

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held April 26, 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 April 12, 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 26, 2010 was presented to council. A budget committee report was added to the agenda. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Ways & Means committee report from April 12th was presented to council by Mr. Hermes (see written report attached). Mayor Verbosky reiterated that we had worked very hard as a team to control costs in the city and that the funds from the 3.5mill levy were used to do things we could not afford in the past i.e. purchase police cars and remove the garbage tax. He said we have far fewer full time employees in the city than in the past in order to reduce personnel cost. He said are water rates are down and sewer rates are up and asked Mr. Ciecka to try to compare bills of Toledo vs. NWWS district and get that information to public works. Mr. Marquette asked why the treasurer report was recommended to be presented to the finance committee rather than the full council and was told by Mr. Hermes that it was a time factor and that as the treasurer is more of an audit role the report should be presented to Finance Director Freeman and the budget committee chairman. He also said that in the past council has discussed eliminating the treasurer position but since that requires a charter change it was felt to be better to wait until several changes to the charter were recommended rather than putting just one on the ballot to eliminate a \$1000 position. Mrs. Eckel said in regards to the NWWS district she has met with Mr. Scott and brought him up to speed and he has also met with NWWS and that Public Works will complete the list of questions formulated to submit to the district. Mayor Verbosky said Public Works should coordinate with Mr. Ciecka on this issue.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky said he had received a letter from Buckeye Cable advising of service changes beginning May 24 involving new technology called Switched Digital Video. All customers will receive an explanation and notice. He said that a tree was planted last Friday at Vets Park in honor of Arbor Day which commemorates our veterans. He thanked Betty Woods for coordinating this ceremony and the Public Works department and all members of the tree commission for their efforts at this event. He noted that the TJ Maxx grand opening on April 18th at 8:00am was very well attended and that 80% of the employees are from the Rossford/Perrysburg area. He visited the new Subway location which will be opening soon and said it will also be a training center and that at this time the downtown location will still be open. He reminded council that the Wood County Economic Development Commission will meet on May 5th at Gold Medal Sports and said he will have a letter to the editor in this weeks Rossford Record stressing the need for passage of the 3.5mill renewal levy. At this time he gave the floor to Mr. Heban.

Mr. Heban gave council a statement regarding the Jennifer Kellog situation (see written report) and explained that the city had paid \$6500 to settle this claim. Mayor Verbosky said he wanted this statement brought forward in order to maintain transparency regarding this situation. He also said the city had been notified by Lane Williamson that he was still in discussion with Local 8 and therefore the administration was asking that ordinances #2010-17 and #2010-18 be tabled until further information is received.

Mr. Ciecka said that brush pickup began today and that work had also started on the demolition of a home on Osborn St. pursuant to an order from the Wood County Health Dept. He said the Marina building is still an ongoing project. Mr. Hermes asked when the Stop and Shop would open and was told by Mr. Richards in thirty days. Mrs. Eckel asked if the marina building will be finished before the Penta school year ends, when is the underwater pour scheduled for the marina ramp, and when will the lighting project on the boulevard begin. Mr. Ciecka responded that

the marina building will be finished in time, that he has no date for the underwater pour yet, and has received no response from ODOT on a start date for the lighting project.

CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk received the spring newsletter from the NWWWS district and advised council if interested to see him for a copy. Letter was received and read to council from John Kachmarik, 301 Eagle Point Rd. asking council to pass legislation prohibiting hand held phones in moving vehicles. .

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. THIRD READING.

