

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held August 13, 2007

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

Council observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the death of Peter Watrol, father of the clerk of council.

ROLL CALL: Richards, Oberdorf, Marquette, Hermes, Michaels, and Kovach all present. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to excuse Mrs. Eckel. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of July 9, 2007. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of August 13, 2007 was presented to council. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka said he has a number of items involving bids including bids for property and liability insurance and resurfacing projects. He would like the resurfacing ordinances approved on first reading in order to go out for contracts immediately. He also said he is working with Poggemeyer Design on the Lime City Rd. improvements and would like to bid this project by the end of the year with work to begin upon appropriate weather in 2008. The city did receive a matching grant for funding this project. He said he has been working with the Bass Pro engineers and the plan is to relocate Simmons Rd. in late fall.

Mayor Verbosky said that Tom Blaha and his office are coordinating the Bass Pro ground-breaking, and that the city had received a \$4500 EMS grant to be used for training and equipment. He congratulated Jason Chan on the reopening of McDonalds today, said he had attended an impromptu ceremony yesterday that dedicated a patriotic art display at the corner of Superior and Maple and thanked Michael Leganik for his talent and donation. He said that information had been received from Randy Gardner regarding the homestead exemption changes and would be made available to the public.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Wayne and Carole Allen was received regarding use of golf carts in the city. This matter was referred to Mr. Heban to review and Mr. Richards requested the safety committee be given a copy of his report.

ORDINANCES

#2007-28 – 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. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Finance Director Karen Freeman was present and explained that several years back a change was made that while recorded correctly in the annual financial report was recorded incorrectly in the city cash records and this will clear up so that auditors stop pointing out. Mr. Hermes said this just clears up an accounting misstep that the auditors noted and no new spending is involved. This has no emergency clause and was given a first reading only.

#2007-29 – 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. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Finance Director Freeman explained that this covers the expense for the purchase of backflow valves which was a non-budgeted item and necessitates an additional appropriation. 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 declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes noted that this is a \$6000 expense.

#2007-30 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 137.09 ENTITLED ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR POLICE TECHNOLOGY DEGREE WORK; 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 section of the code is still on the books but it has been superseded by a collective bargaining agreement which is in effect and has different provisions for tuition reimbursement. He is asking council to remove from the municipal code. Mr. Marquette asked what replaces this and Mr. Ciecka explained that the police contracts provide for tuition reimbursement. 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 declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2007-31 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said only one bid was received for \$74,900 after two other potential bidders dropped out. This is a reduction from last years cost and is still through the Ohio Plan and the bid was reviewed by legal counsel. He is recommending approval on the first reading due to the expiration date of the current policy. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Kovach 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. Kovach seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Kovach seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2007-32 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH POGGEMEYER DESIGN GROUP FOR LIME CITY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka explained that this contract will engage Poggemeyer Design to do the technical and engineering specifications, bid specifications and preparation, evaluate bids, and perform project inspections on the Lime City Rd. project. He said Poggemeyer had assisted the city in obtaining the grant from the state and had done the preliminary engineering. The contract is set for \$24,500 and if council approves work will begin immediately with the bids sent out before year end and awarded in 2008 with construction beginning in the spring. This will improve Lime City Rd. from Buck Rd. to Schrier Rd. Mr. Hermes asked how much we paid Poggemeyer to file the grant and was told nothing. He then asked when they would be paid and was told the 2007 appropriation for Lime City Rd. will be encumbered and r approximately \$16,000 will be spent prior to year-end Mr. Marquette asked if the future changes at Lime City and Buck were considered. Mr. Ciecka said this is resurfacing only and should cause no long term closing that would affect traffic. Mr. Michaels asked if they will do administrative services for the project and was told yes except for testing which will be done by a different firm. Mr. Michaels asked if we looked at any other engineering firms about performing this work and Mr. Ciecka said no. This was given a first reading only.

