

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held August 10, 2009

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

ROLL CALL: Richards, Oberdorf, Marquette, Hermes, Richards, and Duricek all present. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to excuse Mrs. Eckel who is out of town. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of July 27, 2009. 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 August 10, 2009 was presented to council. Judiciary committee was added. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Judiciary committee report from today was presented verbally by Mr. Marquette. He said the committee had met just prior to this regular council meeting and decided to amend Ordinance #2009-24 to insert a time limit. Mayor Verbosky informed the audience that the judiciary committee has met twice previously on this issue.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky referenced an article in the Rossford Record last week about visitors from the British/Dutch Conifer Society being in Rossford. He congratulated John Arabic for his garden which attracted these visitors and said they had also visited Dr. Merrell's garden. He said the RBA Downtown Revitalization committee will meet at 7:00pm tomorrow at the library and the Planning commission will meet Wednesday at 7:00pm at city hall. He reminded everyone of the Legion picnic to be held this weekend.

Mr. Ciecka informed council that he has been asked to serve as the alternate to the Wood County Health Board representing the Wood County Health Districts licensing council representing marinas. He said that the Rossford DECA has informed him that the Halloween Parade will be on October 25th at 2:00pm.

**** Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to allow DECA to hold the parade. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek asked about any problem with painting the parade route on the street. Mayor Verbosky said Mr. Ciecka will inform them that there is no painting allowed on the streets. Mr. Ciecka said he is receiving quite a number of comments on the downtown lighting and that the historical concept is the overall favorite. He passed out copies of three samples to council and said he will post on the web and board and will ask for comments. He also said that the city has trapped several skunks so far in response to complaints and that residents feeding feral cats are attracting skunks. He is trying to get the message out not to do that and to keep garbage in closed containers. He is also working on contacting CSX for permission to have traps placed on their property.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ORDINANCES

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

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

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

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette said that the request was to amend Section 1 and insert language that would not allow parking in the front yard for more than 6 continuous hours. He said the intent of the regulation is not to disrupt residents but to address the problem of habitual offenders of parking in front lawns. Mr. Michaels asked if there is any provision for those who come out and move their car every 6 hours. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to amend. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to adopt as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2009-26 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-PUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said that in the year 2000 the Ohio legislature provided an opportunity for local communities to aggregate together to seek an electrical supplier. He said a number of communities did pass this legislation in 2001 and 2002 even though there was no real competition. However alternative suppliers are now offering discounted rates i.e. First Energy Solutions which offered a 6% reduction in residential rates and 4% reduction in small commercial rates. Rossford did pass legislation in 2001 for a gas aggregation program with a 70% approval. This ordinance would allow the question to be placed on the November ballot and if passed then council would have to approve a governance plan, have the option of joining a coalition or going out by themselves or some combination of seeking a third party supplier to administer the program and secure bids. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels 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. Michaels 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.

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 Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Michaels said he had spoken with our TARTA representative Mr. Szilagye and after that discussion he would recommend this be tabled indefinitely. Mr. Michaels moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to table this resolution indefinitely. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this referred to TARTA's attempt to use sales tax to finance their operations. Perrysburg has already voted against this process which kills it at this time.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Oberdorf said he had attended the Federal Express grand opening and found it very enlightening and informational. He said it is a magnificent facility.

Mr. Duricek said the ramps that lead to the floating docks are slippery and have no skid protection. Mr. Michaels said this was discussed in the marina committee and Mr. Ciecka is to address.

Mr. Michaels said in regard to the ramps that public works will probably paint with some grit to resolve the problem. He said the marina committee is ramping up for the boat parade on September 5th.

Mr. Hermes asked about the status of the sidewalks in the Ironwood subdivision. He said there are still vacant lots and he thought that after a certain percentage of lots were sold that the developer/owner of the vacant lots needed to comply with the sidewalk regulations. Mr. Ciecka said he will check on this.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Steve Vedra, 170 Hannum, asked how the judiciary committee came up with the 6 hour limit on parking and wondered why they just did not leave it at no parking in front yards period, he thinks this 6 hour limit is ridiculous.

Mr. Marquette said the ordinances were originally presented with no time frame but some members did not like that provision and since the term habitual could not be defended it was decided to go with a time limit. Mr. Vedra said this will need to be enforced. He also said that Pilkington is liable for fixing the railroad crossing that they use.

Mayor Verbosky asked Mr. Ciecka to follow-up on that.

Ken Gwozdz, 126 Jennings, suggested that council speak into the microphones for the benefit of those in the audience who have trouble hearing. He said he had read the Rossford Record of the 4-3 vote on accepting the bid on reroofing the police and recreation buildings and asked what the reversal of figures on the bid was about. Mr. Ciecka responded that the bids were issued for a total bid on both buildings but for accounting purposes bidders were asked to breakdown by building and the low bidder mistakenly inverted the two buildings but was the low total bid. Mr. Gwozdz asked if the bids were separated out would it have saved the city about \$20,000. Mayor Verbosky said on paper yes but that the bid was let as a total bid as the thought was the lowest price would be obtained by bidding as total. Mr. Gwozdz said he thought the city looked silly in the way this was handled and for giving the bid to the Rossford resident. Mr. Marquette explained his thought process on this vote and said it would not have saved the city \$20,000. Mr. Oberdorf said when he votes on legislation he takes into consideration many factors but the ultimate factor is what is best for the community. He said the was bid as a total bid and he voted to accept the bid because that was what he considered was best for the community.

Alva Hirzel, 653 Marilyn, said her family owns 7 of the 10 parcels of acreage at Wales Rd. /175 and proceeded to read a statement regarding the fact that land is located in Rossford and Northwood, an attempt by owner of one parcel to erect a cellular tower, directors deed being lost and never recorded and request to name road Hirzel Lane. Mr. Ciecka said he and Mr. Heban are already aware of this and are working on the problem.

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