

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting**  
**Held May 23, 2005**

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

ROLL CALL: Richards, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Kovach, Jakubec, and Hermes all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of May 9, 2005. Mrs. Jakubec moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of May 23, 2005 was presented to council. Reports to be given from Budget and Recreation committees. All other committee reports were deleted. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**BUDGET**

Committee met on May 17, 2005. . Items discussed were as follows: 1) Reviewed the budget information packet presented at December 6, 2004 Committee of the Whole meeting. Committee discussed what further cuts in non-wage items could be made, the expected increase in health benefit costs, local government alternative funding such as selling assets, naming rights, and merchandising, the deadline for placing a levy on the November ballot, and a possible charter amendment to merge the City Treasurer and Clerk positions. 2) Initial 2004 income tax return information analysis not yet complete and data being collected to determine impact of changes to the income tax credit system for residents working outside the city.

Committee said a Committee of the Whole meeting will be needed in June or July to make decisions on possible levy, changes in tax credit process, and possible changes in assessments.

Mr. Richards agreed these issues merit a committee of the whole meeting and suggested the third Monday in June. Mr. Hermes thinks it will require two meetings, one in June for information from the administration, and one in July for discussion. Mr. Richards would like to have a public hearing on the topic of merging duties of clerk and treasurer. He doesn't favor doing but he thinks should be discussed. Mr. Hermes pointed out that the duties of the treasurer are currently different than outlined in charter and in response to a question from Mr. Marquette said the treasurer basically reconciles the statements and obtains competitive bids on excess funds. Mayor Verbosky in response to another question from Mr. Marquette said the combined position would not require a bank or accounting background. Mrs. Jakubec asked how much time is expended for the treasurer job and both Mayor Verbosky and Mr. Hermes responded it takes about 5 to 10 hours a month. Mrs. Eckel wondered if the treasurer could be given additional duties and was told by Mayor Verbosky it only pays \$1000 annually and if combined with the clerk position probably \$500 would be added to clerk position. Mr. Oberdorf would prefer to keep the positions separate and add responsibilities to the treasurer position. Mayor Verbosky stated that in the last election no one ran for the treasurer position and the position had to be filled by appointment as has happened before. Mr. Hermes said he is sensing that council is not in favor of the consolidation. Mr. Kovach said he against the consolidation also and also said he is a little vague on what happened to the \$900,000 that was in Star Ohio six years and now is only \$500,000. Mr. Hermes explained that balance increases as money is received from taxes and other income and decreases as money is spent as part of budgeted expenses. Mrs. Jakubec asked if the city is duplicating the duties of the finance director and treasurer and was told by Mr. Verbosky that it is part of the system of checks and balances.

**RECREATION**

Special Committee met on May 19, 2005. Both Rossford and Northwood representatives discussed current programs, needs, services, and facilities. Both agreed that private entities can play a role in a joint recreation district. It was agreed to meet again after other potential parties were contacted. Mr. Hermes

asked how does Northwood have 1½ parks and was told by Mrs. Jakubec that the ½ park is not developed as yet. Mrs. Eckel questioned who would handle the maintenance of the joint recreation facilities and Mrs. Jakubec responded no decisions have been made yet, that they are still in the discussion stage. Mr. Hermes asked if Walbridge has a pool and if so they should be invited to participate in this joint district. Mrs. Jakubec said she believes they were and unfavorably responded. Mayor Verbosky said the talk about a city pool is great but right now there are a number of more challenging priorities.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to accept the committee reports as given.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to call for a committee of the whole meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2005. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards suggested council think about moving the meeting to the recreation center. Mr. Hermes asked that anyone with suggestions or comments about the budget inform the administration before the June 21 informational meeting.

#### REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka reported that Officer Kitzler is now in extended leave and has reported to Baghdad, Iraq and has e-mailed that gunfire is common and he is nervous at times. He also stated that the two grant requests to Wood County for \$90,000 for repairing the wall at the Rec Center and \$10,000 for a matching grant to another grant request. He is happy to report that both those requests were granted. He said that since January 833 recycling bins have been handed out. He asked permission from council to jointly bid for salt with other entities as done last year. Mr. Hermes asked if Wood County or Lucas County offer some way to bid jointly and add even more entities. Mr. Ciecka said that an effort is being made to reach out to other cities.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to authorize the administrator to enter into a cooperative bidding process for salt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Verbosky said he attended the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Eagle Point School last week and said it is a tribute to the school system. He appreciated State Representative Latta attending. He asked council for a motion to authorize the Memorial Day Parade despite not receiving the request letter yet from the VFW and the American Legion.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Kovach seconded the motion to allow the Memorial Day Parade. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

None

#### INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Verbosky explained that the next six ordinances were given a first reading two weeks ago and are renewals of money already borrowed by the city. Mr. Ciecka said that principal is being reduced on 4 of the 6 notes and he would like to price lock the rate on these notes about June 6, 2005 at approximately 4.2% and these notes need to be passed tonight.