#2007-33 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AWARDING A CONTRACT TO HENRY BERGMAN, INC. FOR THE 2007 RESURFACING AND CURB REPLACEMENT IMPROVEMENT (WOODLAND, ORCHARD, AND EAGLE POINT DRIVE); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said council should have a packet showing all bids received with Bergman the lowest bidder and lower than our own estimate. This was reviewed by public works and he would like it passed tonight. Mr. Hermes questioned what was the total quantity being done and wondered if this was ½ mile or more since there were several start and stop points. Mr. Michaels said that the Bergman bid was quite lower than everyone else is and wondered if the numbers were double-checked. Mr. Ciecka said that all bidders were in attendance at the bid opening. 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. Hermes seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Kovach seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2007-08 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE WOOD COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT AND BOARD OF WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR A BUY-RECYCLE GRANT; APPROVE THE ISLAND VIEW PARK PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka explained that this is a grant to buy recycled materials and that two recycled benches for Island View Park will be purchased with this money. 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.

#2007-09 - RESOLUTION ADOPTING SELECTED POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD POLICY MANUAL RELATING TO USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT, EMPLOYEE CONDUCT AND PERSONNEL.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said that this resolution is a result of a project by a BGSU intern, Eric Christianson, in the Masters program in Public Administration. This policy was recommended by the auditor and he thanked Eric for his time spent working on the project. Mr. Richards said Eric fielded several questions from the

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committee very effectively. Mayor Verbosky also thanked Eric for his efforts on this project. Mr. Marquette asked if this policy had been made available to all employees and was told it was given to department heads. This was given a first reading only.

#2007-10 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JESSIE A. LIMON TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Kovach seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said Mr. Limon had expressed an interest in this position and asked that this be approved this evening. Mr. Oberdorf said he was an excellent choice and Mr. Richards also agreed. 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.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Hermes offered his congratulations to McDonalds on their grand re-opening today. He said the ordinances that council reviewed regarding street resurfacing are consistent with the plan of addressing the top fifteen problem areas. He also said he has had some issues brought to his attention regarding loose and vicious dogs and asked Mr. Heban if there was an ordinance that could be enforced to stop this and was told that there was.

Mr. Michaels asked if the city has an ordinance requiring dog owners to clean up after their dog and was told yes. He does not feel it is being enforced stringently enough. He complimented two of the marina guards (Rocky and Val) for their professional behavior in handling a complaint.

Mr. Marquette suggested that possibly council could observe a moment of silence for all Rossford residents.

Mr. Oberdorf complimented Eric Christianson for doing a very competent and professional job as an intern. He asked if anyone saw a need for a September committee of the whole meeting and was told no.

*Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Kovach seconded the motion to suspend with the September committee of the whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

He said he had attended the transit forum on July 18th along with Mr. Richards and that after discussing various scenarios with Mr. Ciecka that we consider contacting mayor's and members of other communities to explore having TMACOG conduct a survey of resident's needs for transportation. Mr. Hermes suggested using high school government students to help in surveying Rossford residents but Mr. Oberdorf thought the TMACOG survey would be more professional and cover all communities.

Mr. Richards said he was impressed by the participation of the communities represented at the meeting. He said he had also attended the audit exit meeting with Mr. Oberdorf and said that once again there were no findings against the city. He said two suggestions were that the city forms an audit committee and that a more uniform system of providing committee reports be adopted. He asked Mr. Ciecka what the status was on the search for a city engineer and was told that solicitations will be sent out next week.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Larry Bridenbaugh, 22 Lime City Rd., Rossford asked if there is a game plan for traffic on Lime City Rd. such as TARTA buses and emergency vehicles during the improvement project. Mr. Ciecka said that city will look at that after the bids are received as part of the process of accepting bids. Mr. Hermes said this will not take place until about April of 2008.

*Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. All ayes. Motion carried.

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*Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to return to regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

*Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to amend the agenda to add Ordinances #2007-34 and #2007-35.

Ordinance #2007-34 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL UNION NO. 245; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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 declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance #2007-35 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED AUTOMOBILE , AEROSPACE AND AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS WORKERS UNION (UAW) LOCAL 12; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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 declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. 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