still be used is the aerial ladder and was told by the chief that is correct-it would be installed on a new chassis and be called a remanufactured truck.

Mr. Oberdorf asked if refurbishing and remanufacturing the same thing, how old the aerial trucks are in Toledo, and how often they use theirs versus how often we use ours. The chief said remanufactured and refurbishing are two different things, that Toledo rotates about every five years while ours is 32 years old, and that Toledo's go out every day while our aerial goes out maybe once or twice a week.

Mr. Duricek asked if Bass Pro is our tallest building and how high is it, why 85 foot was not enough, and does the age of the truck affect our ISO rating. Chief Verbosky said Bass Pro is probably 40 foot tall, that 102 foot is now the standard set by the NFPA for fire service, and that the age of the truck does affect the ISO rating which is currently 5 and in the process of going to 4 (the lower the better). Mrs. Eckel asked what size the ladder on the new will be if the levy passes and how trucks are rated as to time of service, mileage or hours?. The chief said the height would probably be the 102 foot standard and that truck mileage is usually pretty low but that age is the prevailing factor. Mr. Richards hopes that everyone attends the session next Monday and wondered if more that Sutphen will be considered for a manufacture. Chief Verbosky said that the department has not begun to look and would consider all manufacturers.

CORRESPONDENCE

Copies of an invitation to attend a free pipeline safety emergency response program and the Spring newsletter of the NWSO newsletter already were provided to council.

ORDINANCES

#2009-14 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PURCHASE PRICE OF ONE NEW RESCUE ENGINE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the ordinance authorizing the purchase of the rescue engine was approved last September and now the final estimate has an up charge for additional shelving, plumbing, etc. Mr. Richards asked if this needed to be approved as an emergency and was told no. Mr. Oberdorf asked what some of additional charges consisted of and why they were not in the original cost estimated. Mr. Ciecka said some of the additional charges were for such things as upgraded tires, go lights, headsets for six rather than four, additional shelves, and an airbag module; and that since this is being custom built from a basic base these items were not added until now. Chief Verbosky noted that this truck will replace three older trucks and that the rescue engine committee made sure that the new truck included everything that had been in any of the older trucks. . Mr. Richards 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. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

#2009-11 – A RESOLUTION ON THE SPENDING OF FEDERAL ECONOMIC RENEWAL GRANTS; 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 this resolution was requested by Council President Oberdorf and asked him to give some background on it. Mr. Oberdorf said he was approached by Rossford citizen John Klepacz who is a former union representative and councilman and had asked for the city to support this resolution to utilize the funds to foster the creation of jobs in America and to buy American products and services. Mr. Oberdorf 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. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Duricek thanked council for welcoming him back.

Mrs. Eckel thanked the RBA for a great business fair and complimented the residents for their participation. She noted that thus far she has only received positive comments from the community concerning the city's position on water negotiations with Toledo. Mayor Verbosky noted that the Crossroads Area is the largest JEDZ of any that Toledo has. Mrs. Eckel said there is an information session regarding the American Recovery and Investment Act at Owens on May 1 from 10-12 or 12-2pm.

Mr. Oberdorf said the phone calls he is receiving regarding the water negotiations with Toledo say to hold the course. He said he had attended the St. George Easter Festival and it was great and he encouraged everyone to try to attend next year.

Mr. Richards said he has heard only favorable comments on the RBA Fair and that no one has indicated they are not satisfied with the city's position on the water negotiations with Toledo.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, Hannum Ave., Rossford mentioned an article in the Suburban Press regarding TARTA and Oregon's opposition to TARTA and referencing a mayors forum and said that it did not mention Rossford's mayor being there. Mayor Verbosky said that the mayors initiated these forums and that Mr. Oberdorf and Mr. Richards have represented him at all the forums due to meeting times conflicting with his business schedule.

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

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council