

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held May 26, 2009

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

ROLL CALL: Richards, Oberdorf, Eckel, Hermes, Michaels, and Duricek all present. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Marquette who was attending to a personal matter. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of May 11, 2009. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of May 26, 2009 was presented to council. Approval of written committee report from Public Works committee that was given verbally at last meeting was added to the agenda. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Eckel said the written Public Works committee report from their May 4th meeting that had been presented at the May 11th council meeting had been emailed to all council members.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to accept the written committee report as given. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky thanked the American Legion and VFW and the various city departments for a successful Memorial Day parade. He also noted that the Veterans Park arch had been rededicated due to the hard work of Boy Scout Marty Linthicum. He told council that the resolution passed at the last council meeting regarding the property proposed for a casino had been sent to the City of Toledo and other involved parties. He said RITA has sent notification to all taxpayers as to their becoming the tax collection agent for the city, that Monclova Township has sent a copy of a resolution to the city opposing the sales tax levy for TARTA, that the judiciary committee has received an opinion from Kevin Heban concerning parking in front yards, and told council that the RBA meets tomorrow at 12:00pm and he may suggest that they take on the maintenance of the Ford Memorial. He also informed council that he had received a call from Wood County Commissioner Tim Brown on the potential for a regional water concept involving Ottawa County, and that Randy Gardner will be holding a fact-finding meeting on water on June 4th at 7:00pm at the Rossford Library.

Mr. Ciecka said the city has been presented with an award from the Safety Council for 100% safety achievement by city employees and that Pilkington had received two award for their safety record. He told council that the city's application for the Cops Now program is being considered by the state and is one of 7,272 applications totaling \$8.3 billion in requested assistance and that a decision will be made by September 30th. He said that ODOT has received a contract for road salt and the price will be \$55.75 a ton compared to the \$71.50 per ton price we paid last year. He noted that he and Kevin Heban had meet last week with Fritz Beyers of the Blade regarding the blue bag complaints and will follow-up on this issue. He also met with West Valley Developers regarding the storm water complaints in the Ironwood subdivision and he will continue to look at and discuss. Finally he told council that on May 18th he, along with council members Richards, Oberdorf, and Eckel, had met with James Gee of TARTA. He then asked Mr. Oberdorf to summarize the meeting. Mr. Oberdorf said that TARTA is looking at a .5% sales tax levy to fund TARTA versus the current property tax. Mr. Gee said the 2.5mill cost is \$81 on a \$100,000 valued home and that it would take \$16,000 of spending to equal that at .5% sales tax. Mr. Oberdorf said that Monclova Township had approved a resolution to oppose this plan based on adding additional sales tax in these tough economic times and that Rossford should consider adopting its own resolution. Mr. Richards said that per Mr. Gee most people would spend less on the sales tax. Mr. Richards said he sees the sales tax as a disadvantage to merchants in Rossford and as harder on low income households. He agrees that we should pass our own resolution in opposition. Mrs. Eckel said she agrees with both Mr. Richards and Mr. Oberdorf on all the issues. Mr. Ciecka said Perrysburg had shared their

draft resolution with him and that he has drafted a resolution for Rossford for council to consider. Mayor Verbosky said it would be good to join with Perrysburg as we are the two Wood County communities affected. Mr. Richards said he and Mr. Oberdorf would like to meet with the Perrysburg committee looking at the TARTA issue to explore various options and ways to provide less expensive service to our community. Mr. Hermes said that the sales tax may actually be a benefit to businesses as they would not have to pay the new tax and no longer would be assessed on the property tax. Mr. Michaels asked if the decision to add Lucas County has to be unanimous and was told it must be approved unanimously by the current members of the TARTA system. Mr. Michaels said that perhaps we could make our vote to accept Lucas County conditional on Rossford being allowed to leave. Mr. Duricek said that businesses would be affected, as they would pay the additional sales tax on anything they buy. Mayor Verbosky said the city to city discussion will continue and he will keep council updated. Mr. Richards requested that the administration have a resolution on the agenda for the next meeting opposing the sales tax and draft a potential resolution for withdrawal from TARTA.

Mr. Ciecka told council that he had received the official certification of election results and that three levies had passed and one failed. He suggested that the Safety and/or Finance committee look at doing something on the failed levy with a deadline of August 20th for getting back on the November ballot.

Mr. Ciecka then gave a PowerPoint presentation of the three Herman & Kittle properties recently visited by Mayor Verbosky, John Rust, Kurt Miller, and himself.

After the presentation Mayor Verbosky said he wants to be sure that financing is in place for the project and he has been assured it is and that the presentation was part of the effort to keep council fully aware. Mr. Ciecka said the advantage of a PUD is that it has to be built as approved on the PUD plan. Barb Montague, 106 Rossway Ave., asked if the combination of adult independent and regular apartments is equal or is one more than the other. Mayor Verbosky responded that they are approximately the same.

Mayor Verbosky also noted that he had received a retirement letter from Kathleen Kurth, record clerk for the police department. She has been with the city for 30 years and her retirement is effective on June 1st.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTION

#2009-13 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SEEKING OF SEALED BIDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF ROOFS AT THE POLICE STATION AND AT THE SENIOR/RECREATION CENTER; 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 money has been reserved in the capital improvement budget for the roof replacement of the police station and that there is money available in the recreation capital improvement fund for replacement of the senior/recreation center roof. He also said these projects have been talked about for some time and have an estimated cost of \$120,000 with no official estimates received yet. This was given a first reading only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Oberdorf said council had considered holding a committee of the whole meeting to discuss the downtown lighting project and he recommended this be done Tuesday, June 2nd as he will be out of town on the 1st.

***Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to hold the Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, June 2nd. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Duricek noted that in reference to the "Blue Bag" issue that a community close to here had resorted to citing people putting the bags in the street for littering.

Mr. Michaels said he will schedule a marina committee this week, asked if citizens could collect and return the Free Press paper thrown on their property, and asked if any other applications for the design review committee had been received.

Mr. Hermes said the finance committee will meet on June 8th at 5:30pm to discuss the estimate of revenues and special assessments, stated that he had attended the Memorial Day ceremony and thanked all those who also attended and those who organized, and noted that sidewalks in Creekbend Farms and the All Saints Church property are required and have not been done.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Judy Sikorski, 411 Superior St., said she appreciates the concern about the condition of the Edward Ford Memorial. She said the sale of memorial bricks was to be ongoing and the \$55 cost used to support the maintenance of the memorial. She asked if the city ever named and designated the site as a park, said we need to get some organization to take on the job of decorating the memorial for different holidays and that we need to clean and repair the glass panels. Mayor Verbosky said as treasurer of the RBA he intends to bring this up at the next RBA meeting.

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