

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held June 27, 2005

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

ROLL CALL: Kovach, Jakubec, Hermes, Marquette, Eckel, Oberdorf and Richards all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of June 13, 2005. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes of June 21, 2005. Mrs. Jakubec moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of June 27, 2005 was presented to council. Committee reports to be given from Budget, Public Safety, and Recreation. Resolution #2005-05 to be added. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Hermes presented the budget committee minutes of June 14, 2005. The committee reviewed the May financial statements, discussed the appropriations ordinance #2005-23 and the suggested amendment to reduce the dollar amount, reviewed the 2006 estimate of revenue, and discussed data collected by the Tax Department regarding 2004 tax returns.

Mrs. Eckel presented the public safety committee minutes of June 13, 2005. The committee discussed the need for a police levy, possible millage amounts, and asked Chief Foy to prepare a presentation for council giving the reasons a levy is needed. The committee also discussed the civil service eligibility list, the city clean up done by Chief Foy, Officers Goss and Hamilton, and school volunteers, explored ideas and ways to improve police operations, reduce spending, and increase revenue, received a list of concerns from the RPPA, and congratulated Officers Linkous and Marek for their efforts in obtaining new weapons at a significant cost savings to the city. Mr. Kovach asked when council can expect the details on a possible police levy and Mrs. Eckel responded that this should be presented to council in July. Mr. Richards asked if the city was down two sergeants and was told by the Mayor that one is on medical leave. Mr. Marquette asked if there is a formula for determining the proper number of police officers and whether the levy would be five year or permanent levy. He was told by Chief Foy that the formula is about 2.5 officers per 1000 population, and by Mrs. Eckel that the chief has been asked to look at both the five year and permanent options. Mrs. Jakubec asked what the time frame for a levy is and whether other options were discussed. Mr. Ciecka told her that August 25<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for getting a levy on the ballot and Mrs. Eckel told her that no other options were discussed. Mr. Hermes stated that a possible capital improvement levy for police, roads, and other needs had been discussed.

Mrs. Jakubec presented the Recreation committee minutes of June 16, 2005. The committee was told that tennis benches purchased with a grant had been installed, discussed a Wood County Parks grant for possible assistance on a light pole and security camera at Beech Street Park, thanked the Public Works department for installing the new batting cage net at Beech Street Park, and asked Mrs. Sloan to meet with Chief Foy regarding a Block Watch program in the Beech Street area to reduce park vandalism. The committee also thoroughly discussed a coach's conduct policy and decided there would be a no tolerance policy regarding coach's sportsmanship. The committee will contact parties that are interested in a Joint Recreation District and received a list of sponsors for the Hometown Celebration 2005. Mayor Verbosky thanked Pat Sloan for going out and getting sponsors to cover the cost of this event after this was cut from her budget.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to accept the committee reports as given. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka said that Rose Watson will be retiring on July 29<sup>th</sup> and that an event will be planned to recognize her 30 years of service to the city. He said that the estimate of revenue had been discussed at the committee of the whole meeting and asked for a motion to submit to the Wood County Budget Commission. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to forward the 2006 Estimate of Revenue to the Wood County Budget Commission. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka mentioned the application for a Solid Waste District grant and said he will speak to that subject when get to Resolution #2005-05.

Mayor Verbosky summarized a letter received from Mrs. Shelt sent to him and council. He encouraged council to act quickly on any possible change to the tax credit. He also said that both he and Mr. Ciecka, either together or individually, have met with every major employer in the city over the past year and that they are in constant contact with the Wood County Economic Development Committee. He congratulated the fire department for obtaining a \$5000 EMS grant. The mayor said he had received a letter of resignation from City Law Director Keith Wilkowski effective June 20, 2005. He said he had worked with Mr. Wilkowski as mayor and as a councilman and thanked him for his efforts. He asked council for a motion to appoint Kevin Heban as acting law director. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Wilkowski as City Law Director. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to appoint Kevin Heban as acting City Law Director. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Kovach asked if the mayor planned on advertising for the position and was told by Mayor Verbosky that there will be further discussion on the topic. Mr. Richards asked if the mayor had a timeline for this yet and was told no. Mr. Marquette asked if Mr. Wilkowski was unsuccessful in his race for Toledo mayor could he possibly return to this position. Mayor Verbosky said he had offered him a leave of absence before he resigned and Mr. Wilkowski chose not to accept. Mr. Hermes asked if the Mayor would wait for November to select someone and was told no.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Rossford American Legion requesting permission to hold two events at Rossford Veterans Memorial Park was read. One event which will be held July 16-17 is the McGee softball tournament and the other to be held August 11-14 is the annual legion festival. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the request. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