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 table. Mr. Marquette said at the last meeting several residents of the adjoining neighborhood expressed concerns and wondered if Mr. Williamson had contacted them. Mr. Williamson said he was not here at that time but if given the names he would certainly contact them. Mr. Marquette asked if the fence issue had been addressed and Mr. Ciecka said that is being worked on right now. Mrs. Eckel said one option would be to develop the buffer zone now so that over the next three years the property would not be visible. Mr. Ciecka said when this came up two years ago the planning commission required a buffer zone and that one has been constructed there consisting of a mound and tree plantings which is why the original fence came down. Chip Tokar said that when Stansley originally designed the buffer it met the ordinance requirements at the time and is about 30 feet high with trees planted on top. Mr. Williamson said he was contacted today by Local 8's attorney and has sent him a comparison of the zoning classes and indicated that if gambling is an issue that could be a deed restriction. Mr. Duricek asked the purpose of rezoning the Whitson property since there is not much difference in C2 and PC and said the Stansley property is more an issue for him. Mr. Williamson said the Whitson property is a tough piece of land due to being long and rectangular so PC opens up a few more uses and relaxes development standards such as only requiring a site plan. The Stansley property was put together with this so it could develop in conjunction with the Whitson piece as PC and help with access from Lime City Rd. The PC classification permits more flexibility due to the irregular shape of these properties. Mrs. Eckel asked if there are plans from two years ago for the buffer zone. Mr. Ciecka said he will have to go back to the Planning Commission minutes from two years ago and see. Mrs. Eckel would like to see this buffer turn out like the one completed for the Fed Ex site. Mayor Verbosky said that whatever happens the city will be careful that the buffer zone and whatever happens out there will be beneficial to the neighborhood. Mr. Marquette thinks if someone approaches the neighbors and explains that this will improve the Stansley site they would be amenable. Vote on the motion to table was all ayes. Motion carried.

#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. THIRD READING.

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 table. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2010 -25 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN "SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS" FUNDING AGREEMENT FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this would authorize him to execute an agreement to develop a Safe Routes to Schools plan in conjunction with the Rossford Exempted School District. Mr. Marquette asked what schools have been designated and was told by Mr. Ciecka that the three schools are All Saints, Indian Hills, and Eagle Point. Mr. Hermes asked Mr. Heban if there was any problem with having a Catholic school in the plan and was told no. He also asked since the cost is less than \$10,000 why this put in ordinance form and was told by Mr. Ciecka that it was a good way of informing council and making public. Mr. Richards 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. 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.

#2010-26 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO AND CHANGES TO THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2010 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2009-45.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is an adjustment to the budget appropriations to reflect various changes recommended by the budget committee. Mr. Hermes said this does not have to be passed as an emergency. This was given a first reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

#2010-09 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO THROUGH ITS OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is an ongoing housing revolving loan fund that requires renewal every two years. Mr. Richards asked for the number of citizens currently benefiting from this program and Mr. Ciecka responded he did not have that number available at this time but there a number of outstanding agreements and a number have paid back already. We would contract with the county planning commission or someone like Poggemeyer to administer the program. Mr. Richards 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. Richards moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Verbosky noted that the RBA has been looking at establishing a small revolving loan fund for members who do work on their building such as improvements to the façade and that fund has been established and is up and running. The limit is \$3000.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Duricek noted grass clippings being blown into and left on street. He said we need to remind residents to keep clipping on the lawn to prevent clogging of storm sewers. Mayor Verbosky suggested this might be an item for using the One Call Now system.

Mr. Scott said it was great to see a large, lively crowd at the TJ Maxx grand opening.

Mr. Hermes complimented the city for keeping the website timely and noted that when copiers are turned in off lease it is necessary to erase the information on the hard drive which could contain confidential information.

Mr. Marquette said he believes it is the landscape contractors more than anyone else blowing grass clippings into the street and asked to have a low hanging wire in the Grassy Creek subdivision checked out.

Mrs. Eckel said the number of people at the TJ Maxx grand opening was unbelievable and equated it to Christmas shopping. She also thanked the Tree commission for organizing the Arbor Day celebration and tree planting. She also wondered if the Committee of the Whole meeting could add a discussion of the renewal levy as well as TARTA. Mr. Heban said that more than one issue can be on the agenda.

Mr. Oberdorf said he also attended the TJ Maxx grand opening and thought it was very nice. He said the Public Utilities committee of Perrysburg meets tomorrow at 6:00pm and will be discussing TARTA. He also said a representative of TARTA will attend our committee of the whole meeting on May 3rd at 7:00pm to be held at the Recreation Center. He also attended an Outstanding Service ceremony at Owens for which Josh Drouard was nominated.

Mr. Richards noted that referring to the new marina structure as an office rather than a shack is an improvement and questioned whether the old faded awning will look appropriate on the new building. Mr. Ciecka said he will discuss this with Mr. Jones.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

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

