

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held May 14, 2007

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, Michaels, and Kovach all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of April 23, 2007. 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 14, 2007 was presented to council. Committee reports from Economic Development and Public Safety and an executive session to discuss negotiations were added. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to discuss the results of the completed performance audit was held. Mayor Verbosky presented the background and reasons for the audit being done and the areas it covered. He said the audit was completed September 2006 and the final copy received December 2006 with the audit put on the website in January 2007. He then opened the floor to the audience for discussion. No comments were received. Mr. Marquette asked the mayor for a response to the letter council received from Officer Goss questioning some of the numbers used in the audit and asked Mr. Ciecka to check on. Mayor Verbosky indicated that neither he nor Mr. Ciecka had received the letter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development

Mr. Richards first introduced Greg Shubeta the new owner of Shuby's Ice Cream and Grill located on Dixie Hwy. He then presented the economic development committee report of April 23, 2007. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with a representative of the current port authority and discuss expanding into a county-wide organization. The committee unanimously recommended support of this idea by council in the form of Resolution #2007-05. Mr. Marquette questioned the make-up of the current board and was told two members recommended by Rossford, two recommended by Perrysburg Township, and one of their own selection, all serving four year terms. Mayor Verbosky said this expansion had been discussed back in 2000-2001 but the climate was not conducive to doing it then. Now that the Port Authority has a track record in providing financing (OI project) it seems that a county-wide authority would help the county and the entire region. Mrs. Eckel asked what Mr. Huffman's position would be in a new authority and was told by the mayor he would probably still be legal counsel. Mr. Oberdorf asked Mr. Richards to elaborate on the statement "may recover funds invested". Mr. Richards explained that for several years the city and township have supported the existing authority fiscally and that ideally in return for the county avoiding the cost in creating a new authority that the county would return the funds invested.

Public Safety

Mrs. Eckel presented the public safety committee report of May 7, 2007. Issues discussed were the ODOT land issue, details of the fire convention, finalization of the emergency plan, equipment update, and the tree street issue. They also complimented the fire department for their handling of an emergency situation at the Rossford track meet. Mr. Kovach asked if the entire highway will be closed for the fire convention parade and won't that land lock areas of the city. Mrs. Eckel said that provisions have been made for traffic movement. Mr. Marquette asked about business reaction to this, specifically The Pharm and House of Meats. Mrs. Eckel said that was not discussed. Mr. Richards said that in earlier discussion the fire chief said the RBA had been briefed and the business attitude was favorable. Mr. Michaels where these people will be staying and was told by Mrs. Eckel and Mr. Hermes there will be a campground in the empty field by Interstate Lanes.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky said the county commissioners had been here earlier this evening for a town meeting and thanked them for coming. He also thanked them for their help on the Bass Pro project, the downtown revitalization plan, and funding of the RCRC repair project. He said he has only received one resume in response to the open position on the BZA and asked for more before making a recommendation at the next meeting. The planning commission met on May 9 and approved the preliminary plat for Bass Pro and will meet next on May 23 to look at approving the preliminary site plan.

Mr. Ciecka reminded council of the memo he sent them regarding the new part-time employee who started today. He informed council of the cost of negotiations thus far and said the second \$10,000 authorized is about gone. He is requesting council to authorize spending up to an additional \$10,000 for legal cost of negotiations. He said the police department has been working on the Oak St. issue and has met with six of the families to date. No chargeable criminal offenses have been committed and this seems to be a neighborhood dispute that has calmed down. Mayor Verbosky commented on the part-time hiring and said that previously four employees had been in that area but with two retirements and promoting Mrs. Ogdahl to full time the city has reduced that to three.

- Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to authorize an additional \$10,000 for negotiation cost. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ciecka said that two public hearing will be held in June to discuss the revised zoning text and zoning map.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

At this time Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion that Ordinance #2007-04 be removed from the table for consideration. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only.

