

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held September 24, 2007

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 10, 2007. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of September 24, 2007 was presented to council. A report from the Budget committee was added. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Melinda Stambaugh, the Protective Services Administrator from Wood County made a presentation regarding the 1.3mill replacement levy on the November ballot. She indicated that there has been no additional millage requested since 1988. She said this money is used for the protection of children and elderly in Wood County. She gave council a brochure with statistics on the number of people helped and gave some case examples. Mr. Hermes asked what the total budget of Protective Services was and she said she could not give him the number as she does not handle fiscal matters but that she knew \$2.5 million was spent on protective services and that some additional money comes from Wood County. Mr. Richards asked if she could describe the medical transportation they provide and she indicated this consists of transporting the elderly to doctor appointments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Hermes presented the Budget committee report of September 20, 2007. Item discussed was the upcoming 2008 budget. The committee along with the finance director reviewed each of the major revenue sources and expenditures, discussed what drives them and what is expected to happen in 2008. They discussed the assumptions made on each category and agreed on what method to use. The committee made sure the budget contained all the items that were part of the 3.5mill levy and discussed a debt repayment plan they would like to see if revenues can support. Finance Director Freeman is to take feedback from this meeting along with other direction from the administration and department heads and create the proposed 2008 budget. It is expected the first reading will be at the October 22nd council meeting with approval expected at the third reading on November 26th. Mayor Verbosky said that council is welcome to attend any of the budget meetings.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka thanked the mayor especially and everyone else for the opportunity to make the trip to Japan. He said the primary reason for his going was to meet with Nippon Glass in Tokyo. He said he did meet the chairman and had a frank and fruitful discussion regarding their purchase of Pilkington. He said the objective of making Nippon aware of Rossford was achieved. He also attended an investment conference in Osaka with Lt. Governor Fisher and several other Midwest Lt. Governors. Mayor Verbosky thanked Mr. Ciecka for making the trip along with Mike Scott and Rex Huffman of the Port Authority and Tom Blaha from Wood County. He said the objective was to be proactive in making Nippon aware of history, quality, and tradition of glass-making in Rossford.

Mr. Ciecka then said he has been using Mannik & Smith to perform an expedited review process of the Bass Pro engineering and inspections and that the number of changes has caused the cost to exceed his spending limit. He would like council to approve his continued use of them by authorizing an additional

\$10,000 in fees. He said this cost will be billed back to Bass Pro as the ordinance calls for review cost to be billed back to the developer. Mrs. Eckel asked what kind of inspections they are doing and how long this will go on. Mr. Ciecka said he has asked them to give him a quote on inspection services but that we will need them to perform ongoing inspections of the roadway and storm/water line extensions.

** Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to authorize the administrator to spend up to an additional \$10,000 for Mannik & Smith to do engineering reviews and inspections on the Bass Pro project. Vote on the motion was all ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Verbosky reminded council of the transit forum taking place on October 3rd from 7:30-9:30 am at the Martin Luther King Plaza. He said council should also have a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Ciecka by the interim superintendent of the Rossford Board of Education indication that the school's contribution to the DARE program had been approved. He also said he had received a letter from Heather Smith-Nissen asking permission for her group (DECCA) to again hold the Halloween parade. It will be held Sunday, October 28th.

** Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to allow the Halloween parade to be held on October 28th.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

*Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to authorize the administrator to spend up to an additional \$10,000 for contract negotiations. All ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

#2007-28 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES AND MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE REVENUE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2007 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2006-55. THIRD READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2007-32 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH POGGEMEYER DESIGN GROUP FOR LIME CITY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. Mr. Richards asked if this needed to be passed as an emergency and was told no by Mr. Ciecka. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2007-36 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

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

#2007-37 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS TOLLING AGREEMENT BETWEEN PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. Mr. Heban indicated that he had informed Mr. Donahue (attorney for the township) that this would probably go three readings. This was given a second reading only.

