

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held July 10, 2006

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of June 26, 2006. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of July 10, 2006 was presented to council. A Budget committee report, Ordinances #2006-30 and #2006-31, and the swearing-in of Craig Revill as Police sergeant were added. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

SWEARING-IN

Mayor Verbosky administered the oath of office to police officer Craig Revill promoting him to sergeant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget

Mr. Hermes presented the committee report of June 26, 2006. Items discussed were the 2007 estimate of revenues, franchise fee for Buckeye Telesystem Inc., RAK letter on tool replacement, banking ordinance, and tennis court repair bid. Committee also discussed reporting of lottery winnings, reviewed investment policies of other jurisdictions, and requested Mr. Ciecka contact ODOT regarding unanticipated bill. Mr. Ciecka is also to investigate deadline for placing unpaid waste fees on tax duplicate. Mr. Richards said he had thought the question regarding publishing the names of those who haven't paid fee had been settled and Mr. Hermes said trying to get paid prior to doing this. Mrs. Eckel asked how many companies resurface tennis courts, said she doesn't think will get more bids, and wondered how long we will wait before getting this done. Mr. Ciecka said he knows of two companies that do this work. Mr. Hermes said this expense was not budgeted for this year but would be budgeted for next year. Mr. Marquette said the cost of this was budgeted by Mrs. Sloan and that council needs to let her manage her budget and department. Mr. Richards said he had spoken to Mrs. Sloan and she had said she will stand on her record on not exceeding funds allocated to her. Mr. Hermes said the original ordinance was an additional appropriation not part of the original budgeted amount for recreation. Mayor Verbosky said that Mrs. Sloan has used her best judgment in obtaining bids but that council controls the finances necessary. Mrs. Eckel asked what the final bid amount was. Mr. Ciecka said approximately \$24,000 with the school paying about half of that cost with the recreation share coming from recreation levy funds not appropriated. Mr. Marquette said Mrs. Sloan has went back to the firm regarding the difference in bid from original quote and hopes they will honor original price and said he doesn't know if school still going to pay a share. Mr. Oberdorf stated that the original ordinance had been passed the school would have paid half but now this may not be the case and perhaps the city would have been better off to accept this original quote.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka said that the police department had been able to obtain six laptops and a used vehicle. Mr. Oberdorf said that he his extremely happy that the fire chief now has a adequate vehicle and that he is pleased with the initiative shown by the new police chief as well as the fire chief in performing their duties and increasing the efficiency of their respective departments. Mr. Hermes asked if the fire chief vehicle is ever used for personal use and how is this accounted for IRS purposes. Mr. Ciecka said it is not but that

police and fire vehicles are exempt from IRS reporting. Mr. Richards said that both chiefs are never really off-duty and that if they use vehicle to make a side trip after doing what they do he does not think this is a concern. Mr. Oberdorf said perhaps this problem existed prior to the swearing-in of the new police chief but he is confident that misuse of official vehicles is not condoned. Mr. Kovach agreed with Mr. Oberdorf's assessment of the efforts of the new police chief. Mr. Hermes said he was not suggesting any misuse of official vehicles.

Mayor Verbosky said he is glad to hear councils reaction to the police chiefs initiatives as shown on the agenda. He also reminded council of the 2005 annual report, a letter regarding the delay in completion of the performance audit, and said that Bass Pro and the previously proposed Lime City Rd. subdivision are not on the July planning commission agenda. He informed council that the July meeting of the downtown revitalization committee will be on 11th at the library, said information on the Creekbend subdivision had been given to council and said the public works committee should review it, and thanked the Toledo Free Press for their article regarding the Crossroads and the Sentinel for their article on the indoor sports complex.

CORRESPONDENCE

A request from the Rossford American Legion for permission to hold two events at Veterans Memorial Park in July and August was read to council. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to grant the request. All ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

#2006-27 – AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$28,906 FOR PAYMENT TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUCK ROAD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

#2006-28 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING PLAT 4 OF THE IRONWOOD SUBDIVISION; 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 this had been reviewed by the planning commission and recommended to city council for final plat approval. This is for 14 new lots and requires suspension of the 2nd and 3rd readings due to pending lot sales. Council reviewed the plat map after which Mr. Michaels stated that the 70 foot wide green space is marginal for recreational area. Mr. Marquette said that the usage of existing green space should be reviewed. Mr. Richards said that green space was not intended for soccer fields but was intended for younger children to prevent them from having to cross busy streets. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette 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.

#2006-29 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards asked how this property will be disposed of and was told by Mr. Ciecka that the public auction at TAA on Route 20 is being considered. Mr. Hermes asked Mr. Ciecka to research the possibility of an employee or private citizen placing a reserve bid. Mr. Ciecka said the fire helmets cannot be used by any other department and will be donated to the Explorers. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel 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 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.

