

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held September 14, 2009

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 Bill Vedra who was a forty year member of the Rossford Fire Department.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of August 24, 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 September 14, 2009 was presented to council. Recreation committee report was added. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation committee report from August 20th presented by Mr. Oberdorf (see written report attached).

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 all those involved in the Labor Day Celebration and Fun at the Fountain including Mr. Kovasevic and his crew, the city departments, and the RBA. He also thanked all who made donations for the fireworks. He said over 500 people attended the Fountain event this year. He informed council he had received a letter from Pam Butler, Wood County Health Commissioner thanking council for giving her the time for her presentation. He also said the planning commission will meet on September 16th at 7:00pm at City Hall. Mr. Ciecka said he has been notified by Columbia Gas that they are starting the installation of remote meter reading devices within the city. Mr. Hermes asked when the planning commission agenda becomes available so he can determine if wants to attend. Mayor Verbosky said that it is usually sent out one to two weeks prior to the meeting and that he will ask Mr. Drouard to email the agenda to all council members.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the city administrator on behalf of the marina committee regarding extension of marina guard coverage was provided to council. Mr. Ciecka said that only 26 boaters voluntarily submitted the \$50 fee so refunds were made and there is now only guard coverage for 8 hours at night.

ORDINANCES

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

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes said this ordinance and #2009-31 could go three readings if necessary, otherwise could be passed tonight. Mr. Hermes 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. Hermes moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

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

#2009-32 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes said that Mr. Richards comment at the last meeting was correct in that the night vision goggles cannot be auctioned off and that the chief is going to try to trade them in. Mr. Heban said he is waiting on a new updated list of items to be auctioned and asked this be given a second reading. This was given a second reading only.

#2009-33 – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION FILED BY PETITIONER THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROSSFORD EXEMPTED SCHOOLS, OWNERS, AS REQUIRED BY THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said he would like this to pass tonight in order to expedite the annexation process in that the planning commission cannot pass the master plan before this portion is annexed. Mr. Oberdorf 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. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2009-34 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE, 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 this is the annual update of the municipal code to conform to state code and has been reviewed by Mr. Heban. Mr. Hermes 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. Hermes moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2009-35 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF ROOFS AT THE ROSSFORD SENIOR/RECREATION CENTER AND POLICE STATION; 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 at the time the contract was awarded it was anticipated there would be some additions requiring field approval. These additions included some additional downspouting at the recreation center and also removal of some obsolete roof curbs at the police station. Mr. Michaels asked if the additional cost was time and material and was told by Mr. Ciecka it was a lump sum cost. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and Dave Weaks, 318 Hillview asked if Mr. McKinnon was aware of this and if it had any affect on his bid. Mayor Verbosky said it was not necessary to notify him and had no affect on his bid. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2009-36 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is for the renewal of the city health insurance policy. The benefit plan is outlined as part of the collective bargaining agreement which limits choices and the renewal will be at an 8% increase. City employees share in the cost up to \$300 and then share at 50% up to 20% of the premium. With the permission of the bargaining units a second optional program will be offered to the employees with a lower premium involving a Health Savings Account which will require amending this ordinance to add that option. The city would make a one time \$400 payment for families to create the HSA with additional contributions to the account made monthly (\$140 for families and \$70 for singles). Mayor Verbosky asked if this was time-sensitive and was told yes as the start date is October 1st. Mr. Richards said he uses a HSA program in his household and finds it works okay and that it is a pre-tax contribution but not tax deductible. Mr. Duricek said the only downside is that the employees manage their own

money and then asked what tier we are rated. Mr. Ciecka said he has never heard that term and will check with our insurance carrier. Mr. Hermes said he really likes this optional plan and that it is revenue neutral for the city. He did have a concern regarding the language in the ordinance.

***Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to amend the ordinance by including the optional to employee program and adding the phrase *In the event the employee elects the option of the SMP Plus HSA* to the paragraph referencing the one time payment and monthly contribution. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hermes 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. 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.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Richards said the Labor Day event was wonderful but he did miss the Community Picnic at the Park aspect from previous years. He said the voice message regarding front yard parking was a good way to get the message out. He asked if the city had received any further word on the proposed housing project in the Crossroads and was told by Mr. Ciecka that he had talked to the developer and it appears that due to the economy this project is slowing down. Mr. Oberdorf said the Labor Day event was truly a city operation and that all departments and organizers deserve thanks for what they did in creating an enjoyable family day. Mayor Verbosky noted that three requests for memorial bricks were received at the Fun at the Fountain event.

Mrs. Eckel said everyone enjoyed the Labor Day celebration and complimented Mr. Kovasevic, the RBA, and Mr. Michaels for their part in this.

Mr. Hermes said the Budget committee will meet on September 28th at 6:00pm and will be discussing the 2010 budget. He thanked all those who worked on the Labor Day celebration but noted that children could not enter the Fun at the Fountain event with their parents. Mayor Verbosky said the RBA is reviewing that issue. Mr. Hermes also noted that the phone message sent out by the city in some cases was very faint or unable to be heard at all. Mr. Ciecka said he is aware of some problems.

Mr. Michaels thanked Mr. Kovasevic for a tremendous effort in putting the Labor Day celebration together and thanked the local press for the publicity.

Mr. Duricek said he was able to take part in the Chili Cook-off, said he was also made aware of some problems with the automatic phone message, and said council needs to look at the issue of the potential casino as the gateway to Rossford. He said many parts of the recent newspaper article are untrue, and that this property has not been platted yet. Mayor Verbosky said he and Mr. Ciecka are following this carefully and the city will not sit idly by without being involved. If this issue passes this is the site and the question will be what the city can do.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Dave Weaks, 318 Hillview, said he has spoken to the mayor, public works committee members, and council candidates this week and wanted them and council to know that all he and his neighbors have asked for over the years is for his street to be maintained but instead he has been told to get a petition up for curbs, storm sewers etc. He said not every member of the community can afford to pay for this. In his circumstance the sewer line is in his backyard but he as kept it accessible for the public works department. He was not informed of the grant application and all he wants is for his street to be repaired. In 39 years it has been resurfaced once and that it was a bad job.

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

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council