

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held May 29, 2007

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. Richards moved to excuse and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Michaels due to illness. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of May 14, 2007. 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 29, 2007 was presented to council. Committee report from Recreation and executive session to discuss negotiations were added. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Pam Butler, Wood County Health Commissioner was present to introduce herself to the community. She handed out an information packet and brochure regarding public health and the Wood County Health Dept., gave a report of the 2006 Wood County Health statistics, presented council with her business card and asked them to call her with any questions, gave an overview of the time spend by the department on Rossford issues in 2006 which included 167 hours and 1367 miles spent on environmental issues and 400 hours and 1880 miles on nursing programs. She indicated that in 2007 time will be spent on enforcing the no smoking mandate as well as making school inspections beginning in September. Mr. Hermes asked who is charged for the costs of the services provided by the health department, and was told charges are paid through Medicare, Medicaid, Children Family Services, or grants. Mr. Hermes asked what their total budget was and told \$4.3million. Mayor Verbosky recognized Betty Woods as our local representative to the Board of Health. Mrs. Butler said Betty is a great supporter of the department and they are lucky to have her on the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Oberdorf presented the recreation committee report of May 17, 2007. Issues discussed were the use of the RCRC by T.A.S.K. (Toledo Amputee Support Clinic), the bid for repairs of the exterior wall of the RCRC, specifications for the heating/cooling unit, the proposal for the repair of the roof at the RCRC, and the proposal for security surveillance at Beech St. Park. Pat Sloan reported that the eaves troughs had been replaced and that a letter is being sent requesting a safety check of Rossford parks and tot-lots by the Wood County Park District. The committee requested that Mrs. Sloan look into obtaining a fan for the aerobics class, informed her that the scoreboards at Vets Park are not working, and requested she follow-up on the tennis court renovations at Vets and Beech St. parks. John Folcik informed the committee that this would be his last meeting and requested Mrs. Sloan informs the mayor so a replacement could be named by the September meeting. Mr. Oberdorf said he had received a call from a disgruntled citizen whose roofing company had not been given the opportunity to bid on the project. Mr. Oberdorf said he should have had the chance to bid on it and asked Mr. Ciecka to look into this and follow-up. Mr. Kovach asked how many bids were received and Mr. Ciecka said he did not as this was an informal process. Mr. Richards said that four to five years ago the economic development committee recommended and council accepted a "Buy Rossford" program. Mr. Oberdorf said the city would be best served if he and Mr. Ciecka meet with the disgruntled citizen.

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

Mr. Ciecka indicated that approval had been received for the repair of the wall at the RCRC, that the interest rate was 4.625% on the notes with actual sale to take place on June 12, 2007. He also said that Mr. Michaels had requested that the marina committee meet on May 31, 2007 at 5:30.

Mayor Verbosky expressed his condolences on behalf of the city to the family of Jim Kaetzel, former Asst. Fire Chief, thanked the Legion and VFW for hosting the Memorial Day parade, and congratulated the RHS softball team for their regional runner-up finish, said the planning commission met last week and approved the preliminary site plan application for Bass Pro. He said there are some minor issues to clear up but hopefully ground-breaking will take place in July with completion expected in about one year. Finally, he announced his intention to run for re-election this fall in order to continue what has been started in the last four years.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2007-20 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES, AND MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE REVENUE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2007, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2006-55; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky indicated that Finance Director Freeman was in attendance. Mrs. Freeman explained that this ordinance relates to the first payments to some of the Crossroads area businesses of TIF money they were eligible to receive for public improvements. Mr. Ciecka said the payments will be going to Meijer and Miller Diversified under service agreements approved by city council. Mr. Marquette asked what kind of improvements they made. Mr. Ciecka gave as examples the street improvements at S. Compass Drive and Simmons Rd. Mr. Oberdorf asked about the time frame necessity to have this passed tonight. Mrs. Freeman said according to the service agreements the first payment should have been made by March 1, 2007. Mr. Hermes said this just gives them their money back in accordance with agreements approved six years ago, has no increase in expense to the city, and therefore should not be delayed. 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.

