

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held May 24, 2010

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Lt. Colonel Thomas Belkofer, a Rossford High School graduate, who was killed in action in Iraq this past week.

**ROLL CALL:** Richards, Eckel, Marquette, Hermes, Scott, and Duricek all present. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Oberdorf due to personal illness.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of regular council meeting minutes of May 10, 2010. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of May 24, 2010 was presented to council. An economic development committee report was added to the agenda. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Economic Development committee report from May 13 was presented to council by Mr. Duricek (see written report attached). Mayor Verbosky noted for the benefit of the audience that VCB refers to Visitors and Convention Bureau and that the property on the north end of Rossford referred to is the Pilkington, Hunger, and Wumer property up to the railroad tracks.

*Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to accept the committee report as given. All ayes. Motion carried.*

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mayor Verbosky reminded council that the Memorial Day parade will be held Sunday at 1:30 and in the event of rain the memorial service will be held at the high school. He encouraged everyone to attend the parade and memorial service. He offered his congratulations to clerk of council Robert Watrol and his son Michael Watrol who has received an appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Which he said was a very high and well deserved honor. He also told council of two new businesses coming to Rossford; a commercial plumbing contractor and a retail music store.

Mr. Ciecka said that waste collection will be delayed one day due to the Memorial Day holiday and that the One Call Now service will be used to notify residents. He also said that after the holiday the public works department will begin their four day work week schedule for the summer.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A resolution from the Wood County Board of County Commissioners regarding conducting a special session of the Board on Monday, June 28, 2010 at 6:15pm at the City of Rossford was read to council.

**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. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2010-28** - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED WHICH CREATED AND GOVERNED THE TOLEDO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY ("TARTA") BY: (1) ADDING LUCAS COUNTY AS A MEMBER OF TARTA; (2) ELIMINATING TARTA'S 2.5 MILL PROPERTY TAXES AND SUBSTITUTING A ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES TAX; (3) REVISING THE MANNER BY WHICH MEMBER COMMUNITIES MAY WITHDRAW FROM OR JOIN TARTA; AND (4) ADOPTING A NEW ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND AGREEMENT FOR TARTA; PROVIDED, THAT ALL SUCH CHANGES ARE CONTINGENT UPON VOTER APPROVAL OF THE NEW TARTA FUNDING SYSTEM AT THE NOVEMBER 2, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION;AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards said this has been discussed by an ad hoc committee and most recently at the May Committee of the Whole meeting and that hopefully the ad hoc committee consisting of Mr. Oberdorf, Mr. Scott, and himself will have a recommendation for council shortly. Mayor Verbosky said that due to the importance of this issue he recommends three readings. He said this is the first time an easier way has been offered to get out of TARTA, that the sales tax issue would have to be passed by all the communities involved, that only two communities in Wood County - Rossford and Perrysburg - would be affected by the sales tax, that if Rossford decided to leave TARTA and rejoined in the future we would not be a member of the board, we could look at a separate contract if left TARTA, and that the pros and cons of this issue are being discussed by all the communities involved. Mr. Marquette asked if we had any idea how much sales tax TARTA would realize from Rossford based on 2009 sales and was told by Mr. Ciecka no, that there is no way to breakdown sales tax any lower than a county basis. Mayor Verbosky noted that the township would not be subject to the sales tax if this passed. Mr. Scott said he and the other members of the ad hoc committee along with Mr. Ciecka had met with Mr. Gee of TARTA to get a better idea of our ridership numbers and found him very helpful and open to all possibilities including us leaving TARTA and rejoining on a contract basis. Mayor Verbosky said TARTA currently has a contract with Owens and Toledo Public Schools and we could possibly use these contracts to arrive at a fair contract price for Rossford. Mr. Ciecka said he has copies of these contracts. This was given a first reading only.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

None

### **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mrs. Eckel said that Mr. Hermes had asked her to check out the concrete piers of the new marina watch office at the last meeting. She did go down and inspect and said that the 4 x 4's are supported by a metal plate and while slightly off-center resting on the concrete foundation it is not structurally unsound. Mr. Hermes responded that he thought Penta would want it to look better as a showcase for their building trades program. Mrs. Eckel asked Mr. Ciecka about a potential date for the pouring of the extended boat ramp and Mr. Ciecka said he had no date for that or the light project.

Mr. Marquette wanted to commend Mr. Watrol's son for making the right choice between the two schools he was looking at. He also added that he lives in a home constructed by Penta and you get what you pay for.

Mr. Hermes said he had seen Mr. Drouard doing his job as zoning inspector and suggested that maybe he should have a magnetic placard for his truck identifying him as the city zoning inspector for those people who don't know him. He said that most city employees should have a laminated ID badge that could be done using the laminating machine at the Recreation Center for safety and identification purposes.

Mr. Scott offered his congratulations to the Watrol's and said he had two cousins who went through West Point and that it is very rewarding and challenging opportunity and he wishes him the best. He also asked for an update on NWS and Mrs. Eckel said she has a list of questions that she will get to the other public works committee members in the next week. Mayor Verbosky said he is still trying to get a meeting scheduled with Mayor Bell, Rossford, and NWS.

### **AUDIENCE REMARKS**

None

*Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to dispense with the June Committee of the Whole meeting unless a special meeting was needed to discuss the fact-finder report. All ayes. Motion carried.*

*Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette 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