#2007-04 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 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 adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2007-12 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$130,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said that ordinances #2007-12 through 17 are all third readings and need to be approved as emergency measures to avoid waiting thirty days. 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.

Mr. Richards wanted it noted that these ordinances are renewals of existing debt with principal paydowns on all of them.

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#2007-13 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$270,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING CERTAIN SANITARY SEWERS AND RELATED FACILITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. 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.

#2007-14 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$270,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING A WATER LINE AND APPURTENANCES THERETO AND INTERESTS THERIN FOR OPERATION AND USE TO SERVE USERS IN THE CITY AS PART OF THE CITY'S WATERWORKS SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. 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.

#2007-15 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$425,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO REDEEM THE OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE CITY'S COMMUNITY CENTER CONSTRUCTION BONDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. 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.

#2007-16 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,805,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING CERTAIN ROADS AND APPURTENANCES AND INTERESTS THEREIN FOR PUBLIC USE AS A PART OF THE CITY'S SYSTEM OF PUBLIC STREETS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes noted that this ordinance has a 18% pay down of \$395,000 of which \$275,000 came from the sheriff's sale of the RAAA property. 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.

#2007-17 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT, A DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION, AND ENACTING DESIGN REVIEW GUIDELINES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO. THIRD READING.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky explained that this is necessary in order to proceed with the downtown grant process and will be part of the overall zoning update that council will be looking at in June and needs to be passed as an emergency. Mr. Hermes asked if this needs to be passed only if application for grant is filed and was told by the mayor yes. The mayor said he had made a presentation at the last RBA meeting trying to gauge interest among business owners in improvements. Mr. Hermes would like a better idea of how much businesses may commit for improvements before committing \$7000 for an application when no matching funds may be forthcoming. Mayor Verbosky said he cannot estimate what businesses may invest but thinks this is money well spent to get the process moving and this is part of his commitment to get something started in the downtown area. Mr. Richards said he shares Mr. Hermes interest in being frugal but based on the time invested in this process feels the city needs to pass this in order to signal a commitment to the downtown. Mr. Marquette said he is troubled in spending \$7000 for a grant that may result in \$800,000 in matching funds being needed with no commitments at this time. He would also like businesses to show

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their commitment by cleaning up the areas in front of their locations. Mr. Michaels said this is a two part process that involves first getting the grant and then getting the matching funds. He feels developing downtown is a good idea but he would like to see more commitment from the private property owners on whose behalf the city is trying to obtain the grant. Mrs. Eckel asked what the deadline for the grant application is and was told by Mr. Ciecka May 21. She said she is somewhat uncomfortable in not knowing where the matching funds would come from. Mayor Verbosky said it would be very difficult going to business owners and asking for funds when council is having difficulty with spending \$7000 for the grant application. There is no guarantee that this application would be granted but the request does show a willingness to do something with our downtown. Mr. Hermes would rather the \$7000 be used in actually improving downtown in some way. Mr. Michaels asked what the second step would cost and was told by Mr. Ciecka an additional \$10,000 in the fall. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. Richards, Oberdorf, Eckel, Kovach voted aye. Marquette, Hermes, Michaels voted no. Motion carries 4-3.

#2007-18 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE POLICE VEHICLE THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka is asking council to approve purchase of a 2007 Dodge Charger at a cost not to exceed \$26,000.00. He is recommending Dodge because delivery expected within next two weeks versus six month waiting period for Ford. Mr. Hermes asked what is additional cost to completely equip. Mr. Ciecka said a new cage will be needed but would expect cost to be less than \$4000.00. 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.

#2007-19 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE USED JOHN DEERE 310SE BACKHOE LOADER FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the 1994 backhoe that had been used to load salt now has a blown engine with a repair cost estimate of \$9000.00. Based on the condition of the body of this equipment being worn and badly deteriorated the recommendation is to purchase a used vehicle that the city has been renting. Mr. Hermes asked if there was any evidence of neglect that contributed to the blown engine and was told by Mr. Ciecka no. Mr. Hermes said the cost of this purchase is available in the levy funds and will leave only \$15,000 available for any other equipment purchase. Mr. Richards said the public works department has done a splendid job in getting a lot done with a limited amount of equipment and he is confident that this purchase is warranted. 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.

