

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held July 13, 2009

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Mr. Oberdorf's mother –in-law who passed away this weekend.

ROLL CALL: Eckel, Marquette, Hermes, and Duricek all present. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Oberdorf, Richards, and Michaels. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf was attending a funeral, Mr. Richards a family wedding, and Mr. Michaels a family medical matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of June 22, 2009. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes of June 22, 2009. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the committee of the whole minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of July 13, 2009 was presented to council. Economic Development committee report and an executive session to discuss personnel issues were added to the agenda. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Duricek presented the economic development committee minutes of July 2, 2009 (see written minutes attached).

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky said that only four councilmen are in attendance which means except for ordinances on the third reading council cannot take action since five votes are needed to suspend with second and/or third readings. He said that Mr. Oberdorf had requested that resolution #2009-14 be tabled as both he and Mr. Richards which to discuss this further. Mayor Verbosky said that in response to a resident complaint at the last meeting two new signs had been installed at the corner of Maple/Beech St., that the Design Review committee has now obtained the desired number of volunteers and Mr. Michaels will be getting with Mr. Ciecka to contact those people and scheduling an initial meeting, and that good cooperation has been received from the downtown business owners in removing old signs. He also said all fire hydrants in Rossford are being checked for adequate water pressure.

Mrs. Freeman in the absence of Mr. Ciecka said the 2008 audit had been completed and was submitted to and approved by the state auditor. The auditor suggested that the city should develop a detailed disaster plan in the event the city administration building was destroyed and review how the city values capital assets. She said that as of July 1 R.I.T.A. had become responsible for tax collection and that the changeover has went smoothly so far.

CORRESPONDENCE

Two pieces of correspondence were received. One from the American Legion requesting the use of Veterans Park for two events and the second was a copy of the petition for annexation filed by the Rossford Schools which pertains to resolutions #2209-17, 18, and 19.

***Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to allow the American Legion the use of Veterans Park. All ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

#2009 – 18 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CROSSROADS AREA AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 2008-60. THIRD READING.

Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes said this is money collected from the taxpayers in the affected area through the TIF. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2009- 20 - AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO AND CHANGES TO THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2008-60; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes said this represents changes to the budget numbers that we are trying to do 2-3 times a year. This is the first quarter adjustment. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2009 – 21 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AGREEMENTS WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO MAINTAIN TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON STATE ROUTES/US HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes said at the last meeting he had asked Mr. Ciecka for more data to justify this new expense and since Mr. Ciecka was not here he would move to table this. Mr. Marquette said that since Mr. Jones was here he would like to ask him what kind of problems occur with these signals. Mr. Jones said that YTD we have paid \$6000 in repairs to a private contractor on problems that the city could not handle. The private contractor cost is \$300 an hour for a bucket truck and two men. He said that the state is able to diagnose problems using telemetry whereas he has to go out to the box to find the problem. He said that handling problems at these intersections are more difficult because of three lanes of traffic at 55mph compared to 25mph in town. Mrs. Eckel was concerned about the safety issue and asked Mr. Jones how the city handles it now. Mr. Jones said he uses the existing bucket truck and police if available but does not have the manpower to set up 2 miles of cones. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to table this ordinance. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2009-23- AN ORDINANCE ENACTING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 1133.03. SECOND READING.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Mayor Verbosky said this and the next ordinance are actually companion pieces concerning parking ordinances in particular parking on the front lawn. This was discussed long before the publicity occurred in Toledo. Mr. Hermes said he was asked how this would affect parking for the All Saints festival and was told this pertains to residential only. This was given a second reading only.

#2009-24- AN ORDINANCE ENACTING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 351.03(a) (19). SECOND READING.

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

#2009-25 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR REPLACEMENT OF ROOFS AT THE ROSSFORD SENIOR/RECREATION CENTER AND POLICE STATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel said there is a big difference in bid amounts and wanted to be sure the materials were as specified. Mrs. Freeman said the low bidder had brought a sample of the material to the city and it did meet specifications. Mayor Verbosky suggested this be given a first reading to give Mrs. Eckel time to check with Mr. Ciecka. This was given a first reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

#2009-14 – OPPOSING THE SALES TAX LEVY PROPOSED TO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONS OF THE TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY. THIRD READING.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said that Mr. Oberdorf had requested this be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to table this until the next meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. This resolution was tabled.