#2007-21 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES AND MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE REVENUE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2007, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2006-55; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards asked if there was any expense involved in this. Mrs. Freeman said that this will simply reclassify special assessment funds from the general fund to a specific fund, that this is the recommendation of the auditors, and causes no increase to the budget. Mr. Richards asked if it will be shown correctly in next year's budget and was told yes. Mr. Hermes said this is really no change to what has been done for the last twenty years but the auditors recommended new line item numbers be created. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes 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. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

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#2007-22 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN BUDGET ITEMS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2006-58; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said the total dollar amount of the carryover in the lighting fund is \$4,598. Mr. Hermes said this is the first time there has been a carryover and this ordinance will clearly point out this line item and keep the carryover separate rather than returning to the general fund. Mr. Richards 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. 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.

#2007-23 – AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A ZONING CHANGE FROM AN “A” CLASSIFICATION TO A “PC” CLASSIFICATION UNDER CHAPTER 1142 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this is a small section of land on Simmons Rd. and this change will match the zoning to the rest of the area. Mr. Hermes if there was any objection at the planning commission hearing and was told by Mayor Verbosky no. Mr. Richards said this is in the city’s interest and the property owners want this to happen. Mrs. Eckel questioned the legal description and was told by Mr. Ciecka that the attached legal description was an old one and that the property is clearly in the city. Mr. Kovach asked where this property was located and was told close to where the old farmhouse was. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and Rex Huffman, representing the prospective purchaser of the property, said this was a small parcel that was missed in previous rezoning. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Marquette asked why the city is considered responsible for the repairs to the sewer line on SR. 795 and was told by Mr. Ciecka that this is a force main that serves the city lines. Mayor Verbosky said the percentage of city responsibility is still being negotiated.

Mrs. Eckel said that Mr. Michaels and she had put together a letter that was sent to Poggemeyer Design to get some questions answered regarding that sewer project. They have not received a response yet but said they are still meeting with Poggemeyer and the NW Ohio Water and Sewer District regarding what factors led to the decay of the sewer line and what percentage is the city’s responsibility. She said the main issue is that the sewer line was oversized to allow for future growth but that the amount of flow now is not sufficient and just sits in place, becomes septic, and eats away the pipe. She also commended the RHS girls track team which sent two relay teams and one individual (Rachel Clay) to the state tournament.

Mr. Oberdorf asked Mrs. Eckel what was the purpose of the letter and she responded that Mr. Michaels and she had a couple more questions and still had not received answers to the questions they asked at the first meeting. Mr. Ciecka said the delay has been due to Poggemeyer going through old files and searching for the answers. Mr. Oberdorf then asked about the posting at the donut shop and was told by Mr. Ciecka that the apartment at the back of the building was considered unsafe after being inspected by various departments. He also said it was never authorized by permit and will need to apply for a special use permit. Mr. Richards asked what is the status of the settlement regarding the funds expended on the gas line repairs in front of Subway. Mr. Ciecka said the settlement has not been received and Mr. Heban said he has received no response and will follow up on. Mr. Richards asked about the current digging at that same site and Mr. Ciecka said he did not know what was being done. Mr. Richards also asked about the process of hiring a city engineer and was told by Mr. Ciecka that he had not had time to work on.

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Mr. Hermes said he had received some complaints about people parking the wrong direction on Hannum Ave. and parking on the sidewalks on Eagle Point Rd. and about properties with uncut weeds and grass. Mr. Ciecka said 8-9 notices have been sent. Mr. Hermes said that only mowing twice a year and charging to the tax bill is not enough of a disincentive for people to take care of themselves. Mr. Heban indicated that criminal charges could be filed.

Mr. Kovach said he had received complaints regarding the uncut fields of the old Pilkington property. Mr. Ciecka said this is outside the city but he is aware of who the owner is and will contact them.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Avenue, Rossford, said he had called Toledo regarding that same property and filed a complaint. He also asked if Mrs. Eckel had followed up on two marina issues he had made her aware of and asked if the library landscaping will be done prior to the fire convention. Mrs. Eckel said the marina committee had not met yet and Mr. Ciecka said he hoped the library project would be finished shortly.

**Mr. Hermes asked if there was any need for a committee of the whole meeting in June. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the June committee of the whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

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