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INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

#2007-04 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE DOWNTOWN ROSSFORD REVITALIZATION PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Kovach seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this is needed as part of Ordinance #2007-17. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Kovach 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. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. Richards, Kovach, Eckel, Oberdorf voted aye. Michaels, Hermes, Marquette voted no. Motion carried 4-3.

#2007-05 – A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NORTHERN WOOD COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY'S PROPOSAL TO EXPAND ITS JURISDICTION TO ENCOMPASS WOOD COUNTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. Mr. Richards said this resolution was unanimously endorsed by the economic development committee and the county commissioners have indicated they would look at it with some favor. Mrs. Eckel said she is confused and wondered if the county commissioners will run this authority. Mr. Richards said they will not run it anymore then the city ran the existing authority that the authority would run itself. Mr. Ciecka clarified that the port authority is a separate governmental unit. Mrs. Eckel is confused as to why after working with Perrysburg Township for 10-12 years in the Rossford-Perrysburg Township Port Authority we would turn this over to a county wide agency. Mr. Richards said that we could have 10 small port authorities or 1 large one and for financing purposes the larger unit is the most economically effective. Mayor Verbosky said that most of the larger communities in Wood County had attended the previous meetings and expressed interest in a county wide authority. 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 expect for Mrs. Eckel. Motion carries 6-1. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. Vote on the motion all ayes expect for Mrs. Eckel. Motion carries 6-1. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes expect for Mrs. Eckel. Motion carries 6-1.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Hermes said he was informed by the fire chief that a tent will be set up in front of city hall for the fire convention and asked if some broken sidewalk sections in that location could be repaired as a safety measure. He also said that the master levy plan had money allocated to the storm water master plan in response to an EPA suggestion. He said some things have been done and wondered what the next step would be and when. Mr. Ciecka said the next step would be mapping the storm water system probably in the third quarter of this year. Mr. Hermes also questioned when the city would be going out for bids on the recommended street repairs and was told by Mr. Ciecka probably sometime in June.

Mr. Michaels said he will be scheduling a marina committee meeting and asked if any progress had been made on advertising for an engineering consultant. Mr. Ciecka said this is not been done yet.

Mr. Richards said he had been discussing with Mr. Michaels some concerns regarding the water line problem and the city's liability. Mr. Ciecka said he will be setting up another meeting to discuss this issue. Mayor Verbosky said he and Mr. Ciecka had a conference call with a representative of the NW Ohio Water and Sewer District and that the amount the city will be required to pay for these repairs is still being discussed and undetermined.

Mr. Oberdorf asked if a completion date had been given for the bridge on Schreier Rd. Mr. Ciecka said he has been told it will be open within two weeks.

Mrs. Eckel made note of the retirement of Dr. Marshall and suggested the city send him a letter thanking him for his years of service. She asked if anyone had any sense of the timing of the Bass Pro project. Mr. Ciecka said they have a very aggressive construction schedule once the plans are approved. The site plan is scheduled to be reviewed by the planning committee on May 23rd and a firmer schedule should result at that time. She also asked if any further information had been obtained regarding the SR795 water main problem

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and about the repaving of the roads damaged by the water line project. Mr. Ciecka said some information had been received and that the roads have been marked with repairs to begin soon.

- Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion that the next council meeting which falls on the Memorial Day holiday be moved to Tuesday, May 29. All ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave., Rossford suggested that the Marina and/or Safety committee take a look at the marina parking lot where pilings are starting to protrude through the asphalt and the deterioration of the catwalks after only three seasons. He said also that the ground wires were not reattached and wondered if the city had any liability. Mayor Verbosky referred that question to the marina committee.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to go into executive session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette 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