

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held May 27, 2008

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, and Kovach all present. Mr. Michaels is expected shortly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of May 12, 2008. 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 27, 2008 was presented to council. Reports from the Public Works, Public Safety, and Recreation committees, executive sessions to discuss water contract negotiations and personnel matters related to the police chief, and a proclamation honoring Honor Flight of Northwest Ohio and George Guest were added. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Richards seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Oberdorf introduced George Guest and the Honor Flight of Northwest Ohio. Mr. Guest recently was able to view the World War II Memorial as a passenger with Honor Flight. Mr. Oberdorf thanked him and all other veterans for their service to our country. ***Mr. Michaels entered the meeting. A member of the Honor Flight team thanked the city for recognizing them. Mayor Verbosky then presented the proclamation- one to Mr. Guest, and one to the Honor Flight team. (See enclosed copy). Mayor Verbosky thanked Mr. Oberdorf for his efforts in bringing this to his attention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Eckel presented the Public Works committee report of May 19, 2008 (see enclosed copy).

Mr. Richards presented the Public Safety committee report of May 19, 2008 (see enclosed copy). Mr. Marquette asked why a difference of approximately \$87,000 difference between ambulance rates invoiced and paid. Mr. Richards explained that we currently forgive balances for Rossford residents and he would like to think that makes up the majority of the difference along with some uncollectibles.

Mr. Oberdorf presented the Recreation committee report of May 15, 2008 (see enclosed copy). Mayor Verbosky said he has read of the popularity of the Wii Fit program. Mr. Richards asked if there is a quorum rule for the committee as only two members were present of the nine members of the committee. Mr. Oberdorf said there were actually four members present.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky thanked the Rossford American Legion for their donation of an American Flag as part of the Memorial Day services. He also thanked the Legion and VFW for continuing their support of this event and the Fire Dept., Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Police Dept., Wood County Sheriff's Dept., and the Rossford High School Band for their participation. He welcomed Gay Barker/Key Realty to the downtown business area, Hampton Inn to the Crossroads area, and Elaine Bishop who began work as a part-time office clerk in the city office.

Mr. Ciecka said that the \$2.3million in notes that council had approved have been sold for a coupon rate of 3% as compared to a 4.625% rate last year. He said the conciliation hearing on the two police contracts will be held June 26, 2008 and the decision of the hearing officer will be binding. He thanked Mr. Richards for

his efforts in securing Barney's for the sale of lawn waste bags, said he had received an email from Chief Vespi who mentioned the 7 hour time difference and primitive living conditions. Chief Vespi asked anyone who would like to receive periodic updates from him to give their email address to Mr. Ciecka to forward. Mr. Ciecka notified council that a request for a transfer of the liquor permit from The Pharm to Rite Aid had been received and asked if council wanted a hearing on the matter.

***Mr. Richard moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to not request a hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2008-25 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR LIME CITY ROAD RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS TO SHELLY COMPANY, INC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the recommendation is to award the bid to the low bidder Shelly Co. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. 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.

#2008-26 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN BASS PRO ROSSFORD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC; AND BASS PRO ROSSFORD REAL ESTATE HOLDING, LLC; AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said he had received a revised development agreement today from Mr. Huffman, attorney for Bass Pro who indicated that some nominal changes had been made. Mr. Heban said that since he and Mr. Ciecka had not reviewed yet this could wait for the next meeting for approval. This was given a second reading only.

#2008-27 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN JAMES J. LAHAY AND STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, THE ROSSFORD ARENA AMPHITHEATER AUTHORITY, AND MARK ZUCHOWSKI; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky explained the background of the litigation involving Lahay and Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. and the settlement that had been agreed on. Mr. Heban indicated that this could be given a first reading only. Mayor Verbosky said if anyone had questions to get with Mr. Heban or Mr. Ciecka before the next meeting. This was given a first reading only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Marquette who is responsible for the intersection at SR795/Crossroads Pkwy., and was told it is our responsibility. He asked if some improvements could be made to the paving prior to the Bass Pro opening.

Mrs. Eckel said she had attended the Hampton Inn opening today and said it is a very nice facility. She said some vandalism of cars -egging, painting- has been occurring in her neighborhood and would like to discuss this at the next Safety meeting. Mr. Ciecka said Acting Chief Kitzler may post some overtime for this area on Friday and Saturday nights to see if can cut down on this.

Mr. Oberdorf congratulated Gay Barker on her real estate venture. He said the Free Press is still being thrown all over and something needs to be done to stop this.

Mr. Richards said he was impressed with the Memorial Day parade and ceremony and the respect shown the color guard in the parade was dramatically better than in the past, possibly since that we had local person killed in action. He asked Mr. Ciecka if Rite Aid had been approached about stocking the lawn waste bags and was told not yet but will shortly.

Mr. Hermes said the Budget committee will meet June 9 at 5:30 to discuss estimate of revenues for 2009 and special assessments. He asked Mr. Oberdorf if the June committee of the whole meeting would be suspended. Mr. Oberdorf asked council if there was any reason to hold one. Seeing none:

***Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the June Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hermes said he had been told by the Wood County Sherriff of his willingness to assist us in anyway during the absence of Police Chief Vespi. He said while in England he had driven many roundabouts and that they are not as great for traffic as projected.

Mr. Michaels asked for a marina committee meeting immediately after this meeting and said the city should consider using solar panels for the school crossing signals. Mr. Hermes did not think could have an official committee meeting without notice. Mr. Heban said as long as no action taken would be all right.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave. asked if an ordinance is needed to allow the signs at the marina and Mr. Heban said there is already one in place.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purchase of property under 121.22G2. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to return to regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to go into executive session for purpose of discussing personnel matters regarding the police chief.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to return to regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council