#2006-30 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AN ADDENDUM TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMENS BENOVELENT ASSOCIATION (OPBA) PATROL OFFICERS UNIT 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 the Chief Vespi and the patrol units have been looking at alternate scheduling and this ordinance is the result of these discussions. This will change the shift pattern to 12 hour shifts. Mr. Richards said that previously a 12 hour shift pattern had been said to lead to inefficiencies and safety concerns. Chief Vespi described how the shift pattern will work, said it will reduce overtime, and that officers will work 14 days a month. Mr. Hermes asked how the success of the change will be evaluated, what the objective goal is, and what risks are in this. Chief Vespi said a reduction in overtime costs is the goal and the reduction in those costs will be used to evaluate the success of the change, and that he sees no risks. Mr. Heban answered Mr. Hermes question regarding vacation pay by explaining the difference between patrolmen and patrol officers and that the risk is being paid for 10 days vacation at 120 hours not the current 80 hours. Mr. Marquette asked how the police feel about this and was told that are for it and ready to implement. Mr. Marquette asked what the criteria is for evaluating the success of this plan after 90 days and was told by the chief it will be manpower, staffing, and cost. Mr. Heban said the addendum should show the date as October 15, 2006. Mr. Michaels asked if part-time help had been discussed and was told not yet. Mr. Michaels commended those responsible for putting this together. Mr. Kovach asked if a squad consists of three people and was told yes and asked for a copy of the schedule. 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. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2006-31 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AN ADDENDUM TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMENS BENOVELENT ASSOCIATION (OPBA) COMMAND OFFICERS UNIT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this was the same agreement as discussed in #2006-30 but with the command officers. Mr. Hermes requested that the police chief provide council a report at the end of the trial period showing the trend on overtime and other subjective data.. 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. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2006-10 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION (D.A.R.E.) PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka provided council with copies of memo from Chief Vespi and a letter sent to the school superintendent regarding the program. Chief Vespi said Officer Jodi Johnson has been interviewed by Mrs. Gernot and the school principals for the new DARE position. Mr. Oberdorf said he likes the revised program and questioned how the costs will be paid. Mr. Ciecka said the school has been asked to match the attorney general and cities share meaning each would pay 1/3 of the cost and without the schools commitment the program would have to be reevaluated. Mr. Richards said lengthy discussions took place about the DARE program a year ago but that the fact this program will be closely scrutinized and managed by the chief leads him to support it. Mr. Marquette asked if the officer will be in the school all day and how this fits into the new shift schedule. Chief Vespi said the officer will not be in the school all day and the fact the Officer Johnson will not be certified until October means this is not part of the trial period. The officer teaches a nine week curriculum to fifth graders and is not in the schools 40 hours a week.

Mr. Oberdorf is supportive of the shorter time period as part of the school curriculum. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and comments were received from Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum, Rossford who said he was unclear how this will effect scheduling and this years budget and said it is not proven DARE works. Mr. Ciecka said this is an additional responsibility for the officer who will already be on duty. Mayor Verbosky said while difficult to prove the success of DARE he believes having an officer in the school is a positive. Mrs. Eckel said the school cancelled their commitment to the DARE program and the cities inability to fund the whole program is what caused the end of it. Mr. Kovach said that a year ago three officers were off the road and that the new chief has put people back on the road making the department more effective and reducing overtime. Mr. Michaels asked if there was anyway to quantify the success of the DARE program. Mayor Verbosky said it is a challenge to do so. 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.

#2006-11 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD J. CIECKA TO THE ROSSFORD, OHIO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2006-12 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT WATROL TO THE ROSSFORD, OHIO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2006-13 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD F. PAVUK TO THE ROSSFORD, OHIO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes asked why Mr. Pavuk was being reappointed since he now resided in Perrysburg Township. Mayor Verbosky said he had recently moved and based on his initial membership in the RTID and his work on that body he still supported his reappointment. Mr. Ciecka said Mr. Pavuk has served as Chairman of the RTID for the past four years and was very instrumental in working with our state legislators in obtaining a \$500,000 grant for the RTID. Mr. Watrol pointed out that as a township resident Mr. Pavuk still fits in the overall criteria for membership in the RTID. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Richards asked if there had been any problems with fire hydrants after testing. Mr. Ciecka said he has not received the report yet. Mr. Richards said he was also delighted with the police chief obtaining six laptops through a grant and again expressed his delight with the job being done by both our police and fire chiefs.

Mr. Oberdorf asked if there was a need for an August Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the August Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eckel congratulated the police chief for his hard work and said she was glad to see the fire chief had obtained an updated vehicle. She also thanked the public works department and Waste Mgmt. for their efforts in cleaning up the flood damage.

Mr. Hermes said he has seen improvements in the dirt berm behind Arbor Hills, asked the mayor to champion national gas pipeline safety as referenced in Cities & Villages, reminded council to turn in the payroll direct deposit slips, asked when the new police vehicles will be in service, and said the city needs to be ready to follow up on delinquent waste fees. Mr. Ciecka said the police cars will be in service as soon as the new light bars are received.

Mr. Kovach requested that an outside legal opinion be obtained regarding the plat filing for the Creekbend subdivision. He also said he has received several calls regarding a fence at 210 Colony Rd. appearing to be higher than six feet. Mr. Ciecka said this is being investigated by our zoning inspector.

Mayor Verbosky reminded everyone that North Coast Motorcycles is holding Thunder at the Crossroads on July 21 and 22.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Sergeant Todd Kitzler, 1211 Dixie Highway, Rossford, thanked the administration and council for the opportunity to serve a police mission in Iraq.

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