

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held August 24, 2009

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, Richards, and Duricek all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of August 10, 2009. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of August 24, 2009 was presented to council. Judiciary and Marina committee reports as well as Resolutions #2009-20 and #2009-21 were added. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Pamela Butler, Wood County Health Commissioner made a presentation to council concerning the role of the health department. She said the department maintains over 101 programs with its 59 employees including programs such as the WIC (Women with Infant Children), prenatal clinic, and adult clinics. She said the H1N1 virus will be a Public Health emergency and that in the event of large outbreak that her department will be the lead agency. She suggested the city send a representative to the Pandemic committee meetings. She gave council literature describing the ten essential services they provide, a program and services guide, environmental program and services guide, nursing program and services guide, and a description of public health and the function of local health departments. Mr. Richards asked if there is a report available that describes services provided to individual community. Mrs. Butler said she will get that to him. Mr. Oberdorf said he admires her passion and asked what % have adverse reactions to the flu shot. She said very few have an adverse reaction. Mr. Hermes asked if they handle private pools that have been abandoned. She said yes and said to call the health department who will assign a sanitarian to investigate the complaint and determine what needs to be done. She said they typically drain the pool and sometimes fill in adding any cost as a tax lien. Mr. Hermes asked where he could find status of individual properties and was told it is not on website but to contact the assigned sanitarian for the status. Mr. Michaels asked how many people they vaccinated last year and was told 1500 mostly children. He also asked how many units of the H1N1 vaccine they will get and was told initially 25% of 25% of the population. Mrs. Eckel asked with the lower number of units how will it be determined who receives. Mrs. Butler said it will be given based on tiered risk. Mrs. Woods said we have a terrific health commissioner who is hard-working and we should be pleased to have her.

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 discussed the city insurance. Three different plans were presented to the committee, one by Becky Swisher representing the Ohio Plan/Hylant-Mclean and two by Bob Beglin who presented the Argonaut and PEP plans both through Wells Fargo. The Ohio Plan had a premium of \$74,523 annually, the Argonaut plan was at \$59,255, and the PEP plan was \$53,702. After discussing the positive and negatives of each plan the committee recommends the Argonaut plan due to the PEP plan leaving the city liable for any claims incurred before but not made before leaving the plan. Mr. Marquette said this rate will be locked in for three years unless the city valuation changes.

Marina committee report of July 28, 2009 was presented by Mr. Michaels. (see written report attached). Mrs. Eckel asked if marina guards at the end of the season will still be abbreviated and how many docks were filled. Mr. Michaels said the guard coverage will still be abbreviated unless voluntary contributions pay for an extension and that 170 of 230 docks were filled. Mr. Richards asked if we have docks for visitors and was told by Mr. Michaels yes based on a daily fee structure. Mr. Ciecka said that fee is dependent on the size of the boat.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky reminded of the Labor Day weekend Hometown Celebration which will include a boat parade, Fun at the Fountain, and fireworks. He said the RBA and Downtown Revitalization committee had met on August 11th and he appreciated their efforts. He told council that the planning commission met on August 12th and that an ordinance regarding wind turbines will be presented to council shortly. Mr. Oberdorf asked how this related to the presentation made several years ago regarding wind turbines and Mayor Verbosky said the ordinance will related to smaller wind turbines intended for consumers which appear to have some merit. The mayor informed council that the next meeting of the RBA is scheduled for August 26th and that a new business directory will be available. He has received a letter of resignation from David Weaks of the Civil Service Commission. He is encouraged that we had more applicants for the Design Review committee than available openings.

Mr. Ciecka said he has been conducting an online survey regarding the street light choices and that option B is so far the overwhelming choice generating 50 votes versus 4 for option A and 15 for option C. He would input from council before selecting the pole and color scheme. Mayor Verbosky said city really wants input from the community. Mr. Hermes would like to know the actual light output and was told by Mr. Ciecka that all three choices meet the light standards within a two pole difference and that all the options are within the cost budget. Mr. Marquette asked if it was possible for the current poles to be retrofitted with new fixtures and Mr. Ciecka said he is working on that and did get a price from First Energy for purchasing the existing poles. Mr. Richards said he prefers option B but wants to know if it will light four traffic lanes and sidewalks. Mr. Ciecka said the designers will provide a photometric plan. Mr. Michaels said the foot candles and lumens are a factor of the pole height and light wattage. Mrs. Eckel suggested that the website and display indicate that each pole will have two light fixtures not one as shown in example. Mr. Ciecka said that black is the overwhelming color choice. Mr. Hermes said if option B is the overwhelming choice that is what we should go with. Mr. Ciecka said he entered two resolutions on the agenda at the last moment that need to be passed tonight.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ORDINANCES

#2009-27 – AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, TO COOPERATE WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE STATE ROUTE 65 (SUPERIOR STREET) LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN DOWNTOWN ROSSFORD; 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 we need to enter into an agreement with ODOT so they can bid the project. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Mayor Verbosky said this results from a \$263,000 grant. 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.

