

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held September 22, 2008

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, Michaels, and Kovach all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of September 8, 2008. 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 22, 2008 was presented to council. Recreation committee minutes and an executive session to discuss pending litigation were added. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Oberdorf presented the recreation committee report of August 21, 2008. (See attached minutes) Mayor Verbosky asked if Mr. Kovasevic had sent a letter to the school board regarding a student representative. Mr. Oberdorf said the board has a student in mind but as only a junior Mr. Kovasevic is to check with school superintendent first. The mayor said he had attended the recreation forum on September 15 and while the turnout was small he applauded Mr. Kovasevic for putting it on.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky said council had been provided information by Mr. Heban regarding the sidewalk assessment process. The mayor would like to see a commitment to taxpayers that a coordinated effort to repair sidewalks will be made in 2009. At the mayors request Mr. Heban gave an update on the progress of the sidewalk handicap ramp replacement and said the city had met the requirement as specified in the five year plan.

Mr. Ciecka said Waste Management has offered an optional program for wheeled 96 gallon waste carts. Rent would be \$3 a month for the cart and Waste Management would handle the delivery of and billing for the carts. He wondered if council was interested in this program. Mr. Oberdorf asked if it was optional to use the cart and was told it was a totally optional program. Mr. Oberdorf also asked about the recycling program at Charles Crest and was told it would begin October 1. Mr. Marquette asked about the cart versus the current three can limit and was told one cart replaces 3 garbage cans. Mr. Marquette also asked whose responsibility it would be if a cart was damaged and Mr. Ciecka said he would get an answer on that. Mrs. Eckel wondered if you rented the cart for a period of time if you would eventually own it. Mr. Ciecka said you would not own it but that could be part of next year's contract renewal discussions. Mr. Michaels asked how the cart is handled and was told that a claw/arm lifts and dumps in the truck. Mr. Ciecka said the advantage is you have one container versus three and thus it is neater. Council was not opposed to Mr. Ciecka pursuing this program.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

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

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 adopt. Richards, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Hermes, Kovach voted aye. Michaels voted nay. Motion carried 6-1.

#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. SECOND READING.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this represents the renewal health benefits rate and will become effective October 1. He said the cost increase is about 14% and that the employees share in the cost at 10%, 15% or 20% depending on their coverage. Council is also being asked to readjust the monthly dental and vision rates based on whether single or family coverage. This is a self-insured program 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.

#2008-45 – 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. SECOND READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said he is requesting an appropriation of \$10,000 to the drug fine fund as no money was budgeted to that line item. It will be used to join the LEADS system to use with the mobile terminals in the police cars. The cost is \$6500 and the remaining \$3500 will be kept for needs later in the year. The money can only be used for drug enforcement activity. Mr. Marquette asked what the \$6500 was for and was told for the annual subscription to the LEADS system. Mr. Hermes said we dropped this once before and why are we seeking to join again. Mr. Ciecka said it was stopped previously because it was a general fund expense and now will be a drug enforcement expense. Mr. Richards said it allows the officer to spend more time in the public view. Mr. Hermes asked how and was told by Mr. Heban that the officer will be able to write his reports while in the police car. Mr. Hermes said there are computers in the cars now so why are they not doing that already and was told by Mr. Ciecka that there are problems with the older computers and reports cannot be written. Mr. Oberdorf said he has heard a number of advantages to having LEADS discussed and wondered if this has been proven in other departments. Mr. Ciecka said this is the trend right now. Mr. Kovach said it seems we are already paying for the LEADS system through our \$125,000 annual cost for dispatching and it seems more cost effective to continue going through dispatch for this information. This seems like a duplication of services and redundant. Mr. Richards said that as it seems there are several questions about this he would suggest discussing this at a safety committee meeting and give this a second reading only. Mayor Verbosky asked that Mr. Ciecka check with a couple of area police departments on their use of LEADS. Mrs. Eckel said she would like more information on this prior to the safety committee meeting. This was given a second reading only.

