

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held September 8, 2008

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 the death of former city councilman George Bobash.

ROLL CALL: Richards, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Hermes, Michaels, and Kovach all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of August 11, 2008. 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 September 8, 2008 was presented to council. Public Works committee minutes and an executive session to discuss contract negotiations and pending litigation were added. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION- COLUMBIA GAS

Chris Kozak, a representative of Columbia Gas, passed out copies of his presentation entitled "Doing more for you in Rossford 2008 and Beyond". In the interest of time he summarized the information into four major components- 1) Base rate increase, first since 1994, 2) large project replacing aging pipelines, 3) riser replacement program, 4) Columbia Gas assuming responsibility for repairs to customer service lines. He said that over the next 25 years they will invest nearly \$2 billion in Ohio to replace and upgrade about 4000 miles of natural gas distribution pipelines. They will also replace approximately 320,000 prone-to-fail risers with about 344 of those in Rossford at a cost of \$132,000. The base rate increase is estimated to be 5% and only affects 20% of the total bill. They will also institute an energy efficiency program to help customers reduce cost. Mr. Hermes asked if they will assume pipeline installation or just leaks and was told new installation will still be handled by individual plumbers, Columbia Gas will only repair hazardous leaks affecting service to the customer. Mr. Hermes asked how much risk is involved in the leaking risers and was told very little and that leaking ones were replaced immediately with meter readers checking others every other month. Mr. Hermes suggested they list the 344 addresses on their website and was told that was a good idea. Customers can also call and ask. Discussion then took place on how much the increase really is based on only affecting 20% of the total bill. Mr. Kovach said he had noticed that Columbia Gas Service Partners will no longer cover gas lines and complimented Columbia Gas on their service improvements. Mr. Michaels what the city can do to expedite Columbia Gas repairing streets after they work on. Mr. Kozak said they run a backlog mostly due to the seasonal availability of asphalt. Mr. Michaels asked for and Mr. Kozak is to provide information as to the average time to repair. Mr. Michaels asked if people who go to Florida for two months will be affected by the base rate increase and was told yes, that it will be a flat rate. Mr. Michaels said if installing new pipelines will allow gas prices to go down and was told that has no affect on the price of natural gas, only conservation methods will allow that to happen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Eckel presented the public works committee report of August 18, 2008. (See attached minutes)

Mr. Hermes asked what the price of the used backhoe was and was told by Mr. Oberdorf approximately \$24,500.

Mr. Hermes is concerned that we have comparison or objective measure to determine if that is a fair price

***Mr. Kovach moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to allow the administrator and Mr. Jones to pursue the purchase of a used backhoe if within budget and documented that a fair price. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards thought that previously residents had three choices on replacing sidewalks- using a city contractor with 20% paid by the city, doing on your own, or paying through the tax bill. Mr. Heban is to check on the possibility of assessing through the tax bill. Mr. Michaels asked if there is anyway to reimburse the 20% to those who do their own and was told by the Mayor the city and council would need to look at how much they want to appropriate in the 2009 budget for sidewalk repairs. Mr. Kovach thought that the committee had voted and recommended that Resolution 2008-13 be approved but this is not reflected in the minutes. Mrs. Eckel remembered discussion on the wording of the resolution. Mr. Kovach would like the minutes to reflect the committee recommended approving the resolution. Mr. Oberdorf said he thought the committee had voted to move ahead and change the word intent to consider.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to accept the minutes as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky thanked Mr. Kovasevic and the other members of the recreation department for the fine Labor Day Celebration, he also thanked the police, fire, public works departments for their help, and Mr. Michaels for putting together the first annual boat parade. He congratulated the RBA for a successful Fun at the Fountain last weekend and said attendance was doubled over the previous year. He congratulated the Rossford Library on the mural celebration that took place on August 23, and the RPPA for another successful Almester Golf Tournament. He asked council to take notice of the increase in road salt prices and decrease in supply. He said to be aware that we may have to ration. He said that at the August RBA meeting a presentation was made on the replacement levy for the Alcohol Drug Addiction Mental Health Board and information is available at the city office. There is also information available on the new corporate wellness program at the recreation department. He said the October planning commission meeting may have a potential business presentation. He welcomed new restaurants Bad Bobs BBQ and Sonic to Rossford. He congratulated the Rossford School system for achieving their first excellent rating ever. He encouraged residents interested in forming Block Watch programs to contact the police department. Mr. Ciecka said the fire chief reported that the fire department has completed the NIMS program for 2008, that the police chief was able to procure 800mhz radios from Lucas County which will allow us to communicate better with our mutual aid partners. He said marina dredging bids will be opened on Thursday and expects an ordinance at the next meeting along with legislation to allow placement of the dredged materials in the Toledo/Lucas County Port Authority storage facility. He informed council that the new Wendy's in the Crossroads has started construction. He said the public works department continues to work on the sewer lines in the Windsor Dr. area and that a special tool was used to bore 375 feet of calcified pipe with another 375 feet to go. They have also fixed seven breaks in the storm sewer lines that appeared to have been caused by other public utilities. The fire chief is meeting and pursuing with the Wood County Emergency Management Agency a Code Red emergency weather software package that will allow calls to be placed to a geographical area to increase notification of impending weather beyond the emergency sirens. He told council that the RTID has authorized contracts for the extension of S. Compass Drive. He has been given notice that the amphitheater hill will be demolished and used to fill in the arena site. Mr. Hermes asked if taking the dredged material to the port authority will save us or cost us money. Mr. Ciecka said it has to be placed in a licensed confined facility and is part of the bid.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2008-34 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1134.11 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka first passed out new exhibits showing the current code and then the new language. He said the biggest change is in the requirement for open space in a PUD. Mr. Michaels asked how desirable transition will be defined and was told by Mayor Verbosky the planning commission would determine that and approve with council having final approval. He also asked if roadways will have to be built to public standards and was told by Mr. Ciecka that not if built as private drives. Mayor Verbosky said the intent is going forward that they be built to existing standards. This was given a second reading only.

