

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held May 10, 2010

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

ROLL CALL: Richards, Oberdorf, Marquette, Hermes, Scott, and Duricek all present.

Mayor Verbosky noted for the record that Melissa Purpura was here instead of Kevin Heban this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of April 26, 2010. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried. Approval of committee of the whole meeting minutes of May 3, 2010. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of May 10, 2010 was presented to council. A public works committee report and executive session 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

Public Works committee report from May 3rd was presented to council by Mrs. Eckel (see written report attached).

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 thanked the community for its exhibiting their confidence in the city by approving the renewal levy with a 60% yes vote. He said next month an item will be placed on the agenda regarding the TARTA sales tax issue and that he had attended the meeting in Perrysburg on May 5th with Mr. Oberdorf and Mr. Ciecka and the same information was presented as at our May 3rd Committee of the Whole meeting and the same issues regarding funding of contracted services, sales tax impact on business, and getting in or out were discussed. He noted that the new Subway opened over the weekend at Lime City/Buck Rd.; there will be no May planning commission meeting, he reminded citizens to complete the census if they had not done so, and said the grand opening of the Bulldog Diner will be May 14th at 11:00am.

Mr. Ciecka said that Waste Management had initiated a pilot recycling program last Wednesday in the Huffman Gardens, Eagle Point Plains, Hidden Cove, Colony Gardens, and Eagle Point Rd. areas involving 184 homes. The program is voluntary and uses the large wheeled containers. He said the marina guards began duty on May 9th and that currently 125 dock spaces are rented which is comparable to last year at this same time. He said the city had some storm damage last Friday night and that the public works department had removed some tree branches from area streets.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#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. Richards moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka explained that this ordinance has been discussed at the budget committee and the previous regular council meeting and is a reflection of keeping the budget current. Most of these changes are due to grants received and cleaning up some accounts. This was given a second reading only.

#2010-27 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PETITION THE WOOD COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS TO FORFEIT CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF ROSSFORD 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 that the city had received notice by certified mail last Friday that the property was being offered to the city or Rossford schools after being up for sale on two different occasions. If neither accepts the property it will go to the State of Ohio. He said that looking at the location and after discussing with our public works superintendent he was recommending we accept the property so as to have access to Grassy Creek. Mr. Hermes asked if this would affect our liability and Mr. Ciecka said he believes it does not and said this small parcel only gives us access to the creek for which we have no easements. He said we have been maintaining this parcel over the last few years. Mr. Richards agreed that having access to the creek may be useful to the city at some point. Mr. Oberdorf said he was in agreement with Mr. Richards. Mr. Scott asked if there was any expense to the city for this and was told only the routine cost associated with the law director filing the petition and an initial tax bill (\$12) before we get the property exempted. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards 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. 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.

RESOLUTIONS

None

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Marquette said a low hanging wire in the Grassy Creek subdivision he mentioned at the last meeting is still a problem. Mr. Ciecka responded that all utility companies have been contacted and photos sent and Mr. Drouard is to follow up on.

Mrs. Eckel thanked the voters for approving the renewal levy.

Mr. Oberdorf said he is pleased with the progress on the marina building and asked about regulations concerning vendors conducting door to door sales. Mr. Ciecka said they must come to the city office to file an application for solicitation and that the city will also do a background check on the company and individuals involved.

Mr. Duricek said the new term for the marina building is Marina Watch Office. He said the Economic Development committee will meet on May 13th at 7:00pm.

Mr. Hermes said the Budget committee will meet on May 24th at 5:30pm and thanked the voters for showing their confidence in the city by approving the renewal levy. He asked someone to check out the marina watch office as it appears the concrete piers and deck structure are not properly aligned.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave. said he is still waiting for an answer to his question about the fencing around the Stansley property. Mr. Ciecka said it appears that a buffer zone was approved in lieu of fencing per the planning commission several years ago but he is still reviewing planning commission minutes to make sure. Mr. Appelhans said he was told by Mr. Drouard that he would have to fence a 16 x 16 foot area and wonders why the Stansley property does not. He feels he is being harassed and wants everyone to be treated the same way.

Kathy Trenchik, Elm Tree Rd. said she has talked to Mr. Drouard and Dave Jones about one block on her street that is not being taken care of. She cited a rundown house and equipment in the yard and other rundown or vacant properties. She also said the street needs repaving and sidewalks are also an issue. Mayor Verbosky said that street repairs have been affected by the lack of funds but that the city tries to prioritize streets needing to be repaired on an annual basis. Mayor Verbosky noted that on the condition of the houses the city works with the county health department with two homes recently torn down. They have been contacted on other properties. He also asked the law department to check on the status of some of these properties. Melissa Purpura explained the steps for handling a complaint on a property. Mr. Ciecka said that the city reviews a couple of times a year for potential nuisance properties and have in the passed filed with the court.

Chad Cooper, 161 Maple St., made a formal complaint to council about the fire chief and police chief visiting his employer and asked if an exception could be made for him to take the police test since he worked last weekend and missed the test. Mr. Ciecka said he did not take out an application and a verbal argument ensued. Mr. Cooper said if the city was not wasting money on unwanted fire trucks that streets could be fixed.

John Folcik, 215 Hannum, asked if anything could be done with properties where grass is not being cut and cited several properties. Mayor Verbosky said Mr. Drouard tries to find out who the owner is or contacts a realtor if for sale but often we have the grass mowed and place the cost as a lien on the property. Mr. Ciecka said a number of letters have been sent out in the past week on uncut properties.

Jeff Appelhans asked what is the zoning change being applied for on the future Stop and Go and Mr. Ciecka said it is not a zoning change but a variance for signage was being requested.

Dan Baum, 1105 W. Elm Tree Rd., said that the foundation at 1109 W. Elm Tree is being dug up again and do we know why. Mayor Verbosky said we will find out. Mr. Ciecka suggested he contact the property owner.

Mrs. Eckel asked what is the timeline for cutting grass after a complaint is made and Mr. Ciecka said generally a couple of letters are sent and the owner mows and if not we hire someone and take action to recover the cost. He said that foreclosed properties are a little more difficult to handle.

Mr. Richards said the discussion on the fence around the Stansley property concerns him and that a buffer zone may have aesthetic value but is not a safety item such as a fence.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues regarding public officials.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to return to regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

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