#2008-47 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD TO DISPOSE DREDGED MATERIAL FROM THE CITY OF ROSSFORD MARINA AT PORT AUTHORITY'S FACILITY NO. 3 CONFINED DISPOSAL AREA; 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 ordinance will permit disposal of marina dredged materials at the Toledo/Lucas County Confined disposal facility and that the dredging bid in Ordinance 2008-49 was based on the assumption that materials would be taken to this facility. Mr. Marquette asked if there was a cost for this and was told yes but the cost were part of the bid for dredging. Mr. Michaels asked what the total sum of the grant was and was told \$137,922. Mayor Verbosky asked when dredging would start and was told October 13 or 14 after the marina closes. Mr. Marquette asked if there was an advantage to dredging in the fall and Mr. Ciecka responded that the grant requires it be done now. Mr. Hermes 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. Hermes 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. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2008-48 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES (NON-BARGAINING) OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, REPEALING ANY PORTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this is a 2% increase for department heads and the administrator. Mr. Oberdorf suggested that due to some extenuating circumstances presented at the finance committee meeting he would recommend this be given a first reading. This was given a first reading only.

#2008-49 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE DREDGING OF THE ROSSFORD MARINA; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said only one bid had been submitted for this project that was put together in 2006. He said this need to be done fairly quickly based on the Corp of Engineers grant. The local share will be covered by the marina fund. Mr. Hermes asked how this was bid and was told by Mr. Ciecka bid was based on taking down to a certain depth and an estimate of cubic yards to be removed based on soundings. 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. Michaels seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#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. THIRD READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky asked council to table this based on current events regarding TARTA and assorted resolutions and the fact that the only application received was from a former TARTA employee. Mr. Hermes asked if the position was currently vacant and was told yes. Mr. Oberdorf agreed that with the ongoing transit forum and other things going on with TARTA it would be prudent to table. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to table. Richards, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Hermes, Michaels voted aye. Kovach voted nay. Motion carried 6-1. Resolution was tabled.

#2008-20 – RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka asked that this be approved on the first reading, as it needs to be to the auditor by October 1. He said this resolution is a standard annual procedure. Mr. Hermes said this approves the millage value as set by the auditor. He noted that several levies end in 2008 for collections in 2009 and that we will need to renew in 2009 to collect in 2010. Mr. Richards asked why no emergency clause and was told by Mr. Heban that as deals with money it cannot have one. 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 adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Marquette asked how the curfew is working and whether there had been any feedback from the neighborhood. Mr. Ciecka responded that there have been no arrests or citations for curfew violations and no feedback. . He said acting chief Kitzler general feeling is that as expected there is less activity after curfew hours and that the department views the curfew favorably.

Mr. Oberdorf asked if there was a need for a committee of the whole meeting in October, thanked Mr. Heban for providing the information regarding sidewalks, said he had attended the grand opening of Bad Bob’s BBQ, complimented two Rossford Boy Scouts that had attended Philemon – Nathan Ryder and Phillip Balla, reminded everyone to RSVP for the grand opening of the Hampton Inn, and said that Mr. Kovasevic is pleased with the response to the babysitting service he is offering called “The Jungle”,

Mr. Richards said the police are doing a good job in the neighborhoods that asked for the curfew ordinance. He said not all issues have been resolved but that it is much better. He noted that Walbridge is looking at similar legislation. He said the safety committee will meet on October 6 at 7:00pm.

Mr. Hermes said the finance committee had held their third quarter meeting tonight and would meet again on October 27th. He advised council he will be absent from the October 13th meeting as out of town on business.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jim Martis, Windsor Drive, thanked Dave Jones and the public works crew for doing a lot of work to alleviate the flooding problems on his street. He said the city should check into bigger pumps for the pumping stations and pumping into the river. He said downspouts should also be checked. He recommended that the city should check if

any damage was done to underground pipes before allowing gas/water company to fill in and cover their repairs. Mayor Verbosky said the downspouts will probably be checked next year.

John Folcik, Hannum Ave. asked what the time frame was on the dredging project. Mr. Ciecka said will take about 30 days to complete and will not begin until after marina closes on October 12. Mr. Folcik also asked about the 55mph speed limit on Buck Rd. between Lime City and Bates Rd. and Mr. Ciecka said he will look into.

Jeff Appelhans, Hannum Ave., asked Mr. Ciecka to elaborate on the new lighting for the boulevard. He was told the new lighting would still be in the median of the boulevard, would be decorative lighting, and probably not as high.

Chris Nietrzeba, Bacon St., thinks the new wheeled garbage cart would be a good idea.

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

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Kovach seconded the motion to return to regular session. 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