

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held September 26, 2005

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, Jakubec, and Kovach all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of September 12, 2005. Mrs. Jakubec 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 12, 2005 was presented to council. Committee reports to be presented from Judiciary, Recreation, and Tree commission. Resolution #2005-11 and an executive session to discuss pending and imminent litigation with Perrysburg Township also added. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

JUCICIARY

Mr. Marquette presented the Judiciary committee report of September 22, 2005. The committee discussed the proposals for health insurance including a new self-insured program. The committee recommended approval of Ordinance #2005-31 which continues the current plan.

RECREATION

Mr. Oberdorf presented the Recreation committee minutes of September 15, 2005. The committee was informed that new park benches and safety surfaces for playground areas had arrived. The committee recommended that the letter of qualification from Poggemeyer be accepted in regards to the Rec Center repairs. They were the only responders to the RFQ. Recreation Director Sloan told the committee that due to time and manpower constraints and working on revenue sources she is unable to continue in efforts to organize a Park District. The committee asked that a written report be prepared of her efforts to date and forwarded to the Mayor, City Administrator, and council so they could decide where to go from here. She also reported to the committee that new fall programs including the soccer program have not had the number of registrants that were hoped for. Rossford Schools presented a plan for tennis courts to be built on the Pilkington property adjacent to the Rec Center. The committee expressed hopes that the plan could be carried out. Mr. Marquette asked where the parking would be for these tennis courts. Mr. Oberdorf said the buses would drop off the teams and then park behind the high school but nothing was mentioned about parking for spectators. Mayor Verbosky said this would be part of the discussion if the plan would proceed. The committee also heard several complaints from an attendee regarding the recreation department and facilities.

TREE

Mrs. Jakubec said the commission met on September 14, that they still are in need of one new member, that the Genoa Bank planting plan was approved, and that the next meeting will be on October 19. She also thanked Dave Jones and the street department employees for their help with the Arbor Day planting.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to accept the committee reports as given. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka updated council on the status of the Maybar Phase IV sanitary sewer project and said he has been in contact with the contractor and was told the landscaper will begin reseeding the week of 10/3 and that any payments will be held back along with required retainage until the project is completed satisfactorily. He also asked council to designate the day and time for Halloween trick or treating. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to designate Monday, 10/31 from 6-8 p.m. as the authorized day and time. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka complimented city employees for making themselves available for several meetings to discuss health insurance options, said the planning commission is looking at a revision of the zoning code which is available on the city web page, said there is an opening on the planning commission, said NIMS training is being completed, and notified council he will be out of town from 9/28 to 10/3 to attend his mother's 90th birthday. Mr. Hermes said he received his Waste Management bill that had a \$.27 environmental fee on it and was told by Mr. Ciecka that should not have been charged and will be credited on the next bill. Mr. Richards asked if the landscaper will communicate with the property owners involved with the Maybar project and said if he doesn't he may have some problems with an upset neighborhood. Mrs. Eckel asked that the retainage be held until next spring when we will know if the grass planted this fall comes up.

Mayor Verbosky reminded everyone that this week is the pickup of brush only. He also said he was in receipt of a letter from the Wood County Park District informing the city that the recreation department had received a \$1000 grant for next year to be used for the purchase of park equipment.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk had one piece of correspondence which was an application for a new liquor permit for Target Corp. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to not request a hearing on this application. All ayes. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #2005-29 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING

Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes believes he has found a couple of mistakes and requested this be given a second reading only until Mr. Ciecka can check on.

ORDINANCE #2005-30 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH HARP CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE PHASE IV SANITARY SEWER PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to amend Ordinance #2005-30 to include a new section 2. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes clarified the overrun is 7.9% based on the total project cost. Mr. Ciecka said the funds even after appropriated will be held until the project is completed. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were asked for and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Marquette moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2005-31 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Jakubec moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the insurance committee looked at an alternative plan that

