

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting**  
**Held May 23, 2011**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Duricek, Hermes, Marquette, Eckel, Oberdorf, and Mackinnon all present. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Scott who is attending a retail convention along with Mr. Ciecka. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of regular council meeting minutes of May 9, 2011. Mr. Mackinnon moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of May 23, 2011 was presented to council. Budget 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. Hermes presented the Budget Committee report from May 9, 2011 (see written report). Mr. Marquette asked what our RFQ is asking for anything more than new software. Mrs. Freeman said it is basically just software along with hardware requirements. Mr. Hermes said our current system is at least 20 years old. Mr. Marquette asked if in view of the fact we use an outside payroll company and RITA for taxes does that lessen what we need in software. Mrs. Freeman said it does but the software prices have increased. Mr. Hermes said that the information from RITA still has to be entered into our system which is functionally obsolete.

*Mr. Oberdorf 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 reported that he had received information from the Wood County Board of Commissioners regarding their concern over the proposed sale or lease of the turnpike and how it could affect northwest Ohio. The mayor has called both Rep. Gardner and State Senator Wagoner on this issue. He reported that Mr. Ciecka and Mr. Scott are both in Las Vegas at the Retail Convention and are making good contacts. Mrs. Freeman is here in Mr. Ciecka's place.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ORDINANCES**

**#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. THIRD READING**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky noted this ordinance came out of the judiciary committee and has been discussed at length. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf 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. SECOND READING.**

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

**#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. SECOND READING.**

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

**#2011-32 - AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE DONATED TO THE CITY OF ROSSFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky asked Mr. Heban if this property had been cleared for donation and Mr. Heban said that Mrs. Purpura, the city prosecutor, had talked to Sgt. Kitzler who had checked out these weapons and cleared them for acceptance. Mr. Duricek 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. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2011-33 –AN ORDINANCE UNDER SECTION 727.25, OHIO REVISED CODE, ASSESING UPON THE LOTS AND LANDS WITHIN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD TO PAY THE EXPENSE OF LIGHTING THE STREETS, ALLEYS, WAYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN SAID CITY AND FURNISHING ELECTRICAL ENERGY THEREFOR, DIRECTION THE CLERK TO CERTIFY SAID ASSESSMENT TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE PLACED UPON THE TAX DUPLICATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said this is the same as last year with no increases. This was given a first reading only.

**#2011-34 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE EXPENSE APPROPRIATION FOR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2011 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2010-53; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

**#2011-35 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO AND CHANGES TO THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2011 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2010-53.**

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

**#2011-36 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012.**

Mr. Mackinnon moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes pointed out the total revenue number for 2012 is forecast as slightly better despite cuts in state funding due to projected increase in income tax revenue. This was given a first reading only.

**#2011-37 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO AND CHANGES TO THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSE APPROPRIATION FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2011 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2010-53; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said this ordinance will allow for payment to NWWSD as called for in the contract and asked for approval today. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes except for Mrs. Eckel who voted no. Motion carried 5-1. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes except for Mrs. Eckel who voted no. Motion carried 5-1. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except for Mrs. Eckel who voted no. Motion carried 5-1.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**#2011-04 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL SCOTT TO THE ROSSFORD CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Hermes 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 second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mrs. Eckel said she has been approached by boat owners requesting more finger docks. Mayor Verbosky said this is something we can look at next year.

Mr. Oberdorf asked if any further retirements have been announced in the public works department and was told no.

Mayor Verbosky said he has heard that as many as four retirements could be coming. He has instructed Mrs. Woods as chairman of the civil service commission to gear up for future testing. Mrs. Freeman said we have two retirements officially. Mr. Oberdorf said he is keeping Kevin Boris in his prayers.

Mr. Mackinnon thanked the police and fire departments as well as the Wood County SRT team and Wood County Sheriff Wasylyshyn and Lake Township Chief Hummer for their response to the incident this afternoon on Jennings Rd. Mayor Verbosky noted that no one was hurt.

Mr. Hermes reminded everyone that mulch is available for city residents from the brush pickup grindings and to call the city for delivery.

Mr. Duricek said he has received some calls about stray cats on Hannum. Mayor Verbosky said we have had this problem before in another area of the city. Mr. Heban will check on any ordinance we have to prevent this. Mr. Duricek noted a complaint that the ODNR boat is blocking another boat in at the dock. He wondered if council is interested in entertaining an ordinance regulating the scappers that go around before waste pickup day. Mr. Hermes noted that what they pick up saves the city in dumping fee cost. Mayor Verbosky suggested he talk to Mr. Heban on this issue. Mr. Duricek said he will continue researching this and keep it on the committee agenda.

*Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to suspend with the June committee of the whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.*

#### **AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Paul Nawrocki, 1129 Schreier Rd., noted that in a years time scappers save the city a lot of money in dumping fees. He also said something needs to be done about these lawn mowers going down city streets and that the expense of putting in a shower at the marina is probably not worth it. He complained about the marina guard Jim Connell sitting on the cart watching the ballgame instead of cleaning up debris or helping two other boaters that were cleaning it up. He also complained about the on-duty rescue squad members doing too much joy-riding around town. Mayor Verbosky will see that these complaints are followed up on and noted that the fire chief is on call 24/7. Mr. Oberdorf said that a couple years ago a survey was taken and the vast majority of boaters did not want a shower at the marina. He suggested that Chief Vespi be notified and motivate these marina guards to do more. Mrs. Eckel said we give that space to the ODNR at the marina and they should abide by the rules. Mr. Duricek said the boat used to be smaller and was not a problem. Mrs. Freeman was instructed to have Mr. Ciecka follow up as to whether the ODNR boat can be moved.

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Avenue, said he had observed a golf cart parked in the Ford Memorial area and wondered if they are permitted to use city streets. Mayor Verbosky said that will be checked into. Mr. Appelhans also wondered if the sign for the storage facility is properly placed and meets code. Mayor Verbosky will have Mr. Drouard check into it. Mr. Heban noted that the golf cart is used by Mr. Rust at his storage facility and periodically to water the flowers at the Ford Memorial but he has never seen it on the street.

Jerry Staczek, 1017 Dixie Highway, said we should look at the placement of all the governmental boats and not put them in prime rental areas. Mayor Verbosky said we will look at that at the end of this season.

Mr. Duricek wondered if the rule for golf carts using the street applies to lawn mowers.

*Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Mackinnon 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