#2009-16 – A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT MAY BE RAISED BY A LEVY AT THE MAXIMUM RATE AUTHORIZED BY LAW WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IS INSUFFICIENT, AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A RENEWAL LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION OPERATIONS AND APPARATUS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this is the renewal of the fire levy. This was given a first reading only.

#2009-17 – A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION PETITION FILED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROSSFORD EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said the Board of Education, through its agent, had filed a petition of annexation for the property recently purchased for the sports complex. The county commissioners have approved the preliminary filing setting a hearing for early August. This resolution and the next two are required by the Ohio Revised Code. This was given a first reading only.

#2009-18 - A RESOLUTION STATING WHAT SERVICES THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WILL PROVIDE, AND AN APPROXIMATE DATE BY WHICH IT WILL PROVIDE THEM, TO THE TERRITORY PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION, UPON ANNEXATION, PERTAINING TO ANNEXATION PETITION FILED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROSSFORD EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS ON JULY 6, 2009, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

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

#2009-19 – A RESOLUTION RESPECTING THE PROVISION OF A BUFFER SHOULD THE USES PERMITTED BY MUNICIPAL ZONING REGULATIONS IN THE ANNEXED TERRITORY BE DETERMINED TO BE CLEARLY INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE USES PERMITTED UNDER CURRENT COUNTY OR TOWNSHIP ZONING REGULATIONS IN THE ADJACENT LAND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP FROM WHICH THE TERRITORY WAS ANNEXED, PERTAINING TO THE ANNEXATION PETITION FILED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROSSFORD EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS DATED JULY 6, 2009, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

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

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Hermes said he had visited the new KFC and spoken to the area manager who said the city of Rossford had probably been the best city to work with of the ten new sites he has opened. The manager said he was also happy to see a police officer patrolling their parking lot. Mr. Hermes congratulated Mrs. Freeman and staff for doing a good job on the latest CAFR and audit and said the city should be pleased that we are receiving good audit reports. He said that donations are being solicited through the Recreation Center for the Labor Day fireworks in an effort to reduce the expense to the general fund. In reference to the economic development committee minutes he asked what council can do to give the RBA direction in getting people to spend money in downtown Rossford. Mr. Duricek said we need to establish the convention/visitors bureau and figure out how to channel the money to businesses.

Mr. Duricek said he is still working on the blue bag problem and has talked to several other communities about what they did to solve this problem. He also questioned the notification from RITA that his business would now have to file monthly tax reports. Mrs. Freeman said that was an error on RITA's part.

Mrs. Eckel said she knows some houses that span two streets have had two blue bags thrown on their property, said she would like to see the economic development brochure, congratulated the fire department on receiving an EMS

grant, and said she had attended the ground-breaking for the athletic complex and wished them the best of luck. She said she is aware of pools with no fixed fences and wondered if police are still enforcing the curfew. Mr. Heban asked for the addresses of the pools and said he will check on curfew enforcement. She asked if anyone had heard about the post office closing and Mayor Verbosky said he had not heard that but he will follow-up. Mr. Marquette asked about replacing faded stop signs and was told by Mr. Jones that he replaces them when notified by police.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

John Folcik, 216 Hannum, said that as you go past the Rite-Aid it looks really bad with overgrown weeds and grass. Mayor Verbosky said he will ask Mr. Drouard to send letters.

Steve Vedra, 170 Hannum asked if it was illegal to park across the sidewalk and when told yes by Mr. Heban said it is not being enforced. He also said something needs to be done about the railroad crossing by Pilkington. Mayor Verbosky said he will have Mr. Ciecka follow-up.

Jackie Brown, 316 Eleanor, suggested looking into the 50+ program for volunteers to assist police and fire.

Daniel Baum, 1102 W. Elm Tree Rd., said he had received only limited information on his records request on the police chief. Mr. Heban said all the available public records had been provided.

Chad Cooper, 151 Maple St., said there is a skunk problem in the alley on Maple St. probably caused by trash bags in the alley. Mayor Verbosky said that trash bags need to be in proper containers. Mr. Cooper said there is also a speeding problem on Oak and Maple and that something needs to be done. Mayor Verbosky said there is the potential for portable speed bumps to be placed.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to return to regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council