included a self-insurance portion. The employees looked at this very closely and voted 17-16 to accept but the union requires a 2/3 vote for any change to be accepted. This will be looked at again in the future. This needs to pass tonight as effective 10/1. Mr. Richards asked what the city's cost for this insurance was. Mr. Ciecka said it represents about a 16% or \$28,000 increase over last year. Mrs. Jakubec asked why this policy only covers 9 months of 2006 and was told the cost of extending to the end of 2006 added a 4% increase in cost. Mrs. Jakubec moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were asked for and Richard Goeke, Eagle Point Rd., Rossford, asked if any attempt was made to consolidate health benefits with other communities. Mr. Ciecka said looked at insurance pool coverage but no proposals were submitted. This policy is through the Chamber of Commerce but he will look at pooled coverage the next time the health insurance contract is up. Leonard Michaels, Dixie Hwy., Rossford asked what is the employee contribution to the cost of insurance and was told by Mr. Ciecka it is between 10-20% based on whether single, dual, or family coverage. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Jakubec moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Jakubec moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2005-09 – A 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. Hermes moved and Mrs. Jakubec seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes had questioned the inconsistency with the numbers on the fire levies. Mr. Ciecka said this is an auditor's assessment of the yields from various levies, are estimates, and the city is just asking the auditor to collect the millage. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were asked for and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2005-10 – A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMENDING THE OHIO CONSTITUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE STATE TO FINANCE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN SITES AND FACILITIES IN OHIO, AND TO EXPAND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Mrs. Jakubec moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka explained this references an issue placed on the ballot by the Ohio Legislature which includes three programs of which the OPWG are part of. Mr. Richards is not in favor of passing until he can read the actual amendment that will be on the November ballot. Mr. Hermes said he is favor of grant money but this appears to be a campaign motivated issue. He questioned whether a city body should pass something like this, wondered if there was a precedent for this, and questioned whether council was the correct body to tell citizens how to vote on a state-wide issue. Mayor Verbosky said the city has endorsed issues in the past that concerned narrower issues such as the local government fund and asked that this be given a first reading only to allow council to review an actual copy of the amendment that will be on the ballot and contact Mr. Latta or Gardner if they wished to.

RESOLUTION #2005-11 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

Mrs. Jakubec moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this resolution would authorize the city to file an application with the OWPC for the next grant funding cycle and that this application would be for funding for the resurfacing of Lime City Rd. In response to questions from Mr. Hermes the Mayor said the funding would probably entail a 20% contribution from the city and Mr. Ciecka said it would authorize the Mayor to sign contracts, but only after coming before council for a final decision and that according to Dave Jones this is the top priority road for repair. Mr. Marquette wondered if it would be possible to not only resurface but cover ditches and add sidewalks. Mr. Ciecka said that was not envisioned at this time. Mr. Ciecka will also provide a list to all council members of the priority list for road repair. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were asked for 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.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Kovach commented regarding the letter of arrangement received from the auditor's office on the performance audit and suggested that the Public Works department be added to the departments to be reviewed and that if an issue of cost he would recommend replacing the Parks/Rec. Dept. and adding Public Works. He also suggested that council act on this in a timely manner so that the audit could be used in the collective bargaining negotiations. Mr. Richards suggested that Mr. Kovach request legislation for the next meeting.

Mr. Hermes agrees that the proposed review of city contracts for \$7,000 is a wise move but is less convinced that reviewing Police and Parks Department for \$11,000 and \$10,000 respectively is worth the cost. He would like to see those department heads review other performance audits first for possible ideas. He also commended Mr. Ciecka and Mrs. Sabin for their work in preparing the 2004 CAFR and said it was a good report, and reminded everyone of the Fire Department open house on October 10

Mrs. Jakubec asked if there were two vacancies on the Planning Commission and was told just one.

Mr. Marquette commented that the performance audit is a good idea but he is concerned with the monetary impact on the city budget. He thinks maybe a good idea would be to do one area and see if beneficial before committing more funds.

Mrs. Eckel thanked Mr. Ciecka for his efforts in obtaining the grant that allowed the city to have the fall brush pickup. She also encouraged citizens to use the TARTA Call-a-Ride service.

Mr. Oberdorf said there is a city paramedic that is moving out of the city after serving the city for a number of years and asked that some recognition be given to him. Mayor Verbosky said the Fire Department will recognize him at the end of the year.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Tony Koprowski, 545 Maybar, Rossford, commented regarding the Maybar Sewer project and asked if some landscaping will be done to the circle area and was told yes. He also suggested that the Fire Dept. open house was a good time to start providing information on the levy campaign. He wondered if the Recreation Center repairs could be rebid rather than using Poggemeyer.

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Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to go into executive session. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

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

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council