

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held June 13, 2011

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

ROLL CALL: Duricek, Scott, Hermes, Marquette, Eckel, and Mackinnon all present. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Oberdorf. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of May 23, 2011. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes except for Mr. Scott who abstained. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of June 13, 2011 was presented to council. A report on the CVB trip to Las Vegas and an executive session regarding the public works director were added to the agenda. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PRESENTATION

Mr. Scott reported on the trip he and Mr. Ciecka made to Las Vegas as part of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. He said that the convention covered 3.2 million sq. ft. and is the largest international convention for retailers with over 30,000 people attending this year. Rossford had a tear sheet (copy included), business cards, and logo along with a 30 second video presentation as part of our process. We had seven appointments set up and also handed out about 50 personalized tear sheets to names provided by Buxton which the recipient could scan for a chance to win and I-Pad (council then viewed the video). He suggested that council begin to look at some strategic planning on how to best develop the approximately 600 acres in the Crossroads and also what might fit in some of our vacant downtown buildings. Mr. Ciecka said he sat in on some meetings with different mayors and they emphasized that your town needs a look or brand. It is important how we look to people who come in to town for the first time. Mr. Ciecka said our street lighting project is a movement in that direction. Mr. Scott said he had the opportunity to sit down with the Bass Pro Ohio director and that he will continue to talk to Bass Pro and other area developers. Mayor Verbosky said we need to understand that an added benefit of joining NWWSD was the additional storm water credits they gave us which is of concern to future developers. Mr. Ciecka said the video can be viewed at www.rossfordretail.com. Mr. Scott noted the Rossford Retail shirts he and Mr. Ciecka are wearing are an adaption from the RBA logo which has been adopted by the Rossford Convention and Visitors Bureau. Mr. Marquette said it appears Mr. Scott and Mr. Ciecka did a nice job and he appreciated their efforts.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky said he had delivered to the administrator's office the flag presented to the city on Memorial Day by the American Legion. He thanked the Legion for this donation, for the Memorial Day program, and also thanked the band, city workers, and everyone else who participated. He said he recently met with the new general manager of the Hollywood Casino and the president of Penn National to get an update on the casino and will have future discussions with them. This is moving quicker than planned with possible opening in April 2012. Mr. Ciecka said there had been a question at the last meeting regarding riding lawnmowers on city streets and referred council to Mr. Heban's memo which refers to Ohio law on how vehicles on city streets must comply with various safety rules. He said the quick answer is this is not allowed. Mr. Mackinnon said this is a small town and he could care less if some kid drives a riding mower one block to cut Grandma's grass. Mr. Duricek said this relates to the previous discussions on golf carts on city streets. Mr. Ciecka said the boat dock issue with the ODNR boat had been resolved by switching them to a different dock and that the Wood County Health Inspector had given the marina a clean bill of health. He said that our water loan from OPWR had been transferred to NWWSD, that the tree commission, ODNR, and Barb Montague are working on a tree planting plan which involves soil testing to determine the best tree for that soil. Mr. Hermes asked about the front of city hall and was told by Mr. Ciecka that part of the front lawn had been reseeded due to a number of dead and bare spots.

CORRESPONDENCE

One piece of correspondence regarding a meeting of the Northwood Board of Zoning Appeals was read to council on a sign variance in Northwood for property that is adjacent to Rossford property.

ORDINANCES

#2011-28 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO CONCILIATION AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER BETWEEN FRED GARZA AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD. THIRD READING.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2011-31 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER 1335, IN TOTAL, OF THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 1335, FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION, OF THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE. THIRD READING.

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this is a revision of the FEMA flood code. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2011-33 - AN ORDINANCE UNDER SECTION 727.25, OHIO REVISED CODE, ASSESSING UPON THE LOTS AND LANDS WITHIN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD TO PAY THE EXPENSE OF LIGHTING THE STREETS, ALLEYS, WAYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN SAID CITY AND FURNISHING ELECTRICAL ENERGY THEREFOR, DIRECTING THE CLERK TO CERTIFY SAID ASSESSMENT TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE PLACED UPON THE TAX DUPLICATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this is an annual occurrence. This was given a second reading only.

#2011-34 - AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE EXPENSE APPROPRIATION FOR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2011 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2010-53; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

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

#2011-35 - AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO AND CHANGES TO THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2011 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2010-53. SECOND READING.

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

#2011-36 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012. SECOND READING.

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this is a best guess. This was given a second reading only.

#2011-38 - AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, TO COOPERATE WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE STATE ROUTE 795 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said ODOT will be doing a smooth seal overlay on parts of SR. 795 which lie within the city of Rossford and thus a cooperative agreement is required. Since the portion in the city is so small ODOT has elected to forego any cost sharing by the city thus this will be at no cost and completed at end of this summer. 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.

#2011-39 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE POLICE VEHICLE THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this year's budget provided for the replacement of one police vehicle. The equipment will be transferred from the vehicle being replaced to the new one. A Dodge with 91,000 miles will probably be the one replaced due to numerous maintenance problems. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Scott 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 Scott seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2011 40 – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE DONATED TO THE CITY OF ROSSFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said we have had similar requests from other citizens and before accepting he has asked the police department to check and be sure these weapons have not been used in any crime and Mr. Heban said these have been checked and cleared. 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 adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

None

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Marquette asked for an update on the condition of Mr. Boris. Mr. Ciecka said that HIPPA regulations prevent this and he can only say that he is undergoing treatment at the Cleveland Clinic. Mr. Marquette asked about the sign on Oak St. regarding a zoning change and Mr. Ciecka said he will get back to him on this.

Mrs. Eckel thanked everyone who worked on the Memorial Day parade, said that our city engineer has said that the roadway in the Grassy Creek subdivision should be repaired first, asked about the utility flags on Hannum Ave., and said that we should be able to come to a compromise regarding lawnmowers being driven on city streets. Mr. Ciecka said the utility flags relate to the storm and sanitary sewers being connected and that NWWSD is determining where the pipes are before correcting.

Mr. Mackinnon offered his thoughts and prayers to those battling cancer.

Mr. Duricek said he would like to see a report from NWWSD as to how many man-hours and how much money has been spent in Rossford in the last six months so we can let citizens know what kind of service we are getting. He said that scappers are a controversial issue in many places and he is still working on this but that licensing would allow the city to limit the number of scappers and run police checks or we could bid this out to one scrapper. He said the new C dock is really stable.

Mr. Hermes thanked all the participants from the Memorial Day parade and suggested that next year we look into having a tent to shade the dignitaries during the ceremony at Veterans Park. He said he stopped in the new tarp shop and she said she is overwhelmed with business since moving her business to this location.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Bob Densic, 107 Birch Dr., Rossford thanked Mr. Ciecka and Mr. Mackinnon for resolving the boat dock issue involving the ODNR boat. He also thanked the marina guards for adjusting the dock lines to adjust for water levels and for cleaning up debris. He suggested a review of the city sidewalk code with some design elements added and possibly a sidewalk commission to do a city wide study and make recommendations for sidewalks in the city.

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave., Rossford asked for a follow-up to his question regarding the storage facility sign at the last meeting. Mayor Verbosky said that Mr. Drouard had talked to Mr. Rust and that the sign was meant to be temporary and will be changed to a permanent sign.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a public works director position. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to return to regular session.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council