

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held September 13, 2010

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, and Duricek all present. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Scott who is out of town. . All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of regular council meeting minutes of August 9, 2010. 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 13, 2010 was presented to council. A public works committee report was added to the agenda. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Works committee minutes were presented by Mrs. Eckel (see written minutes). Mrs. Eckel said the committee has asked representatives of the NWSO to attend the next meeting and make a presentation. Mr. Hermes asked if it is our obligation to be the first responder to emergencies as stated in Section 2 and Mrs. Eckel said yes as discussed in committee. Mr. Hermes said he would prefer we not be obligated to be the first responder as over the next 5-10 years due to turnover, cost cutting, or residential requirements we might not be able to handle this. Mrs. Eckel said the concern was the possible one hour response time by NWSO. Mr. Oberdorf asked Rex Huffman if we could change the agreement so as we would not be obligated to be the first responder. Mr. Huffman said it could be worded so as not to lock us in for the duration of the agreement. Mr. Heban said language could be inserted in the agreement i.e. 30 day termination notice. Mrs. Eckel said there will be several drafts of the agreement and asked council to keep the committee advised of their concerns. Mayor Verbosky asked Mrs. Eckel to include the names of the committee member and NWSO attendees in the minutes. He said this discussion regarding water has been going on for some time and thought it would be helpful to have a public hearing at the next council meeting. He said the sharing of the cost of improvements will become more important as more projects come up that we cannot afford to do. This ordinance #2010-41 is just the first step and the final approval of any contract or agreement will come back to council.

*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 thanked Mr. Oberdorf for sitting in for him at the last meeting and said he had attended the Perrysburg Rotary meeting as did Mayor Bell of Toledo and it was refreshing to hear Mayor Bell's comments regarding regionalism and water rates. He expects to have further talks with Mayor Bell about water, the casino, and our JEDZ agreement with Toledo. He thanked the police and fire departments and chairman Jodi Johnson for holding the Calm after the Storm benefit and said he had received thanks from both Lake Twp. and Millbury. He thanked the RBA, Ivan Kovasevic and the recreation department, and the public works department for their efforts in the Labor Day weekend celebration of Fun at the Fountain as well as the fireworks display. He attended the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of Fashion Bug in the Crossroads. He said in reading the minutes of the 8/9 meeting that the sidewalk issue had come up. He has since had discussion with Mr. Ciecka and the city engineer about doing a comprehensive study and plan for sidewalks in the city. He has also opened a dialogue with the Wood County commissioners regarding the casino issue.

Mr. Ciecka said he has met with the judiciary committee and did elect to contract our insurance with Wells Fargo. He is seeking other quotes on health insurance as received a 17% increase from Medical Mutual and will probably have legislation to extend the health policy past the October 1 date until the employee questionnaires are returned. Contract talks with the UAW and AFSME are continuing. Mr. Richards asked how much a 17% increase is in actual dollars and was told by Mr. Hermes approximately \$50-60,000. Mr. Duricek suggested we contact other providers.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter regarding a change of liquor permit for the Stop-N-Shop was read to council. They are seeking to change their beer license to a beer and wine license. The letter is addressed to the Ohio Bureau of Liquor Control and says that the city does not accept. This is backwards of the way it is usually done as usually they apply to the state and the state asks us if we have any objection.

*Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to consent to the transfer of a C2 liquor permit to 904 Dixie Highway and authorizing the administration to sign the letter. All ayes. Motion carried.*

**ORDINANCES**

**#2010 – 36 - AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A ZONING CHANGE FROM AN M-2 CLASSIFICATION TO A C-4 CLASSIFICATION UNDER CHAPTER 1114 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE.**

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky asked if there had been any public comment and was told no by Mr. Ciecka. Mr. Richards said he had heard from only one person. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek 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. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes except for Mr. Hermes who voted no. Motion carried 5-1. .

**#2010-40 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE POLICE VEHICLE THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this a budgeted item for replacement of one vehicle. This will be the last time we are able to purchase the Ford Crown Victoria as Ford will no longer offer as a police package. This is replacing a aging vehicle and he is asking for a first reading only as not yet reviewed by the public safety committee. Mr. Richards said that although this ordinance was not reviewed by public safety the replacement plan was reviewed and consented to. Mr. Marquette asked if the \$26,000 cost is all inclusive and was told yes except for the radio and computer mounts. Mr. Hermes questioned a \$65 expense for making the courtesy lamps inoperable and \$365 for a power seat. Mr. Ciecka said the power seat is necessary to give a multitude of positions for what is essentially the patrolman's office and that making the courtesy lamps inoperable is not as simple as removing the bulb. Mrs. Eckel asked if since this is the last year for the Crown Victoria we will not be able to retrofit to future vehicles. She was told yes and that new brackets and cages would need to be fabricated in the future. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion was all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2010-41- AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO HAVE THE CITY JOIN THE NORTHWESTERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION TO THE DISTRICT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel asked that this go to a second reading so that NWSA can attend the next meeting and make a presentation on this as well as holding a public meeting for public comment. This was given a first reading only.

