

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting**  
**Held May 9, 2011**

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 John McKinney, husband of school board member Dianne McKinney.

**ROLL CALL:** Duricek, Scott, Hermes, Marquette, Eckel, Oberdorf, and Mackinnon all present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of regular council meeting minutes of April 25, 2011. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried. Approval of special council meeting minutes of May 2, 2011. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Hermes and Scott abstained. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of May 9, 2011 was presented to council. Economic Development Committee report was added to the agenda. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Duricek presented the Economic Committee report (see written report). Mr. Mackinnon asked if Mr. Ciecka had attended this conference previously and was told no. Mr. Mackinnon said there is a large delegation that attends from Wood County and encouraged Mr. Ciecka to contact them. Mr. Ciecka said he has already talked to Ramco-Gershonson and is still waiting to talk to Miller Diversified. Mr. Duricek said that the VBC had asked about a week after the committee meeting about sending a representative. Mr. Scott was selected to attend and all cost will be paid by the VBC. Mr. Scott said this is the largest conference that Las Vegas holds. Mr. Ciecka and Mr. Scott have targeted 52 prospects that they are going to try and set meetings with. He said this is also an 18-36 month process to get to a point where prospects may come out and look at sites. Mr. Duricek said the demographics on who to target came from the Buxton report.

*Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to accept the committee report as given. All ayes. Motion carried.*

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mayor Verbosky said the Planning Committee May meeting was cancelled, thanked everyone who participated in the April 29<sup>th</sup> Arbor Day celebration and gave special congratulations to Molly Jakubec who received a separate award for all her past work on the Tree commission.

Mr. Ciecka said he has received the executed contract for the downtown lighting project. He said the city has been asked by the OPWC if we are interested in a \$236,000 no interest loan towards the \$342,000 cost to resurface Glenwood Rd. from SR65 to Wales Rd. The city did not score high enough to receive this \$236,000 as a grant and would still need to pay the local match of \$106,000. Budget committee was deadlocked on accepting this loan and decided to bring to the full council. Mr. Hermes said he was against accepting the loan offer as the city cannot afford a \$350,000 project to begin with and the savings from reducing a possible 1% rate to 0% interest rate is not enough to warrant the debt. He noted that area of road was not shown as a high priority on the Public Works list for either the first or second five year plan and doing this would force the city to set other, higher priority projects aside. Mr. Scott said he was for accepting the loan as part of this road will be torn up and repaired as part of the NWWSD project and thus the road will be inconsistent with some new and some old. Mr. Marquette said this stretch of road did not rate a high priority on Mr. Jones list and that inconsistency is a trademark of our roads. He asked how long the loan would be for and was told 16 years. Mrs. Eckel said Mr. Jones original list did have part of Glenwood Rd. on it but was set aside when we found out that NWWSD would be working on the tree streets and would be tearing up a good portion of Glenwood Rd. so was pushed back to 2012. She said the reality is that we can fix roads as NWWSD tears them up or do later. Mrs. Eckel thinks this is something we should consider. Mr. Duricek said that Mr. Jones list called for only ADA improvements to be made to Glenwood Rd., not a total resurfacing. Mr. Mackinnon asked when the OPWC needed an answer and was told by Mr. Ciecka tomorrow. Mr. Duricek asked if we could take the loan and then decide not to use. Mr. Ciecka said you cannot do that, that a contract has to be

signed when the money is accepted. Mrs. Eckel asked Mr. Ciecka what Mr. Jones felt about this. Mr. Ciecka said that Glenwood from SR65 to the railroad tracks will need to be done after torn up by NWWSD but he really did not have a chance to discuss fully with Mr. Jones. Mr. Oberdorf said Glenwood is a heavily traveled road but there are streets on the priority list that are in horrendously bad condition and he would not be in favor of accepting this offer. He said our first priority should be those streets on our priority list. Mr. Hermes said he also agrees with following the priority list and that if we needed to we could always borrow the money at probably a 1% rate if we needed. Mr. Scott said this has been a good discussion and that we need to remain diligent in looking at what NWWSD plans to do and then dovetail our road projects with their water/sewer projects. Mr. Mackinnon said he is frustrated that he just found out about this tonight and hasn't had a chance to really investigate before deciding how to vote. Mayor Verbosky says the budget committee chairman and president of council are saying we should not accept this loan. *Mr. Scott moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to approve accepting a \$236,000 0% loan from the OPWC. Vote on the motion Scott, Eckel, and Mackinnon aye; Hermes, Marquette, Oberdorf, Duricek no. Motion fails 4-3.*

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A notice regarding a Wood County Health Dept. District Advisory Council Special Meeting was read to council

### **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. THIRD READING.**

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#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. THIRD READING.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2011-20 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND ADDING THAT POLICY TO THE CITY OF ROSSFORD POLICY MANUAL. SECOND READING**

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

**#2011-21 – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE DONATED TO THE CITY OF ROSSFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT. SECOND READING.**