#2009-28 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE GENERAL LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGE; 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 the committee was recommending Wells Fargo at a price of \$59,505 and he was asking this be passed as an emergency as our current insurance expires on August 31. Mr. Duricek said the committee had also recommended raising the liability coverage at an increase in cost of only \$250. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek 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. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2009 -29 - AN ORDINANCE UNDER SECTION 727.25, OHIO REVISED CODE, ASSESSING UPON THE LOTS AND LANDS WITHIN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD TO PAY THE EXPENSE OF LIGHTING THE STREETS, ALLEYS, WAYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN SAID CITY AND FURNISHING ELECTRICAL ENERGY THEREFOR, DIRECTING THE CLERK TO CERTIFY SAID ASSESSMENT TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE PLACED UPON THE TAX DUPLICATE, AND DECLARING AN

EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said he needs this passed tonight and that the budget committee did review and that the assessment remains the same. Mr. Hermes said the only change since the last budget meeting was that we had approved hiring the state to service four traffic lights. Mr. Michaels asked if this was for energy cost only and Mr. Ciecka responded it covered energy cost and pole maintenance. Mr. Duricek said part of this will be removed when the downtown lighting project is completed. Mr. Richards said he continues to be disappointed in the problems with lights on Crossroads Blvd. and that we get no credit for those outages. Mr. Ciecka said that is correct as the contract is regulates the contract by a formula involving calculated hours used and there is no credit as this is not metered. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel 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 Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2009 – 30 - AN ORDINANCE COMBINING FUNDS FOR FINANCIAL RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is part of the process of combining funds and will take three water funds into one making it easier to track and eliminating multiple transfers. This was given a first reading only.

#2009 – 31 - AN ORDINANCE COMBINING FUNDS FOR FINANCIAL RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka explained that the reasoning for this was the same as for the previous ordinance but for the sewer funds. Mr. Hermes noted that Toledo only gives us one check for water and one for sewer. This was given a first reading only.

#2009-32 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE 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 there is a lot of old police equipment not needed and not used including two cars. Mr. Hermes is surprised to see computer monitors on this list as they are always good. Mr. Richards said to check on the legality of selling the night vision goggles based on Homeland Security rules. This was given a first reading only.

RESOLUTIONS**#2009-20 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said application are due to Ohio Public Works Commission by September 4th. This was submitted last year and not accepted. This is for replacing storm and sanitary sewers on Hillside and Hillview. The residents are concerned with costs and thus the city is applying for grants to try and reduce the cost. The approximate total cost is \$481,000. The intent would be for the local share to be picked up by the residents on an assessment basis. Mr. Hermes questioned Section 2 which authorizes the mayor to proceed without council consent. Mr. Ciecka said this is language taken from a previous ordinance and it could be stricken. Mr. Michaels said that both the resolutions contain the same language. He also asked who is filling out the application and was told Mannik & Smith. He asked how much money we are anticipating from the request in Resolution #2009-21 and was told the request would be for a \$400,000 grant and \$175,720 loan from OPWC.

***Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to amend Resolution #2009-20 by removing section 2. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2009-21 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY. 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 Phase 5 sanitary sewer improvements.

*** Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to amend Resolution. 2009-21 by removing Section 2. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eckel 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. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Oberdorf asked if there was a need for a September committee of the whole meeting and what the status was on Mrs. Hirzel's request for naming the road. Mr. Ciecka said the road is a council matter once the deed is resolved. Mayor Verbosky said council will need to decide if they are concerned about future problems in accepting a gravel street.

***Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to dispense with the September Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards said a resident of Creekbend contacted him and asked if they get a voice in the sidewalk standards for that subdivision. Mr. Ciecka said there are specifications that need to be met and that Mr. Jones has looked at some obstacles and the sidewalk will meander somewhat and that the city is in contact with the developer. Mr. Richards asked what the status was on the records request made by three individuals in the last month as he is concerned about complying with state law in view of the fact they contacted individual council members. Mayor Verbosky said all requests are being handled through Mr. Heban. Mr. Ciecka said we have complied with all requests. Mr. Richards asked if we can recover time costs and was told no, we can only charge .05 cents per copy. Mr. Richards said the citizens have a right to know the large cost expended in fulfilling these request. Mr. Heban said probably over 100 hours has been spent in compiling the information and as of today the copies have not been picked up by the people who requested the information.

Mr. Duricek asked about the railroad crossings and Mr. Ciecka said he will be contacting the company to schedule for repairs.

Mr. Michaels reminded everyone of the second annual boat parade and said the prizes include seasonal dock fees along with some minor prizes.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave., asked how the skunk eradication is proceeding. Mayor Verbosky said the public works department and a private contractor are working on and making good progress.

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