

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held June 14, 2010

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, Scott, and Duricek all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of May 24, 2010. Mr. Richards 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 14, 2010 was presented to council. A Budget committee report and Resolution #2010-11 were added to the agenda. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of reviewing the fact-finder report regarding the Ohio Patrolman's Benevolent Association. All ayes. Motion carried.*

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

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to amend the agenda by adding Resolution #2010-12 and #2010-13. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Ways & Means committee report from May 24 was presented to council by Mr. Hermes (see written report attached).

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky extended his sincere thanks to all our city departments and department heads that assisted Millbury and Lake Township after the tornado. He said our fire, police, and public works departments did a tremendous job. He informed council that the June Planning Commission meeting was cancelled, thanked the American Legion and VFW for the Memorial Day parade and ceremony and the donation of a flag to the city, and said private funding is being sought for the Labor Day fireworks with the assistance of the RBA. He informed council that a new business – Quick Fit Fitness – had opened in the Crossroads and will have a grand opening on June 28th at 12:00pm.

Mr. Ciecka extended his thanks to all city departments for their assistance to our neighboring communities during the tornado and its aftermath and said he is very proud of them. He then introduced Fire Chief Verbosky and Police Chief Vespi to make a report to council. Chief Verbosky said that the tornado on Saturday, June 5th was a life-changing incident and provided council with a time summary of the fire, police, and public works response (see attached report). He said that Rossford was the first department there and that we were covered by mutual aid through Toledo. He commended his personnel for actions above and beyond expectations. He said despite the destruction of dispatching at Lake Township, dispatch was back on the air within 15 minutes of the event at station #2. Chief Vespi said work began last Tuesday on trying to salvage the electronic equipment for dispatching and working with Verizon and AT & T on lines. Mayor Verbosky thanked both chiefs and said he is thankful for the people who work for the city for stepping up to the plate at this time. Chief Verbosky also thanked Northwood for allowing our dispatch to operate from there until move to the new station.

Mr. Ciecka said FEMA has posted a notice revising our flood plain map and it is available for viewing on the web. He said the Tree Commission is submitting a request to council to revise the fee charged for violations of the code requiring replacing trees to \$250 as the cost is more than the current fine of \$100. Mr. Marquette asked about this and was told by Mr. Ciecka that occasionally people take a tree down that is in the city tree lawn area. Mrs. Eckel asked the reason the request is only for an increase to \$250 and Mr. Ciecka said there is none, it is council's decision. Mr. Oberdorf recommended that Mrs. Eckel meet with members of the Tree Commission and discuss the fee prior to any legislation being prepared. Mr. Ciecka said the electric aggregation letters were going out to residents with the option to opt out. He said he had attended a meeting last week on regional water hosted by TMACOG which included Toledo, Oregon, Ottawa County Commissioners, Rossford and other communities in which any interest in creating a regional water system was discussed. Most everyone was curious but no solid

proposals were made. He said Toledo Mayor Bell was eloquent in describing regional cooperation and that the Oregon Mayor was less open to a regional system. Mayor Verbosky said Mr. Ciecka is still talking to Toledo regarding our water and receiving favorable information including Toledo appearing to be agreeable to our joining NWWs without complications. Mrs. Eckel asked if NWWs was there and was told by Mr. Ciecka they were along with Fulton County, Bowling Green, Perrysburg, and Sylvania. Mr. Richards said the question from Mr. Ciecka was did we have any interest in pursuing this avenue and he hopes the consensus is yes. Mr. Scott echoed Mr. Richards' sentiments and said this is a monumental turn in creating a new era of regional cooperation hopefully. He said we need to move with great haste. Mr. Oberdorf encouraged Mr. Ciecka to continue in attending these meetings and asked if he was aware on any other regional water authorities in Ohio. Mr. Ciecka said there is one in the NE portion of the state. Mr. Ciecka also informed council that the concrete was poured today for the marina ramp extension and it was pretty uneventful as everything took place underwater. We will see the results the next time the water level is very low.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council was reminded of the Wood County Board of County Commissioners special session on Monday, June 28, 2010 at 6:15pm at the City of Rossford offices. A letter was received with a request for a softball tournament to be held on July 10th and 11th at Veterans Park along with a Pig Roast, beer, other food, and music by a DJ from B.O.S.S. Softball who will be responsible for all permits and fees. This is replacing the annual Gil McGee tournament. Mayor Verbosky wants to make sure there is no conflict with any recreation department activity and that proper insurance is obtained. Mr. Hermes said he would not be in favor without knowing who they are and suggested having the police chief do a check. Mr. Richards suggested that we delegate the approval to the recreation director following various criteria such as a background check and proper permits.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to approve delegating the responsibility for approval to the Recreation Director and Mr. Ciecka. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council was informed of a Liquor Government Outreach Seminar to be held on June 22nd and asked if interested to obtain more information from the clerk. A letter from Local 8 was read to council regarding the zoning change requests on the Whitson and Stansley properties. Mayor Verbosky enumerated the letter further and Mr. Oberdorf asked that the clerk provide a copy to all council members. Mr. Marquette asked if the fence has been addressed with the Stansley's yet and was told by Mr. Ciecka no. Mr. Oberdorf said he had walked the Stansley property and he sees a need for a fence from a safety standpoint.

