

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held June 8, 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, Marquette, Hermes, Michaels, and Duricek all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of May 26, 2009. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES: Approval of committee of the whole minutes of June 2, 2009. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of June 8, 2009 was presented to council. Recreation committee report from May 21 was added to the agenda. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Oberdorf presented the recreation committee report of May 21, 2009 (see written report attached). Mr. Hermes said he has seen pavilions rented at other parks but wondered who would enforce the times and rules if someone violated. Mr. Oberdorf said the committee discussed the possibility of the marina guards enforcing backed up by the police.

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 said he was encouraged by the turnout and suggestions received at the committee of the whole meeting and thanked Mr. Oberdorf for chairing. He said the meeting on June 4th regarding water had many good comments concerning the Rossford water situation and that he was encouraged by the comments of Mike Bell, Toledo mayoral candidate in reference to regional water cooperation. The meeting showed that the situation is not isolated to Rossford and it was good to see support from State Representative Gardner and Commissioner Brown. He said the planning commission is scheduled to meet on June 10th at 7:00pm.

Mr. Ciecka said some vandalism has taken place at Beech St. Park and that Mr. Kovasevic and Chief Vespi are looking at cameras and other security measures. He advised council that the public works department is now on a 10 hour day schedule from Monday thru Thursday for the summer. He also advised council that the Fire Dept. was picking up the new fire vehicle today. Mayor Verbosky said this truck is replacing much older equipment but is not part of the ladder truck issue.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2009 – 18 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CROSSROADS AREA AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 2008-60.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ciecka said the administration is requesting an increase in the appropriation from the TIF fund to pay for resurfacing some portions of the Crossroads Parkway. Mr. Michaels asked how much money was in the TIF fund and was told approximately \$900,000 which Mayor Verbosky said can only be used for projects in the RTID area. This was given a first reading only.

#2009 -19 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2010 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is a procedural ordinance that is part of the budget process and needs to be submitted to the county auditor. Mayor Verbosky said the city is looking at decreased revenues and Mr. Hermes said a corrected revenue estimate would be provided by Finance Director Freeman for the next meeting. This was given a first reading only.

#2009- 20 - AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO AND CHANGES TO THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2008-60; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this will readjust revenue based on actual receipts and was reviewed by the budget committee prior to this meeting. This was given a first reading only.

#2009 – 21 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AGREEMENTS WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO MAINTAIN TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON STATE ROUTES/US HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this ordinance would give ODOT responsibility for maintaining the traffic lights on state routes within the municipal jurisdiction comprised of four intersections. These are high traffic volume intersections and both he and Mr. Jones agree that it is in the city's best interest to return maintenance to ODOT at \$3000 year for each intersection as they have better and safer equipment for working on .Biggest concern for the city is that these four intersections pose significant safety issues when being worked on. There will be a separate agreement for each of the four all with an out clause. Mr. Hermes noted that there is no beginning date for the agreement. Mr. Ciecka said the city is still in discussions with ODOT about removing some obstructions. Will probably have a beginning date of July 1 if council approves. Mr. Hermes asked about this being an evergreen contract. Mr. Heban and Mr. Ciecka both replied that there was no ending date in the contract but that it could be terminated by either side. Mr. Marquette asked what the agreement includes and was told by Mr. Ciecka that it includes replacing bulbs, wires, etc. Mr. Michaels noted that the response time and safety is a concern and said that several of these lights are part of a sequential system and that the state can probably respond faster. This was given a first reading only.

#2009 – 22 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP FOR AUTOMATIC AID ON STRUCTURE FIRES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is an agreement negotiated between the two fire departments and has not been before the public safety committee for review. This involves automatic aid on structure fires only and is a great move on the part of both departments to improve safety. Mr. Richards congratulated both chiefs and said there had been attempts to get agreements like this before back to when Mr. Watrol was on council. He asked if this meant there would be three responders since we have an agreement with Northwood also and was told yes. Mr. Hermes asked if we had any idea on the number of Perrysburg Twp. Structure fires and Mr. Ciecka said no but he will get that number. Mr. Marquette said the township covers a large area and are we limiting the areas we will respond to and was told no. Mrs. Eckel asked if the number of mutual aid responses included Northwood and was told no and that Mr. Ciecka would obtain that number. Mr. Richards said it is worth noting that this is a kind of tightening up of the mutual aid agreements we already have in place with several municipalities and that the auto aid will provide help in a more timely way instead of requesting mutual aid when get to the fire. This is another sign of increasing cooperation. 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 was 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.

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. SECOND READING.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ciecka said the estimate is \$55-60,000 on the police building and \$90-100,000 on the recreation building. He is asking for permission to seek sealed bids and will package both building in one bid. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2009-14 – OPPOSING THE SALES TAX LEVY PROPOSED TO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONS OF THE TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards said an ad hoc committee comprised of Mr. Oberdorf, Mr. Michaels, and himself and met earlier and asked that this resolution be placed on the agenda but it is not necessary to act on this evening. They still intend to meet with Perrysburg and review discussion and options. This was given a first reading only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mrs. Eckel thanked State Rep. Gardner and County Commissioner Brown for coming to Rossford to discuss water and the library for hosting the event. She asked Mr. Heban what the penalties are for vandalism as what has happened at Beech St. Mr. Heban said the penalty is based on an estimate of damage. She asked Mr. Ciecka who updated the city website and was told the city is responsible for the content and that Elaine Bishop is taking on the responsibility for keeping updated.

Mr. Oberdorf reminded council of the committee of the whole meeting on June 22nd at 5:00pm to review the two optional plans.

Mr. Richards said that the safety committee will seek another date to meet rather than June 22nd at 6:00pm to avoid any possible conflict with the committee of the whole meeting.

Mr. Duricek said he is still working on the “Blue Bag” situation, thanked Randy Gardner and Tim Brown for hosting the meeting on water, and suggested Mr. Ciecka contact the school board and/or police chief regarding a group of adults that are paintballing at Indian Hills School in the evening.

Mr. Michaels said he will hold a marina committee meeting soon to discuss payback of the money used from the general fund. He asked Mr. Heban if he had heard back from Edison regarding the light poles that are leaning in the Crossroads and was told no. He wondered in response to the vandalism complaints if the city had exercised the option to hire part-time patrol officers. Mr. Ciecka said no and the mayor said the city has had discussions on part-time officers but with the decrease in revenue this year has not pursued this option.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Brad Luderman, 125 Oak St., said he is glad to see the concern about safety, noting that his son was hit last week by a speeding truck in the alley. He said there are no speed limit signs in the alley and suggested speed bumps as a way of slowing vehicles down. Mayor Verbosky said he had discussed this with Mr. Luderman a few hours ago and said signs would be posted and this matter referred to the safety committee.

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