**#2010-42 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ROSSFORD CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this ordinance came out of the economic development committee. Mr. Hermes asked about section 3 in the agreement and whether the religious part is a violation of the separation of church and state and he has some concern about spending money on potential religious activity. Mr. Heban said we can strike that part if so desired. Mr. Oberdorf asked Mr. Heban if this issue posed a litigation problem and was told no. Mrs. Eckel said that the Seagate Center holds numerous religious conventions and she does not see a problem. Mr. Heban agrees that this is not a problem. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and Rex Huffman said he does not see a problem regarding religious groups. Vote on the motion was all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2010-43 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE APPROPRIATION TO CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU FUND.**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this will fund the prior ordinance with money that is already in the fund. Mr. Richards asked what other options we had for using those funds and was told by Mr. Ciecka none, that the money can only be used for Convention and Visitor purposes. Mr. Duricek said the appropriation is for \$90,000 but that only \$30,000 is for the operating budget and that the other \$60,000 is for the Buxton marketing plan. Mr. Hermes 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 was all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**#2010-18 – 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..**

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said that this resolution and the next are parallel, one is a grant application for resurfacing a portion of Glenwood Rd. and that the next is a grant application for Phase V of the sanitary sewer project which will divert the tree streets to a new pump station. He said the resurfacing project meets the grant application criteria as it is considered a major collection street. Mayor Verbosky said the city continues to seek grants wherever they can. Mrs. Eckel asked if there was a limit to how much repaving would be done and was told by Mr. Ciecka yes, from Rt.65S just past Indian Hills school. 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 was 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.

**#2010-19 - 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. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel 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 was all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mr. Marquette said he had attended the planning commission meeting last week and said Mr. Drouard's emails are very helpful. He thanked all the volunteer members on that commission for their efforts. He also asked that the city consider using speed bumps or ripples in some neighborhoods to control speeding. Mayor Verbosky said he should let the administrator know his specific areas of concern.

Mrs. Eckel said the safety committee has discussed the use of portable speed bumps and thanked the RBA for their efforts in coordinating Fun at the Fountain and the Labor Day fireworks. She asked about the status of the traffic study for the RHS Athletic Complex. Mr. Ciecka said that the study was not able to find an exact match and has not been accepted and will be revised using a better traffic impact study. Mrs. Eckel asked if a count could not be done based on existing traffic standards and was told no. Mayor Verbosky said some of the issues are that the city did not ask for a traffic study immediately in order to not slow down the project and that the original study was based on Phase 1 and 2 being completed. He said the planning commission has asked the engineers and architects to get together and make an estimate of traffic based on Phase 1 only and then both using additional data and then return to the planning commission in October. Mr. Oberdorf said he concurs with Mr. Marquette on the speeding problem citing Schreier Rd. as an example. He asked Mr. Ciecka for an update on the Lime City Rd. /Buck Rd. intersection and was told inquiries have been made with TMACOG but it is a county engineer project for now with the intersection designed but no agreements in place for right-of-way acquisition. He said this is a key item as the parties have not agreed who is to pay for this.

Mr. Richards said the safety committee will meet next Monday, 9/20 at 7:00pm. He said he and Mr. Oberdorf had met with our TARTA rep Tony Szilagye and that council will be receiving a copy of the TARTA board minutes and that Mr. Szilagye will be more forceful in representing councils concerns to the TARTA board.

Mr. Hermes echoed thanks for the Calm after the Storm benefit and Fun and the Fountain event and said the union hall complex was a nice venue for holding the benefit and could hold a big event. He thanked Beth Church for her efforts in publicizing the events. He asked Mr. Ciecka for an update on the downtown lighting project and was told that ODOT and the contractor are still trying to resolve design differences and that he has no timetable for action on this. Mr. Hermes offered two comments on the Stansley property saying he is still not in favor of rezoning due to the concerns of the residents of the adjacent neighborhood, and that he is concerned about the fence being contingent on the zoning change saying that is not how it works.

#### **AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Chip Tokar of Financial Resources Management, representing the Stansley property said he would like the tabled ordinance brought back for a third and final reading. He said they are requesting the zoning change to commercial to make the property more marketable and that making it residential will not work. He said there was originally a six foot chain link fence on the north side of the property but it was removed when the city advised them a landscape berm would be more acceptable between their property and the residential development. He said they are not using the fence as a bargaining tool. Mr. Hermes said he took it as a bargaining chip and said the problem with zoning this property commercial is the limited access to Glenwood Rd. and the traffic problems caused by this limited access when we don't know if there would be 40 or 200 vehicles a day. Mrs. Eckel said he main concern is the access to Glenwood Rd. not being sufficient or safe even now and she could not support that being the only access to the property. She feels the issue of the fence demonstrates a lack of resolution to improve this property as it is in the same state it was in 6 years ago with no improvement. Mr. Tokar said the property owners are listening to councils concerns and have not put up a fence because they were originally told to take it down. Mr. Richards said he has no problem with the general rezoning plan as discussed 6-7 months ago when the neighbors were here regarding the safety issue. He thinks the fence issue needs to be resolved. Mr. Heban explained the steps to Mr. Tokar needed to bring the original ordinance from the table and put back on the agenda.

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

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William Verbosky Jr.  
Mayor

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Robert P. Watrol  
Clerk of Council