#2008-35– AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1132.02 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this cleans up an previous oversight in the passage of the new zoning code. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. 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 adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2008-36 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE NEW RESCUE ENGINE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is the new heavy rescue vehicle/pumper. Mr. Marquette asked if we are replacing two vehicles with one new one and was told by Mr. Ciecka yes. Mr. Hermes 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. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2008-39 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TESTAMERICA, INC., TO PROVIDE LABORATORY ANALYTICAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE WALES ROAD LANDFILL; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said council authorized the contract last year which had an option to renew. This will authorize the renewal for one year. He said he will be going out for bids shortly for the testing and consulting services related to this. Mr. Michaels asked about the date and was told by Mr. Ciecka that he was a little derelict in bringing this renewal to council. Mr. Marquette 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. Marquette moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2008-40 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINSTRATOR TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said only one bid was received and that we do this as part of a consortium with other communities. Mr. Ciecka said we normally request 2000 tons but will only be able to get 900 tons due to a shortage and that will need to be very careful in our usage. Mr. Richards asked what the previous price was and was told \$35.89 last year against this year's price of \$71.50. Mrs. Eckel asked why a salt shortage and was told it was due to the adverse weather in Louisiana which supplies most of the salt. Mr. Marquette asked if there was any alternative and was told some cities are using brine pre-storm to reduce salt usage but if is more expensive. 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.

#2008-41 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINSTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said several proposals were received and passed out a handout showing the various quotes. This was given a first reading only.

#2008-42 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2007-46; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Council was told that the next four ordinances deal with adjustments to the current budget. This ordinance will correct an oversight of an interest payment due and appropriate the funds to pay. Mr. Marquette 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. Marquette moved and Mr. Kovach seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Kovach seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2008-43 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2007-46; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This is an additional appropriation to the fire capital improvement fund to cover repairs to both EMS units and the pumper and the purchase of additional turnout gear. This will not deplete the fund nor will it affect the purchase of the new fire vehicle. 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.

#2008-44 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31,2008, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2007-46; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Kovach seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is for the use of consulting engineers on the FedEx site plan, supervision of the actual construction, and continued observation on the Bass Pro project. He reminded council that we engage consulting engineers to review these projects but that after we pay the bills we submit for reimbursement from the developers. Mr. Michaels asked how much was spent on Bass Pro and was told approximately \$50,000. Mr. Michaels 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. Michaels seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2008-45 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31,2008, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2007-46; 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 this will provide for an increased appropriation to the Drug Find fund which will allow the department to pay the local share of a grant that will provide new onboard computers for the police vehicles. Mr. Ciecka is to find out what was originally on hand in the fund. Mr. Hermes questioned the fact that two years we gave the chief accolades for obtaining used computers and now two years later they are being thrown away and new ones purchased. Mr. Ciecka said we are getting a grant to purchase these. Mrs. Eckel asked how often the onboard computers are used and Mr. Ciecka said the intent is to eliminate the officer having to return to the station. These will allow the officer to have wireless access to the LEAD system and other law enforcement sources. This was given a first reading only.