#2005-16 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were asked for and Louis Bauer

of 271 Margaret Place, Perrysburg asked if as the ordinances come up if Mr. Ciecka could say whether there was a principal reduction or rollover of the interest and cost. Mr. Ciecka said that on this ordinance there was a \$65,000 reduction of principal. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2005-17 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$310,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING CERTAIN SANITARY SEWERS AND RELATED FACILITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING**

Mrs. Jakubec and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Mr. Hermes said there is no reduction in principal on this ordinance. Audience comments were asked for and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2005-18 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$310,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING A WATER LINE AND APPURTENANCES THERETO AND INTERESTS THEREIN FOR OPERATION AND USE TO SERVE USERS IN THE CITY AS A PART OF THE CITY'S WATERWORKS SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING**

Mrs. Jakubec moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Mr. Hermes said there is no principal reduction on this ordinance. Audience comments were asked for and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2005-19 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF A NEW FIRE STATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.**

Mrs. Jakubec moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Mr. Hermes said that last year this was a \$485,000 ordinance for the construction of the fire station but since that was tabled only the \$75,000 is needed for the purchase of the property and associated architectural cost. Audience comments were requested and Louis Bauer, 271 Margaret Place, Perrysburg asked if the property is clear of liens as he asked last February when he made an open records request regarding cost. Mayor Verbosky said that Mr. Wilkowski had said that there was one minor lien to be taken care of and as far as the open records request Mr. Bauer should get with the administrator. Mr. Bauer said that this is not a proper response to the open records request he made to the Mayor and council. Mayor Verbosky said that he is not hiding anything and has talked about the cost at every meeting where the fire station was discussed and that clearing the liens was a long process that is close to being done. Mr. Bauer said it should have been done before taking the property, that maybe Mr. Wilkowski's malpractice insurance should be paying the cost, and is the response to the open records request that the city will try. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2005-20 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,420,000 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. SECOND READING.

Mrs. Jakubec moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Mr. Hermes stated that a \$120,000 principal reduction is expected. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2005-21 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$525,000 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. SECOND READING.

Mrs. Jakubec moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Mr. Hermes stated that a \$50,000 principal reduction will be made. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2005-22 - AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$8,830) FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAME TO PURCHASE AN AUTOSCOPE VIDEO DETECTION SYSTEM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Jakubec moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is part of improvement to the intersection at Rt. 20 and Thompson Rd. as ordered by ODOT in which a new light phasing system using cameras will replace the current loop detection system. Mr. Hermes asked how old the loop system is and was told by Mr. Ciecka about 5 years old and that this technology didn't exist then. Mr. Hermes asked if this is a requirement by ODOT or just something nice to have. Mr. Ciecka said this is a requirement. Mr. Hermes also questioned the competitive bid process and wondered if there would be any further cost. Mrs. Jakubec asked if Perrysburg Township is paying any part of this and was told they are paying for the improvements to the roadway and the lights are the city's responsibility. Mrs. Eckel wondered if this is the same electrical contractor doing the rest of the work on the job, and if the loop system is not broke why fix it. Mr. Ciecka said he believes it is the same contractor and that the loop system has been broken and would have to be moved and reset due to the road improvements. Mr. Hermes and Mr. Richards would both like more information on this, Mrs. Eckel would like an itemized cost breakdown, Mr. Marquette would like to know if this will have to be done on all State Routes, and Mr. Kovach questioned where the pictures from the camera will go. This was given a first reading only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Hermes thanked Pat Sloan for obtaining the grant to repair the Rec Center wall, asked that the property at 144 Hannum be looked at regarding overgrown grass, and said he will schedule a budget committee meeting and post it.

Mr. Richards noted that Mr. Ciecka is here despite being on vacation and said he appreciates that.

Mr. Oberdorf asked about the problem on Jenison Drive with the mound of dirt behind the residences. Mr. Ciecka said he contacted Northwood before going on vacation and will follow-up on when he returns from vacation.

Mrs. Eckel said that the landscaping on the Maybar sewer project was supposed to be done by May 20 and it is not. She suggested setting a deadline date and then asking for damages if not done. She also asked what the Waste Management driver is supposed to do when refuse is not picked up and Mr. Ciecka said he is to tag it with the reason not picked up.

Mr. Marquette publicly commended Officer Kitzler for what he's doing in Iraq and asked that he be kept in our prayers.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

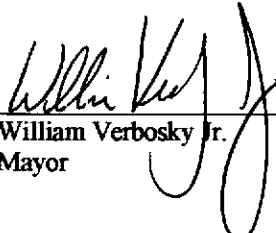
Louis Bauer, 271 Margaret Place, Perrysburg said his comments regarding Ordinance 2005-19 and fire station were not meant to be disrespectful but he does wonder of the city received bad advice at the time and whether it can recoup some of this cost for bad legal advice.

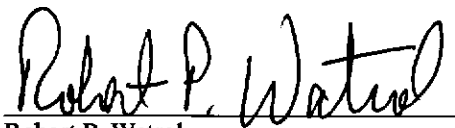
Rick Cumming, 2 Santus Drive, Rossford presented a petition regarding a problem with 10-12 stray cats in his neighborhood and asked council to do something about. Mr. Kovach said that a neighbor lady is feeding them and that they need to be gotten rid of. Mayor Verbosky said that this come to the city's attention within the last week and the problem is being worked on.

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Avenue, Rossford asked if the issue regarding trash cans and yard waste had been resolved, and if the filling in of the pond on Glenwood Rd. is a violation of the wetlands act. Mr. Ciecka said the Waste Management contract says there is to be no co-mingling of trash and yard waste, and that the pond is a barrow pit and not in violation.

Tony Koprowski, 545 Maybar, Rossford said he appreciated Mr. Richards stopping by to look at the Maybar project and suggested opening the Rec Center extended hours to make available to other communities in return for additional income.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

  
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