

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held June 25, 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, and Kovach all present. Mr. Richards moved to excuse and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Hermes who is on vacation. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Michaels is expected momentarily.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of June 11, 2007. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the minutes. At this time Mr. Michaels entered the meeting. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of June 25, 2007 was presented to council. An executive session to discuss current negotiations was added. . Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky read council a letter he had received from the NW Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association thanking the city for hosting the 133rd Convention this past weekend. The mayor also thanked Northwood, the Wood County Sheriff and Sheriff's association, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, and everyone else involved in what was a proud day for the Rossford community. In light of the success of the convention he said the RBA plans to discuss putting on some type of event such as a Party in the Park. The mayor said that the Planning Commission had met on June 20th and given final authorization to the Bass Pro project, that the BZA needs to grant a variance on the sign permit, and that completion of the project is expected in June 2008. He reminded council of their authority to hold only one council meeting in July and August. Mr. Ciecka said work has begun on the 2008 budget and that the 2008 revenue estimate is being prepared for submission to the Wood County Auditor. He said that Bass Pro had taken out zoning permits today; their water/sewer plans had been submitted to Toledo for review and approval prior to submitting to the EPA, and that storm water site improvements are expected to begin in days. He told council that Simmons Rd. had been closed to thru traffic and was open to local traffic only, and that the economic development committee will meet to review the site plans. He will be going out for bids for liability insurance for council to review in August. Mayor Verbosky thanked Mr. Ciecka for his due diligence in coordinating the Bass Pro project.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

#2007-06 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO THROUGH ITS OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this agreement needs to be renewed every two years and is part of the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP). It involves how the funds will be administered and reported. Mr. Richards

said he believes this is the 3rd or 4th time this has been renewed. 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.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Richards said he agrees with everything said about the success of the fire convention. He also scheduled an economic development meeting for July 9th at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular council meeting.

*Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the July Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

*Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second July regular council meeting (July 23). All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Oberdorf agreed with the mayor's comments regarding the fire convention and said it was well organized. He congratulated the fire chief and department, the police and public works departments, and Sheriff Wasylyshyn and his department for doing a tremendous job. He advised council that there is a public meeting on July 18th with TMACOG to discuss public transit.

Mrs. Eckel echoed the previous comments regarding the fire convention and said it was a positive event for the community. She will schedule a public safety committee meeting in the near future, asked Mr. Ciecka to remind the police about people parking over sidewalks and curbs, and asked if any progress had been made on the tennis courts. Mr. Ciecka said he had no update at this time but would email council.

Mr. Marquette said he was proud of all the department heads and their staffs for their efforts during the fire convention and said Rossford came off very well.

Mr. Michaels said it was a good event and the fire, police, and public works departments did an outstanding job. He thinks the RBA should look at hosting some type of event like this.

Mr. Kovach agreed with everyone's comments regarding the convention and thanked Chief Verbosky and his staff for the invitation to the kickoff dinner.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

John Folcik, 215 Hannum Ave., Rossford said he believes that the tennis courts at Veteran's Park were completed last week, and asked about the used police vehicles stored at the landfill. He was told they will be auctioned at a later time.

Tom Embers, Jennings Rd., Rossford complimented the police staff for solving a burglary, and the marina guards for doing a good job. He said a boat launch sign needs to be posted at Hannum so that people do not come down Jennings thinking they can launch their boats.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. Mr. Michaels left council chambers and did not vote on this motion or the following motion. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to amend the agenda to add pending litigation to the items to be discussed in executive session. All ayes. Motion carried. Vote on the motion to go into executive session was 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