#2008-46 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE 2008 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes asked for clarification of what the scope of work would be. Mrs. Eckel said that Osborn is just for resurfacing Osborn just to the front of the fire station, and the other projects were also clarified. 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 Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2008-13 – A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD TO JOIN THE NORTHWESTERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Kovach said the vote had been two to one in committee to change the word intent.

*** Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to amend the ordinance to change CITY OF ROSSFORD JOIN to CITY OF ROSSFORD CONSIDER JOINING. Mr. Marquette said he is not even sure what we are trying to do here. Mrs. Eckel said the discussion centered on the word intent. Mayor Verbosky said our contract for water with Toledo is up and we need to show we are seriously looking at all alternatives along with this option. Mr. Richards said the purpose of the resolution was to provide evidence that we are serious in our discussions but that it does not bind us to anything. Vote on the motion was Eckel, Marquette, Hermes, Michaels, aye and Richards, Oberdorf, and Kovach no. Motion carried 4-3.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Michaels moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt as amended. Michaels, Kovach, Richards, Oberdorf, Iceland Hermes aye. Marquette no. Motion carried 6-1.

#2008-17 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF K. GREGORY REIHING TO THE TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (TARTA) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

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

#2008-18 – 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.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is authorization to file for an OPW grant for funding that will assist the city in diverting the flow from the Grassy Creek interceptor. This would be considered to be Phase 5 of the sanitary sewer improvements. We are seeking grant funds and then loan funds from the low interest OPW loan fund. The estimated cost of the project is \$578,720 with a 50% match from the city. Mayor Verbosky said without the higher match amount our chances of getting the grant are reduced. Mr. Richards 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. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2008-19 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAM FUNDING FOR SR 65 (DIXIE HWY./SUPERIOR ST.) DOWNTOWN STREET LIGHTING ENHANCEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the deadline for this is September 19th. The purpose is to place new decorative street lighting on the boulevard on SR65 from the tracks to Osborn at an estimated cost of \$200,000. The city is seeking a 80% grant with our 20% match and engineering cost coming from the street lighting fund. Mr. Richards asked for a legal opinion on his ability to vote as a property owner in the affected area and was told by Mr. Heban that it would be fine as all residents would be assessed equally through the street lighting assessment. Mr. Michaels suggested using a higher quality light even if it meant the entire boulevard could not be done. Mr. Hermes asked what the cost was to prepare the grant and was told less than \$1,000. Mr. Hermes questioned if this was the best use of city funds. Mr. Ciecka said this has been a high priority ever since the downtown revitalization project meetings and lighting was often mentioned. Mrs. Eckel asked why the limit on the area covered and was told by Mr. Ciecka it could be extended but was pared down based on grant money available. 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. Michaels seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Richards said he had attended the library event for the mural dedication and that it was nicely done and a class act. He commended the library board of trustees for a fine facility.

Mr. Oberdorf commended Mr. Michaels for an excellent job putting together the first boat parade. He also thanked Mr. Kovasevic for doing a great job on the Labor Day Celebration and said we have a excellent and very organized recreation director. He said these events showcased Rossford as a good clean community where people can bring their children and have a good time.

Mrs. Eckel said the fireworks at the Labor Day Celebration were great and also agreed that Mr. Kovasevic did a great job. She also thanked the RBA for hosting the Fun at the Fountain event. She thanked the public works department for their quick response to a dead tree that came down on her street.

Mr. Marquette asked if our police department is involved in handling the increased traffic at Buck and Lime City Rd. now that Penta has opened. He was told no. Mr. Marquette said based on the limited amount of backup (about a

½ hour twice a day) he has been told about that it would be cheaper to have police direct traffic than pay \$3 million for a roundabout.

Mr. Hermes said he enjoyed the Fun at the Fountain and announced a budget committee meeting for September 2nd at 5:30pm.

Mr. Michaels said the city should not assume it is responsible to spend money on improving the Buck Rd./Lime City Rd. intersection as the city did not create the problem and not consulted prior to. He thanked Mr.Kovasevic, Sarah, and the judges (WWII veterans) for their help with the boat parade, and the local press-specifically Beth Church- for the news exposure.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations regarding water and pending litigation with Perrysburg Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council