ORDINANCES

#2010-28 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED WHICH CREATED AND GOVERNED THE TOLEDO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY ("TARTA") BY: (1) ADDING LUCAS COUNTY AS A MEMBER OF TARTA; (2) ELIMINATING TARTA'S 2.5 MILL PROPERTY TAXES AND SUBSTITUTING A ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES TAX; (3) REVISING THE MANNER BY WHICH MEMBER COMMUNITIES MAY WITHDRAW FROM OR JOIN TARTA; AND (4) ADOPTING A NEW ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND AGREEMENT FOR TARTA; PROVIDED, THAT ALL SUCH CHANGES ARE CONTINGENT UPON VOTER APPROVAL OF THE NEW TARTA FUNDING SYSTEM AT THE NOVEMBER 2, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky informed council that Sylvania Township had voted against this and if they do not change their mind this is dead. He said all other communities will be voting on by the end of June. He noted that TARTA has agreed to some revision due to the overlap of the sales and property tax collection if passed. Mr. Oberdorf was informed that Perrysburg will discuss this at their Public Utilities meeting on June 16th. This was given a second reading only.

#2010-29 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2011 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this is the annual estimate of revenues prepared for Wood County. Mr. Ciecka said this was reported on by the Budget committee and is set up for multiple readings. This was given a first reading only.

#2010-30 – 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.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka this is an annual request. This was given a first reading only

RESOLUTIONS

#2010-10 - A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE SUBPOENA PROGRAM AND ALLOWING FEES TO BE DEDUCTED FROM THE CITY'S DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT FROM R.I.T.A.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said we elected to use a letter program for collection and this resolution would allow us if no response was received to participate in a program that would subpoena tax records at a cost of only \$8. Mayor Verbosky said the reason we went with R.I.T.A. was to maximize our income and this is another opportunity to do that which he supports. He did say he would like to review the list before subpoenas are sent out. Mr. Duricek asked how far back R.I.T.A. will go in looking for delinquent taxes and was told by Mr. Ciecka July 1, 2009. Mr. Heban said the \$8 cost was very reasonable as the normal cost is about \$100. 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 Mr. Scott seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2010-11 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL SCOTT TO THE ROSSFORD CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette asked who is on the board and was told there are five members, one each from the leisure area i.e. Gold Medal Sports, RBA, hotels, retail, and council. Rex Huffman is putting the group together as a non-profit organization and council only approves its own member. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes except Mr. Scott who abstained. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky and Mr. Hermes both noted for the record that this is a volunteer, unpaid position. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except Mr. Scott who abstained. Motion carried.

#2010-12 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FACT FINDER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND THE OHIO PATROLMAN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, PATROL OFFICER'S; 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 that both Resolution #2010-12 and #2010-13 had come out of executive session. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to amend Section 1 changing the year to 2010 from 2011. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and Steve Vedra, 170 Hannum asked what this was about. Mayor Verbosky said this stems from negotiations on a new police contract with the patrolman and command officers. The fact-finder reviewed and rendered his report today, council reviewed and is voting to accept the report.. The three options are to accept the report, reject the report, or take no action which means acceptance. Council and the unions have 10 days to respond to the report and the union still has to vote on with the same three options. If the parties differ a conciliator will be brought in to resolve. 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

#2010-13 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FACT FINDER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND THE OHIO PATROLMAN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, COMMAND OFFICER'S; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to amend Section 1 changing the year to 2010 from 2011. All ayes.

Motion carried. Mr. Richards 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. 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. Duricek reiterated the comments made by Chief Verbosky regarding the great job done by our departments in assisting our neighbors.

Mr. Scott reiterated Mr. Duricek's comments and said he had been involved in the communication meeting that was part of this where the various communities came together to get the dispatch service back up and running. He extended kudos to our fire, police and public works departments in helping with this immense tragedy.

Mr. Hermes noted that a boater is using the city barge at the marina for personal belongings. Mr. Ciecka said he will look into this but that he had discussed renting this space with Dave Jones before doing. Mr. Hermes asked about mosquito spraying and was told by Mr. Ciecka that due to budget spraying will be limited. The city will spray when aware of events coming up on a need basis. Mr. Hermes asked about getting mosquito bait from the county and Mr. Ciecka will check on.

Mrs. Eckel asked about the One Call Now for the tornado and was told by both the Mayor and Mr. Ciecka that calls went out but some areas did not receive and this is being investigated. Mr. Ciecka said that you can go to the city web page and add additional numbers i.e. cell phone for the call. Mr. Scott noted that Rossford was the only community in Wood County to send out an alert and that the lack of a call could be attributed to using a map versus a roster system. Mrs. Eckel also thanked all the departments that went to help with the tornado. She said she will get her notes to Mr. Ciecka on a storm water conference she attended.

Mr. Oberdorf said he was not surprised by the response of our departments as he has always held them in the highest regard. He said we should be very grateful as it could have happened here. Mayor Verbosky noted that in the first couple of days after the tornado All Saints Church in Rossford was used as a Red Cross drop off point.

Mr. Richards wished to echo everyone comments and expressed his pride in Rossford's response to our neighbor's in need. He said he had found out that when the siren sounded the marina guard had called the police and asked what he should do. He was told to seek shelter in the police station but instead elected to stay in his car at the marina. Mr. Richards has contacted Chief Vespi to formulate a policy regarding taking shelter. He asked about the status of the trailer at the marina and was told it had been removed this morning.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum elaborated on the boater who is docked next to the barge. He feels it is a liability issue for the city.

Steve Vedra, 170 Hannum, asked council to please use the microphones and people in the back cannot hear them. He registered a complaint about people blowing grass clippings and leaves into the street and said the city needs to enforce the laws on the books.

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