

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held July 9, 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, Hermes, Michaels, and Kovach all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of June 25, 2007. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of July 9, 2007 was presented to council. A report from the Budget committee, one piece of correspondence, and Ordinance #2007-27 were 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 report of July 9, 2007. The committee unanimously recommended the approval of Resolution #2007-07. The committee was informed that the city will be dropped from the pooled agency for workers comp due to a high claims history. A higher cost over the next two years should be expected i.e. \$20,000 budgeted for 2007 will actually be \$50,000, 2008 will be \$90,000, and 2009 will be \$140,000. They also discussed the TIF fund which is growing and the sewer situation at SR795 and Oregon Rd.

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

Mr. Ciecka said he continues to work on the Bass Pro project and said the tentative date for the official groundbreaking is August 22nd. He also said the site work has already begun on the storm water retention system. He informed council that secretary Pat Ogdahl's son was returning from Iraq today. Mayor Verbosky said the revenue estimate being provided to Wood County in Resolution #2007-07 is very conservative and that finance director Karen Freeman is here to answer any questions.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Rossford American Legion Post 533 requesting permission to host two events at Veteran's Memorial Park was read to council. The events are the Memorial Gilbert McGee softball tournament and the VJ Day Festival. Proper permits and insurance have been obtained.

*Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to grant permission to the Legion for use of the park. All ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

#2007-24 – 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. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka explained that this is the annual assessment for street lighting and that a special assessment fund of \$180,000 has been created for paying these bills. Mr. Richards asked if there is a time constraint for this ordinance and Mr. Ciecka said just needs to be approved by the second Monday in September. 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. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2007-25 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES AND MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE REVENUE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2007 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2006-55; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Finance Director Freeman explained that the city had received a grant from Wood County for the tot's playground area at Veterans Park and this amount needed to be added to the budget. Mr. Hermes said the net change to the budget is zero as the revenue and expense equal. Mr. Hermes 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. 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. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2007-26 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 141.15 ENTITLED LONGEVITY PAY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Kovach seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is a section of the code that is obsolete and not used any longer, as collective bargaining agreements have superseded it over the years. Mr. Richards agrees that this is just housekeeping legislation. Mr. Michaels asked the last time any money had been paid under this section and Mr. Ciecka said he could not determine exactly but it had been quite some time. 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 adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2007-27 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR EMULSIFIED ASPHALT SEALCOAT FOR HANNUM AVENUE FROM EAGLE POINT ROAD TO RIVERVIEW AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said bids were opened Friday with only one bid received for \$14,940 witch was within 10% of the estimate. Mr. Richards asked when this work would start and was told August. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. 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.

RESOLUTIONS

#2007-07 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2008 ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR SUBMISSION TO THE WOOD COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said a modest increase of \$200,000 in revenue had been submitted for 2008. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with 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. Marquette asked if the judiciary committee needs to meet to discuss a potential charter amendment regarding the treasurer's position and was told by Mr. Ciecka yes. Mr. Heban will check on the deadline for submitting a charter amendment to the Board of Elections and Mr. Marquette will call him regarding that date. He asked Mr. Ciecka what monies the fire department realized from the convention and was told this is a function of the fireman's association and that no final figure has been provided yet. He also asked if the grant for the downtown revitalization is moving forward and was told that work is expected shortly whether Rossford made the cut.

Mrs. Eckel suggested that the public works committee meet to discuss the situation regarding drainage on the tree streets that first occurred about a year ago. Mr. Kovach said he will check with Mr. Jones for a time to meet.

Mr. Oberdorf asked council about the need to hold a committee of the whole meeting in August and whether a second meeting in August was necessary. He informed council that they have been invited to a meeting of TMACOG and the mayors of Maumee, Perrysburg, Oregon, and Sylvania on July 18th. He also said that the Wood County Economic Development Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 11th, at the Rossford Recreation Center.

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

*Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second August regular council meeting (August 27). All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Michaels gave an update on the marina and said the repairs to the electrical system are proceeding, and that the tree trimming and other repairs are on schedule.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Justin Rysz, 239 Jennings Rd., Rossford said for the last 8 years skateboarders have had a problem in finding a place that allows them to skateboard. He said in that time the number of skateboarders has increased 2 to 50 but at the same time there has been a decline in the number of areas where people can skateboard and cited the former Beech St. skateboard ramp as an example. He said they need a concrete slab where skateboarders could construct their own ramp. Mayor Verbosky said he does not have an answer to their problem and suggested they get with Pat Sloan to talk about this. He said the Beech St. ramp was dismantled for safety reasons and said it is a recreation item that needs to be looked at. Mrs. Eckel suggested that he and his group attend the next meeting of the Recreation board to offer suggestions.

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