

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held May 11, 2009

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, and Duricek all present. Mayor Verbosky said Mrs. Eckel was expected momentarily.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of April 27, 2009. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of May 11, 2009 was presented to council. Committee report from Public Works was added to the agenda. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Marty Linthicum, a 12 year old Boy Scout initiated a project of updating the memorial plaques at Veterans Memorial Park. He worked on this project for over a year doing research regarding those residents killed in action during WW1, WWII, and after. With the help of Mr. Ciecka, the RBA, the library staff, the American Legion and VFW, and Mr. Rossler. He was able to identify one additional WWII KIA and four others since then and have new plaques prepared for installation at Veteran Memorial Park. These plaques will be dedicated at the Memorial Day ceremony. Mayor Verbosky accepted the plaques on behalf of the city and thanked him for his efforts.

***Mrs. Eckel entered the meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Eckel presented the Public Works committee report from their May 4th meeting (see attached minutes). Mr. Duricek said that a gentleman from Mannik & Smith was also in attendance at the meeting. Committee report will not be accepted until written report provided at next meeting.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky said he is thankful to the voters for their approval of 3 of the 4 levies on the ballot and said that at least the renewal portion of the failed fire levy will need to be on the November ballot. Discussion with public safety committee will take place over the next few months to determine if it will be just a renewal or include an additional amount. He asked the members of the press to publicize that garbage and recycling is not to be placed at the curb before 5:00pm on Tuesday and said that the planning commission will meet at 7:00pm on May 13th. He reminded council of a memo they received from Mr. Ciecka regarding the TARTA/TMACOG meeting on the possible sales tax levy for funding and said council will be kept informed as this proceeds. He also reminded them of the memo from Mr. Heban regarding boats and cars in front yards and suggested that the judiciary committee look at updating the applicable ordinance. He informed council that on May 2nd he along with Mr. Ciecka, Planning Commission member John Rust and Kurt Miller of Miller Diversified went to Indianapolis and Bloomington, IN. to look at an apartment complex, a senior complex, and a market rate apartment complex all built by Herman & Kittle. They were impressed with the sites especially the senior site and this will be discussed further at the Planning Commission. He said that the RBA is looking at developing a revolving non-interest loan account for up to \$1000 to help businesses with outside appearance projects.

Mr. Ciecka said he had met with ODOT on the downtown street lighting project and that the project will be bid by ODOT and needs to be completed by February 17, 2010. He will keep council informed as this proceeds. He said the marina had opened on April 15th and that 125 of the 230 spaces are rented. At the RTID meeting last week he said items discussed were the possible extension of S. Compass Dr. and Rossford's part on the Buck/Lime City Rd. project. He is working this week on a CDBG for storm sewers and submitting an application for approximately 50% of funding for this project at Vineyard/Groce St. He has received a call from James Gee of TARTA asking for a meeting with members of council and the mayor to discuss the comprehensive analysis that was just completed. Mr. Michaels suggested that a committee from the Wood County Committee on Aging be involved. Mr. Marquette said

since this is meant to be an informative meeting that Mr. Ciecka, Oberdorf, and Richards could meet with Mr. Gee. Mr. Oberdorf in response to Mr. Michaels said that the senior citizen groups have been involved in various meetings on TARTA. Mr. Richards said that there would be no difficulty doing a report showing the services the Wood County Committee on Aging provides compared to TARTA. Mr. Ciecka is to coordinate this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter addressed to City Council members inviting them to the Wood County Humane Society Benefit on May 29th.

ORDINANCES

#2009-17 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE MANNIK & SMITH GROUP, INC. TO PERFORM DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE DOWNTOWN STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; 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 estimated cost is \$25,000 and includes the construction phase. 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.

RESOLUTION

#2009-12 – A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE CITY OF TOLEDO INVOLVES THE CITY OF ROSSFORD IN ANY REVISION TO THE MAUMEE RIVERFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND THAT THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CONDUCT AN EVALUATION OF THE SITE IN PURSUIT OF A COVENANT NOT TO SUE ON THE PROJECT SITE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this resolution is the result of concerns expressed by members of the community, Mr. Duricek, and former mayor Bauer. It is not intended to be a statement on casinos but rather the proper use of the property. Mr. Richards said this was worked on diligently by Mr. Duricek. Mr. Hermes asked Mr. Heban whether it was proper for him to vote since this involved Pilkington property and Mr. Heban said probably not.

***Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to allow Mr. Hermes to abstain. All ayes. Motion carried.

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 adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Richards set a safety committee meeting for 6:00pm on June 22nd. He also asked that the pictures taken by Mr. Ciecka of the Herman & Kittle projects be added to the website.

Mr. Oberdorf thanked Dr. Zouhary for the invitation to the National Day of Prayer Breakfast, said that the TMACOG annual bike week is this week with Bike to Work day on Friday, and said that anyone who wants to contribute to the American Cancer Society Race for Life can see him.

***Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to change the date of the next council meeting to Tuesday, May 26th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eckel congratulated Marty Linthicum for a great project and said it was also great he stayed for the whole meeting.

Mr. Marquette asked if the Geo. Gradel Co. accepted our ordinance and was told yes.

Mr. Duricek thanked council for the quick passage of Resolution #2009-12.

Mr. Michaels thanked Mr. Heban for the follow-up on the light problem and said this would be a good time for the marina committee to review their financial picture and plans for repaying the general fund.

Mr. Hermes said he has received complaints about unmowed lawns and asked what the process is for handling. Mr. Heban explained it begins with Mr. Drouard notifying the property owner and then if no action is taken it is referred to him. Mr. Hermes also asked if we can encourage people to voluntarily stop blowing grass into the street when they mow since it clogs up the storm sew3ers. He also thanked the recreation and fire department people who helped place signs for the levies.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave., asked what the height is that grass should not exceed and was told 6 inches. Joe Nyitrai, 210 Birch Dr., Rossford said he received a complaint about a boat parked in his driveway and said he has had his neighbors sign a letter saying they do not object. He asked about changing the ordinance and Mayor Verbosky referred this to the judiciary committee.

Ron Schulz, Eagle Point Dr. congratulated the scout for his project, said that the Edward Ford Memorial is deteriorating and needs to be looked at, and complained again about the spray painting of the streets for the Glass City Marathon. He brought this up last year and nothing was done. He said it does not look very attractive and should be discussed. He also said the city's marketing brochure featuring a factory picture should be replaced and asked about the status of the water issue. Mayor Verbosky said water negotiations are at a standstill with no progress expected in the immediate future. He said the city cannot sign a 20 year contract giving up additional revenue at this time and that he is trying to keep the citizenry fully aware. He said the city is working on joining a visitors/convention bureau and is working with the RBA on branding issues and pamphlets showing new and old parts of Rossford.

Jerry Staczek, 951 Orchard, informed council of his research into the "blue bag" problem and said the city falls under the Green River Ordinance and we should be using that along with our own litter ordinance and peddlers/solicitors ordinance to put a stop to this. He said the Blade does not return his calls but that we have ways to stop this and can tell them where and when they can do. Mayor Verbosky asked him to provide the information he has to Mr. Heban and asked Mr. Heban to then provide a memo to him and council. Mr. Richards said we should have Mr. Heban look at the Blade and Free Press primarily as they seem to be the ones doing this.

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