#2005-23 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2005 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mrs. Jakubec moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved to amend Section 1 reducing the TIF appropriation from \$59,000 to \$19,000 with the agreement of the administration. Mr. Marquette asked why the reduction of \$40,000 and was told by Mr. Ciecka that some improvements using TIF money for road maintenance on the Parkway is not being done. Mr. Hermes said the amount still included the autoscope and improvements to signal lights and that the additional \$40,000 wasn't for critical repairs and that the ordinance also allows the fire chief to pay for needed items as discussed in the fire levy campaign. Mrs. Eckel asked why the additional amount for repairs is being

delayed and was told by Mr. Ciecka that the budget committee wanted to review further. Mr. Richards then seconded the motion to amend. Vote on the motion was all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were asked for and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

##### **#2005-04 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MUTUAL AID POLICE PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH THE WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF AND VARIOUS WOOD COUNTY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.**

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this is the annual mutual aid contract and Mr. Ciecka said the sheriff has requested extending the contract to 2009 which is the length of his term. Mr. Richards asked if the city has formal agreements like this with Toledo and Lucas County and if not shouldn't we? Mr. Ciecka doesn't believe we do and will have Chief Foy check on. Mr. Ciecka said this intent was to give this a first reading and have the public safety committee review. Mr. Richards said he can't imagine why the city would want to retract this agreement. Mr. Oberdorf asked if there was any advantage to extending to 2009 and was told by Mr. Ciecka the only advantage was did not have to approve every year. Mr. Kovach said it is probably to the city's advantage to extend the term and asked if this gives us mutual aid with neighboring communities. Mr. Heban said it includes everyone. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Kovach seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were asked for and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

##### **#2005-05 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WOOD COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT FOR A CAPITAL AND BUY RECYCLE GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the application asks for an approving resolution from council and that he intends to apply for a capital grant for operating a drop-off program for tree limbs and brush and also apply for a grant for funding benches for the tennis courts or parks. Mayor Verbosky noted this is an effort by Mr. Ciecka to find money for brush collection. Mr. Richards thanked Mr. Ciecka for working on this. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were asked for and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Richards complimented the Rossford Record reporter saying the story explaining the deficit in last weeks paper was clearer than the presentation made by the city. He asked Mr. Ciecka the status of the sexually oriented business legislation that he thought would have been presented by now. Mr. Ciecka said

this is part of the updated to the zoning code which he hopes to present to the planning commission in July. Hard copies of this update are available and it also can be seen online.

Mr. Oberdorf thanked Mrs. Shelt for her budget suggestions contained in her letter. He also presented some statistics regarding the number of boat launches this year versus last year and the increase in fees due to the launch fee increase.

Mrs. Eckel commented that while the launch revenue may be up the number of actual launches is down 20%.

Mr. Marquette also thanked Mrs. Shelt for her letter and encouraged the budget committee to continue looking at the tax credit issue. He also looked at the turn lane at Crossroads and SR. 795 and said the marking is a problem as Officer Goss indicated at the last meeting.

Mrs. Jakubec questioned whether eliminating or reducing the tax credit is a true option.

Mr. Kovach said that historically council has had one meeting in July and August and wondered if still want to follow that schedule.

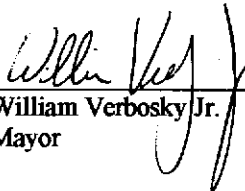
Mr. Richards said that council will need to discuss possible levies and schedule the state auditor presentation. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to have the July council meeting on July 11 and a Committee of the Whole meeting on July 25 and dispense with the second meeting in July: All ayes. Motion carried.

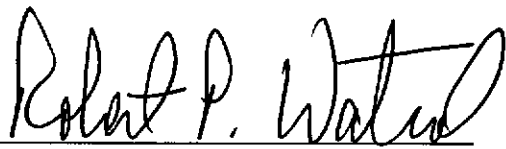
Mr. Kovach said he will try to schedule the state auditor presentation for July 11. He said he has notices that the old 7/11 has become a sale lot for used cars. Mr. Ciecka said that Mr. Drouard is to notify people not to use the lot. He asked if any progress has been made on the Santus Drive cat problem and was told by Mr. Ciecka that a police report has been made and charges will be filed and that a potential person for clearing up the stray cats has been contacted. Mr. Kovach also scheduled a Judiciary committee meeting on July 11 at 5:15 p.m.

#### AUDIENCE REMARKS

Gary Weiland, 460 Eagle Point Rd., Rossford said that he has been ticketed in the past for a stray cat problem that wasn't his. He went to court and had the charges dropped but asked what is the process for dealing with stray cats. Mr. Ciecka said the city is looking for someone to handle trapping and control of stray cats.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel 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