

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held April 27, 2009

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Joseph Tymiak who was a thirty year member of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

ROLL CALL: Richards, Oberdorf, Marquette, and Duricek all present. Mr. Michaels and Mrs. Eckel are expected shortly. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Hermes who is out of town on business. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of April 13, 2009. 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 27, 2009 was presented to council. Committee report from Recreation was added to the agenda. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Oberdorf presented the Recreation committee report from their April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting (see attached minutes).

\*\*\*Mr. Michaels entered the meeting halfway through the reading of the minutes.

Mr. Ciecka said he had issued a purchase order to Munger & Munger to develop specifications and estimates for replacing the roof of the recreation center and also the police building. After receiving the estimates he will go out for bids. Mr. Richards asked if the Meijer company picnic will need a variance/permit or is it a dry event. Mr. Oberdorf responded that per Mr. Kovasevic they had not requested a permit to serve alcohol.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky said that Mr. Tymiak had resigned from the BZA prior to his death and that the city is still looking for a replacement. He noted that the Arbor Day observance last week, a tree planting at the Recreation Center, was in remembrance of Mr. Kovach. He informed council that grant money had been received for the downtown lighting project and that Channel 13 had done a program regarding water and regional cooperation. He also said that concerns had been expressed on the proposed casino just outside the city limits by individuals and a local church group as well as Mr. Duricek and former Mayor Bauer regarding issues on the site size and EPA issues. He is instructing Mr. Ciecka to follow-up on these concerns. Mr. Duricek gave some history on what was originally intended for this site, presented some documentation on this and potential EPA concerns, said ODOD originally said they wanted the waterfront opened up, and recommended a resolution be prepared by the city. Mayor Verbosky said there are a lot of concerns and that he appreciates the comments from Mr. Duricek and Mr. Bauer and encouraged anyone with questions or comments to contact Mr. Ciecka. He said a resolution by council is a possibility. Mr. Richards said he hoped the resolution would deal with the concerns regarding the plan approved in 2003 and not get into the casino issue.

\*\*\*Mrs. Eckel entered the meeting at this time.

Mr. Ciecka confirmed that last week he did receive approval for the downtown street lighting project using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds in the amount of \$263,000. These funds can only be used to assist in replacing the existing street lighting and the project must be completed by February 2010. The project will be bid and let by ODOT using our specifications for street lights that meet our budget and aesthetic goals. Mr. Marquette asked what our matching amount is and was told there is no match needed but we would be responsible for engineering cost and any expense over the \$263,000. Mr. Michaels said this would be a good opportunity to review the city's master plan for the downtown. Mr. Oberdorf said we need to review the master plan and implement, even if a small step as money becomes available. Mr. Richards suggested looking at the original master plan and possibly modifying. Mrs. Eckel asked if the money can be used for lighting only and was told yes. She would like to review

the original master plan as part of a public works meeting. Mr. Marquette asked if it can be used for replacing stop lights and was told that was not included in the request. Mayor Verbosky recommended council give any concerns or suggestions to Mr. Ciecka as soon as possible. Mr. Oberdorf said that perhaps we could discuss this project and the master plan at a future committee of the whole meeting. Mr. Ciecka reminded council of the TARTA forum being held tomorrow at 4:00pm at the MLK Plaza.

### CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Northwood VFW was received requesting permission to use Veterans Park for the VFW State Softball tournament from August 21-23. All required permits would be obtained. Mr. Oberdorf recommended that Mr. Ciecka determine where the last tournament was held and get some feedback from that city. Mrs. Eckel said this was discussed at the recreation committee meeting and Mr. Kovasevic said nothing else is scheduled for that weekend.

\*\*\*Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to allow the use of Veterans Park by the Northwood VFW after we determine how it has been run if other cities and verify there is no conflict with the Recreation Department. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards asked if this is a potential revenue source and do we have a rental schedule and rates. Mrs. Eckel said that the recreation committee had decided that since this was a veterans group there would be no charge for using the facility but there is a rental rate schedule in place. Mr. Duricek suggested seeing if ours is the only field they are using and if not, seeing if they are being charged for using the other fields.

### ORDINANCES

**#2009-15 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE DREDGING OF THE ROSSFORD MARINA WITH GEO. GRADEL CO.; 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 in replacing the pilings the contractor had to do some welding on the longer pipes and was given field approval by Mr. Jones for the extra cost of \$5,180. Mr. Richards said we should pass this promptly as our own representative was at the scene and authorized. Mr. Marquette asked if this was in the original scope of the work and was told yes but at original depth the soil was still soft and sliding so an additional five foot of pipe had to be welded on. Mr. Richards 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. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2009-16 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE DREDGING OF THE ROSSFORD MARINA WITH GEO. GRADEL CO.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this was originally approved in February as a motion in response to the marina committee report. He now wants to formalize in ordinance form. Mayor Verbosky gave a history of the dredging project and overages. Mr. Marquette wondered if this amount would satisfy the Geo. Gradel Co. or if they would sue us for an additional amount. Mr. Ciecka said he did not know but he told them this was council's final offer. Mr. Oberdorf said as a member of the marina committee he feels like he was painted into a corner in recommending payment for the 751 cubic yard overage but that we cannot go back now. Mr. Duricek said to tell the contractor that this is the final amount. Mr. Richards 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. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

### COUNCIL REMARKS

Mrs. Eckel thanked the Tree commission for the Arbor Day commemoration and said it was a good tribute to Mr. Kovach.

Mr. Oberdorf congratulated Julie Zatko and the cast and crew of the RHS play on a fine performance. He asked if there was a need for a May committee of the whole meeting.

\*\*\*Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the May Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards asked the public works committee to request the street superintendent to prepare an outline in terms of road preservation and improvements. Mrs. Eckel said they will talk about this at the next public works meeting as Mr. Jones was preparing an updated priority list.

Mr. Duricek said he is tired of seeing the litter created by advertising bags being tossed into yards. He reminded council that the state would be responsible for enforcing the proper use of the property discussed earlier.

Mr. Michaels said that Columbia Gas is not repairing construction sites in a timely manner and we should investigate requiring them to obtain a permit. He also said that taxpayers pay an assessment for street lighting but there are numerous complaints i.e. the leaning poles in the Crossroads, on which we get no response. He asked Mr. Heban to check on the possibility of escrowing that lighting assessment money until the problems are fixed.

#### AUDIENCE REMARKS

Dick Goeke, 121 Harbor Pt., Rossford commended the administration for their stance on the water negotiations with Toledo. He told council there is a very large hole at the corner of Eagle Pt. /Cherry Lane that needs to get fixed and that roads in general are a problem. He suggested more crack sealing, said to make sure the \$10 license plate fee is being used for road repair, and said if we have to we should go out for a levy for road repairs. Mayor Verbosky said the 3.5 mill levy passed a few years ago is partially used for street repair.

John Folcik, Hannum Ave., Rossford recommended letting the Northwood VFW know they have to use the restricted softball due to the short fences at Vets Park. He also said we need to stop cars from parking across the sidewalk.

Jerry Staczek, 951 Orchard, Rossford reiterated some of the comments made previously regarding cars blocking the sidewalk, the litter of advertising bags, and the street lighting project. He said he is starting to see graffiti and recommended a standard for paint colors on buildings to avoid the pink walls and to require graffiti to be removed.

Jeff Appelhans, Hannum Ave., Rossford suggested using a large iron plate to temporarily cover the hole at Cherry Lane and was told by Mr. Ciecka that we do not have one.

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