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said he had asked at the last meeting for Mr. Heban to verify that these guns had been checked for any prior violations. Mr. Heban said Chief Vespi had indicated that there were no adverse filings. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2011 – 27 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT) FOR THE 2011 -2012 WINTER SEASON; 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 the city had been invited to participate in a cooperative to purchase salt through ODOT and that a legislative agreement is necessary in order to participate. He is proposing that the city purchase 1250 tons after using 1242 tons last year. He said this has been a successful way to purchase salt for the city with the larger quantity being purchased by the cooperative helping to reduce the per ton price and he recommended council approve. Mr. Scott 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. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2011-28 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO CONCILIATION AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER BETWEEN FRED GARZA AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said this results from a civil rights complaint filed by Mr. Garza on one of the restrooms at the Recreation Center. Mr. Garza agreed to have this complaint mediated. It was determined that at the time the Recreation Center was constructed that it fully complied with all ADA requirements. Those requirements have changed but the city is not under any obligation to update to those requirements. The mediator has proposed any future modifications or changes would comply with current ADA standards for said modification or change. Mr. Marquette said this was discussed by the Recreation committee. This was given a first reading only.

**#2011 – 29 - AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL UNION NO. 245: 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 new contract is a two year agreement that is line with those signed by the other unions. It calls for a graduated one-time payment to volunteer fireman based on the number of hours each individual worked last year. Mr. Duricek 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. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2011 -30 - AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION ROSSFORD OHIO UNIT (PATROL OFFICERS); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky outlined the background behind this effort to add a part-time patrol officer for up to 1650 hours per year. This will help in reducing overtime and covering during vacations etc. Mr. Hermes 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. Hermes moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2011- 31 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER 1335, IN TOTAL, OF THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 1335, FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION, OF THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE.**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said new flood area maps have been issued by FEMA and that in order to participate in the flood insurance program the city needs to have an ordinance that complies with and adopts all the new FEMA regulations. This requires three readings as required by federal guidelines and basically updates our ordinance to the new flood maps that are available. These are in the office if you wish to review. This was given a first reading only.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mrs. Eckel thanked the Tree commission for the work they do and the nice Arbor Day celebration. She thanked Mrs. Jakubec for her efforts on this commission. She complimented the public works department for doing a good job on brush pickup and asked Mr. Heban the status of the property discussed at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> special meeting. Mr. Heban said the Rossford Bd. Of Education also filed on this case so a pre-trial may be set by the judge or some informal meeting to resolve. There is no case law that speaks to who has priority. Mrs. Eckel said that council and the public works committee needs to look hard at roadway improvement funding following NWWSD projects since we cannot afford to do these improvements on what we have available now.

Mr. Oberdorf said that in lieu of what is going on in Columbus with Mr. Gardner’s TARTA amendment that the ad hoc committee should meet soon.

Mr. Mackinnon thanked and recognized the public works department for doing a phenomenal job and recognized the police department for the job they do with limited resources. He said in this past two months they have confiscated a large amount of drugs and over \$60,000 in cash. Mayor Verbosky noted that this came from stops made on I-75 not in town.

Mr. Scott said he likes the way that Mr. Gardner did the amendment – allowing citizens to vote on. He said the marina rentals are running ahead of last year with C dock with the new finger docks almost sold out, the wall docks all sold, and A dock almost sold out. He said the marina committee along with the recreation committee will continue to look at restroom facilities at Veterans Park. He said the CVB contract was approved with the Bowling Green CVB and we are now in partnership with them to provide backroom support. Wendy Strahm has been approved as the executive director. He said they are working on project to design and approve a logo.

Mr. Duricek noted the large amount of grass clippings being blown in the streets which end up in the storm sewers which then causes the algae in the lake. He said he also has issues with the people who go around the night before waste pickup day for the steel products. He said that the high price of steel is causing them to steal equipment that has not been set out, citing his own business as an example.

**AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Steve Vedra, 170 Hannum Avenue complained about people who set their garbage out as early as Sunday night and echoed Mr. Duricek statement about grass clippings being blown in the street. He also said the police do not enforce the ordinance that forbids cars blocking the sidewalk and noted a boat on Hillsdale that extends out past the stop sign. He asked if there was an answer yet to his question from several months ago regarding who is responsible for the railroad crossing on Dixie Hwy. in front of Pilkington saying it was time to stop playing games and get this crossing fixed. Mayor Verbosky said he does not have an answer yet.

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Avenue complained about the insufficient notice given regarding the special council meeting of May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mayor Verbosky explained what the meeting was about and that time was of the essence. John Folcik, 215 Hannum Avenue said he saw the notice of the special meeting in the Bowling Green Daily Sentinel. Ken Szczesniak, 157 Windsor Drive, said he would like to see committee meeting dates posted in advance so citizens have the opportunity to attend.

*Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott 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