

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held July 12, 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 June 28, 2010. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of July 12, 2010 was presented to council. An executive session for the purpose of discussing fire department negotiations was added to the agenda. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky said the issue of the casino is back in the forefront with the Toledo Planning Commissions unanimous approval of the plan as put forth by Penn National. He was unable to attend the meeting but said that Mr. Ciecka and he met with Eric Schippers of Penn National prior to that meeting and intend to have further discussions with them. The casino was also discussed at the town meeting with the Wood County Commissioners held in Rossford on June 28th and the city looks to have further discussions with them also regarding the county and gaming. He received a letter from Lake Township Police Chief Hummer thanking the city for their assistance after the tornado disaster.

Mr. Ciecka said he plans to attend the regional water meeting to be held July 14th at 1:30 being hosted by TMACOG. Mr. Ciecka said that based on the formula for tax collection by RITA the expectation is that the cost of collection will come in at 1.69% not the estimated 3%. He said the concept is working well and they are now working on collecting back taxes.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2010-31 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO AND CHANGES TO THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2010 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2009-45. SECOND READING.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2010-34 – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE DONATED TO THE CITY OF ROSSFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said the individual is willing to donate these items to the police department. He said Chief Vespi and other officers looked at these items and that they can be used or traded in for something else. Mr. Hermes asked if they are traded in will an ordinance be needed to dispose of and was told yes by Mr. Heban. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Scott 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 adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2010-35 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THREE (3) AGENCY FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES OF COMPLETE AND CONSISTENT FINANCIAL REPORTING.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is part of the effort of working toward greater consistency and transparency in our financial reporting. The

auditor suggested the agency funds be created for money that is not city money and is accumulated for projects i.e. Fallen Hero fund. These are monies that are not general fund money but money given for a specific purpose such as contract guarantees, flexible spending accounts of employees, and Section 125 cafeteria plans. Mr. Hermes asked if there were any other funds possible such as a Ramco/Gershenson fund and Mr. Ciecka said he would look at. This was given a first reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

#2010-14 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF “CAPITAL ASSETS” FOR THE PURPOSES OF FINANCIAL REPORTING. SECOND READING.

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

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Scott said an economic development committee meeting will be scheduled shortly.

Mr. Hermes noted the improved financial statement provided to council which now includes an analysis review page and will add a graph showing trends. He thanked Mrs. Freeman and Mr. Ciecka for their work on this.

Mrs. Eckel is scheduling a public works committee meeting to discuss storm water and paving issues. She said she was witness to an incident in which our police officers used the Taser and said they handled it very well and she was impressed with the officer’s professionalism.

Mr. Oberdorf asked for a motion to suspend with the second regular council meeting in July as authorized by charter.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to dispense with the July 26th council meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards asked Mr. Oberdorf about suspending the August Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Ciecka suggested that could be a time to discuss the water issue responses for NWS. Mrs. Eckel we should see the response first and then schedule. Mr. Hermes suggested we do this in September.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the August committee of the whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Louis Bauer Jr., 271 Margaret Place, Perrysburg, said last September an article in The Blade referenced Penn Nationals intent to work with the city of Rossford and guard the gateway to Rossford and keep it dignified. He asked Mayor Verbosky if in light of the plan filed by Penn with no consultation with Rossford if he still believes Penn intends to be fair and equitable with Rossford. Mayor Verbosky responded that he believes Penn will uphold their commitment to Rossford to help do what is best for Rossford. The mayor said the site is where it is as voted on by the people of Ohio, that he has met and will continue to meet with Penn, the city of Toledo, and Wood County on this issue. He said that whatever we do with Penn and whatever we collect from Penn won’t happen until the casino opens. Mr. Bauer asked if there has been any discussion with Toledo regarding tax-sharing and any discussion on the 14 inch line. Mayor Verbosky said no concrete discussion with Toledo as taken place as yet and he does not have an answer on the line as of today. Mr. Bauer thinks the city should be appealing to the governor and state regarding the unfairness of the revenue sharing. Mr. Bauer said Penn promised they would be bringing the plan to Rossford for open meetings and they haven’t done anything they said they were going to do yet.

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave. asked about the status of fencing on the Stansley property and was told by Mr. Ciecka that they have been notified of the need to install.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of
Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes 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