

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held June 12 2006

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

ROLL CALL: Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Hermes, Michaels, and Kovach all present. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Richards who is out of town. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of May 22, 2006. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of June 12, 2006 was presented to council. Budget committee report and an executive session to discuss pending litigation with Perrysburg Township were added. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Neil Munger of the Wood County Park District presented the city with a check for \$1000 representing the 2006 grant for local parks. He said the program for local park capital improvement grants was created in 1989 with initial funding of \$50,000 annually increasing to \$75,000 annually in 1998. Rossford has received \$37,200 in grants since inception. Mayor Verbosky congratulated Pat Sloan for her work in obtaining the grant. Mr. Hermes asked how grant recipients are decided, is \$1000 what the city asked for, and if the park district has in-house people with grant writing experience. . Mr. Munger explained that a three person panel reviews all grant applications, scores them, and then makes recommendation to the Board of Park Commissioners, that \$1000 is what Rossford requested, and that they are able to assist with grant writing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget

Mr. Hermes presented the budget committee report of May 22, 2006. Items discussed were Resolution #2006-09 and questions that need to be answered before accepting any bid proposal, creation of an investment policy and policies related to income tax collection, late fees, and unfunded sick pay liability, and status of collections of the unpaid trash collection fees. The status of the levy fund spending vs. the levy campaign literature was also discussed and the committee agreed that council has stayed true to all that was promised. The garbage fee was eliminated, several police cars are on order, a tar kettle has been ordered with plans for crack sealing, and city employees received their negotiated wage increase that had been postponed. Mrs. Sabin is to review the questions raised on the banking service proposals and report back to the committee, and Mr. Ciecka is to provide copies of other cities investment policies for review.

Mr. Marquette 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 congratulated the staff and trustees of the Rossford Public Library on their rededication of the library after completion of the new improvements and offered his congratulations to the Rossford Fire Dept. for last weekend's breakfast and car show. He reminded everyone of the Downtown Revitalization meeting to be held June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at city hall and thanked the American Legion and VFW for the Memorial Day parade and program.

Mr. Ciecka said bids will be opened on the Rossway project on June 13<sup>th</sup> and bids on the tennis court project on June 20<sup>th</sup>. He told council that the note reissues totaling \$3.45m approved at the last meeting were sold at a rate of 4.75%, up from the previous 4%, that the public works dept. is now on the summer

work schedule of 4 ten-hour days, asked council to set their tentative summer meeting schedule, and made council aware of an alternate plan for purchasing police vehicles. Due to new vehicles being delayed for delivery until October the police chief presented an alternate vehicle replacement plan that reduces the number of new vehicles purchased and replaces them with used vehicles purchased through the State Highway Patrol program. Only one vehicle a year would be replaced with a sufficient number of operational vehicles provided so that the same three are not operated 24/7. He said three new vehicles would not be purchased but rather used vehicles substituted. Mr. Marquette asked how old the used vehicles are and was told 2004's with approx. 100,000 miles. Mr. Kovach asked how the money previously budgeted for police vehicles would be spent and Mr. Ciecka told him four used vehicles and one new vehicle would be purchased with a total cost of about \$70,000 not \$90,000 as previously approved. Mr. Marquette asked if the new color scheme is black/white and was told yes. Mr. Kovach asked if the used vehicles are purchased as is and was told by Mr. Ciecka yes but only after being inspected by the chief and two other officers, one of who was a certified mechanic. Mrs. Eckel asked how many bids have been received for the Rossway project and was told that as of today no bids had been received but that Mr. Ciecka expected them to come in just prior to opening. Mr. Hermes said that he had heard that the Roland Court project had been funded and was told by Mr. Ciecka that the CDBG grant request had been accepted for a project total of \$97,200 in 2007 with 54% coming from the CDBG grant. Mr. Michaels asked that the project include sidewalks if they do not already exist. Mr. Oberdorf asked why the change in the color scheme for police cars and was told it was the police department's choice. Mr. Kovach inquired if the grant for Roland Court will impact next year's street projects and was told by Mr. Ciecka that the most effective use of funds will be looked at.

\*\*Mr. Ciecka asked council for authority to secure proposals for property and liability insurance. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to allow the administrator to go out for proposals for property and liability insurance. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes asked if this will go through the judiciary committee first and was told by Mr. Ciecka yes. Melissa Galernik reported that the Court of Appeals had ruled in favor of the city on the suit filed by Roger Riehl regarding Thirwal Drive.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you card addressed to the members of the Rossford City discretionary fund was received from the family of Helen Gwozdz in thanks for the floral arrangement sent in her memory.

#### RESOLUTIONS

#2006-09 – A RESOLUTION (A) DESIGNATING FIFTH THIRD BANK AS THE PUBLIC DEPOSITORY OF THE ACTIVE DEPOSITS OF THE PUBLIC MONEYS OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, (B) DESIGNATING FIFTH THIRD BANK, SKY BANK AND GENOA BANK AS PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES OF THE INTERIM DEPOSITS OF THE PUBLIC MONEYS AND (C) MAINTAINING THE INACTIVE DEPOSITS OF THE PUBLIC MONEYSIN “STAR OHIO” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a second reading only.

#### COUNCIL REMARKS

Mrs. Eckel reminded council that there is more FEMA/NIMS compliance training that is required to be completed by the end of August.

Mr. Oberdorf offered his congratulations to the Rossford Fire Department for the successful pancake breakfast and the Stautzenbach family for the organization of the classic car show.

Mr. Hermes said that he and Mr. Richards had attended the library rededication ceremony and extended the city's congratulations. He thanked the Rossford Fire Dept. for their work on the pancake fund-raiser, said the next budget committee meeting will be June 26<sup>th</sup>, and brought to council's attention summer council meetings would tentatively be July 10<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Michaels asked Mr. Ciecka to contact the Parks and Recreation authority of Wood County to rate and classify our parks. This is the result of a complaint about playing baseball in a tot lot.

Mr. Kovach commented regarding the memo received on insurance services and asked if there was a fee for the update. Mr. Ciecka said there is no fee, that every 10 years the community rating is updated and that the service is paid for by the insurance industry. Mr. Kovach also said he had received numerous questions regarding the recent street striping and asked who decided on this. Mr. Ciecka said this was a public works dept. decision. Mr. Kovach said he would like information and data on the history of the Creekbend Farms development and copies of the planning committee minutes that dealt with this subdivision as well as a copy of the final plat map.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to go into executive session for purpose of discussing pending litigation with Perrysburg Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Hermes 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