#2007-38 – 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. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka asked that this be adopted on the first reading due to the contract date. He said he was still

working with the bargaining units in contract negotiations regarding the health benefit review process. He said the city is currently offering what is considered a very rich level of benefits but that currently there is no method to change. He recommends the renewal of the agreement with Medical Mutual of Ohio despite a 15% increase in rates. He said as part of the collective bargaining agreements the employees do share part of the cost i.e. 10% on single coverage, 20% on family coverage with caps. He said the family coverage will cost an employee \$328. Mr. Oberdorf asked if that meant that on the \$1606 cost for family coverage the employee would pay \$328 of that cost and was told yes by Mr. Ciecka. 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.

#2007-39 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTINGENCY FEE AGREEMENT WITH MURRAY & MURRAY CO., L.P.A., MICKEL & HUFFMAN, AND RENDIGS, FRY, KIELY & DENNIS; AN DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. 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 Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2007-09 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING SELECTED POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD POLICY MANUAL RELATING TO USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT, EMPLOYEE CONDUCT AND PERSONNEL. THIRD READING.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. This was given a third reading. Mr. Ciecka handed out the amended version of the policy. Mr. Hermes questioned Section 2.3.3.6 concerning political activity and was told by Mr. Heban that is policy by state statute. Mr. Richards discussed the issue of defining partisan versus non-partisan elections. Mayor Verbosky asked Mr. Heban to clarify this issue. Mr. Richards said this should be tabled until the issue of employee involvement in elections is clarified. ** Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to table this resolution until the next meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2007-14 – RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND THE RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky asked if council wanted this just to be a first reading and was told by Mr. Hermes that it could be passed tonight. Mr. Hermes indicated the good news was that the revenue from the 3.5 mill levy did not decline as much as predicted by the auditor. 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 all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Oberdorf said a couple of people in the business district have complained about the trees not being trimmed. Mr. Ciecka said there has been no trimming yet this year and he will check with Dave Jones. Mrs. Eckel asked about fall brush pick-up and was told it is scheduled for the first week of October. She also asked if possibly next year flowers could again be planted in the boulevard. Mr. Hermes suggested that this would be a great project for an Eagle Scout but that the problem is the constant watering required. Mayor Verbosky said some flowering trees may be easier to care for and still add color. She said she has

heard rumors about changes at the Rossford post office and was told by the mayor that it appears staffing cutbacks will occur.

Mr. Hermes asked if any money has been received from Lyden Oil yet and Mr. Heban said the attorney has been out of the office and thus no response yet. He also asked how the contract for sewer work has been working with NWO Water and Sewer district has been working and Mr. Ciecka said it appears to be working very well with the pump stations appearing to be in great shape. Mayor Verbosky directed the administrator to do an analysis for Mr. Hermes.

Mr. Michaels had several issues and questions. He asked if we designed the sanitary sewer at SR795 that is currently a point of contention and if we designated a person to contact our state officials in pursuit of grants for this project, said he has received complaints about two rundown railroad building and asked that they be contacted to tear down or fix up, and said he would like the signs on I-80-90 and I-75 to say Rossford not Perrysburg. He mentioned that Perrysburg had formed a committee to promote Perrysburg and said we should do the same to promote Rossford and Bass Pro. He believed the Post Office is getting ready to close the office here and said we need to work on keeping, as it is part of a community's identity. He said the marina has made good progress in resolving the issues that were part of the health inspectors report, asked if Mr. Ciecka is working on a levy request from people in the flooded neighborhoods and was told yes, and finally asked if construction debris will be picked up and was told no, only brush.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Larry Bridenbaugh, 22 Lime City Rd., Rossford asked if Mr. Ciecka discussed plans for rebuilding the furnaces at the glass plant with Nippon and was told it was not part of the discussion.

John Folcik, 215 Hannum Ave., Rossford said the tree commission meets on October 3, asked if the old police cars and fire equipment were disposed of and was told an auction was coming up, and asked the status of the unpaid garbage fees. Mr. Heban said he is working with the county prosecutor to get those assessed on the next tax bill after some legal questions from the auditor.

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

**Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion that Halloween be observed on October 31 from 6-8:00 pm. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried.

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

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council