

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held September 28, 2009

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, Richards, and Duricek all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of September 14, 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 28, 2009 was presented to council. Public Works 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

Public Works committee report from August 20<sup>th</sup> presented by Mr. Oberdorf (see written report attached). Mr. Oberdorf asked Mr. Ciecka to provide a list of completed road repairs as he is asked that question by many citizens. Mr. Hermes said the city had just recently purchased a \$10-12,000 lawnmower and do we really need another new one at this expense or could we get by with a \$6,000 model or something else. Mrs. Eckel said this will replace a 15 year old mower and Dave Jones had estimated the cost at \$10-14,000. Mr. Hermes noted that a new salt spreader/dump truck was purchased last year and asked if the new one being requested was the same size. Mr. Ciecka said it would be larger with an estimated cost of \$120,000. Mr. Hermes also noted that he has seen used vacuum trucks available for sale online. Mayor Verbosky commented that he sees the public works department cutting grass at the Crossroads weekly and the mower takes a beating on that rough ground.

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 said the city had two long time employees recently retire; Kate Kurth and Pete Bobak. He publicly recognized Kate Kurth who was in attendance and presented an engraved clock to her. The mayor said he had attended a video presentation at the library last Saturday of how the city as grown over the years with the first one focusing on LOF. He said it was very well done and encouraged attendance at future showings. He noted the RBA will meet on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 at Gold Medal Sports and said there are no agreements in place regarding the casino at this time and that the city is still waiting for Toledo to contact us regarding working together. In regards to Resolution #2009-22 he noted that Ray Miller is the current president of the RBA and a financial consultant whose business is located in Rossford.

Mr. Ciecka said council needs to determine the hours for Halloween trick or treating. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to set October 31 from 6-8pm as the time. Mr. Duricek said we need to know what other cities are doing so that our hours coincide so that we are not inundated with trick or treaters from other communities. Mr. Richards believes that Toledo is having theirs on October 31 from 6 -8pm. Mr. Richards moved to table his motion until October 12<sup>th</sup> so we can determine what other communities are doing. Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes expect for Mrs. Eckel.

He said 18 people had taken the civil service test for police officer, that brush pickup will be this week, and that he will be out of town on vacation from this Wednesday to Sunday.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said that an updated exhibit had been provided and suggested that section 1 be amended to include auction. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to amend section 1 to “dispose or auction surplus property”. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2009-37 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER 1335, IN TOTAL, OF THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 1335, FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION, OF THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE.**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Heban said this ordinance had been worked on by City Engineer Tucker Fredrickson, Mr. Drouard, and the ODNR. Mr. Hermes asked where the monetary amounts had been taken from and was told by Mr. Heban from the model ordinance and discussion with Finance Director Karen Freeman. Mr. Hermes asked that the rates be reviewed for potential income since the existing rates are twenty years old. Mr. Michaels asked if there were any financial implications for developers and was told by Mr. Heban yes, and probably negative. Mr. Heban will email council the model ordinance sent to him by ODNR. Mayor Verbosky suggested that council review and send their questions to Mr. Ciecka. Mr. Oberdorf asked if the Planning Commission remains the appeals board and was told yes. This was given a first reading only.

**#2009-38 – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DIRECTOR’S DEED FROM THE STATE OF OHIO FOR CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOCATED IN TOWN 3, RIVER TRACT 84, UNITED STATES RESERVE AND BEING LOCATED ON THE LEFT/WESTERLY SIDE OF INTERSTATE ROUTE 75.**

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this was brought to council’s attention a couple of weeks ago. He said a director’s deed was issued to Rossford in either 1980 or 1981 but never recorded. A new deed has been provided and recorded properly with the city accepting the right-of-way. Mr. Herms asked what this obligates us to do. Mr. Heban said the city in effect accepted the right-of-way in 1981. Mr. Ciecka said the right-of-way does not obligate the city to plow or maintain and that farther east the right –of -way in Northwood. Mr. Heban said by accepting this the city is not obligated to put in streets, water, sewer but that if the property owner wanted to develop they would have to do to our specifications and then dedicate to the city of Rossford. 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. Mayor Verbosky commented that any before any improvements could be made council would have the right to impose requirements. 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.

**#2009-39 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR 2009 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the bids were opened last Thursday and that the low bid was \$154,053 from Geddis Paving and since this was lower than expected and budgeted some additional roads will be done. Mr. Richards said this was discussed in budget committee and wondered if there was enough money left to do work in Bruns and was told by Mr. Ciecka no. Mr. Marquette asked if the city requires a performance bond and was told by Mr. Ciecka that the bid bond automatically converts to a performance bond upon the awarding of the contract. 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 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.

RESOLUTIONS**#2009-22 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF RAYMOND J. MILLER, JR. TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; 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 the vacancy is due to the resignation of Dave Weaks. Mr. Richards asked when the next meeting of the commission is and was told very shortly to review police officer candidates. 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 declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Michaels asked if Mr. Heban had made contact with Toledo Edison regarding lighting problems. Mr. Heban said he had and had sent an email to Mr. Michaels two weeks ago. He will resend as Mr. Michaels said he did not receive it.

Mr. Hermes noted a recent Rossford Record article about improvements to Island View Park and as a result went down there and noticed about fifty dead trees (Emerald Ash borer) and said since these will need to be cut down eventually the city should check on the feasibility of someone cutting down in return for free wood. He also suggested looking at the same park for a Halloween Night walk or Nature walk.

Mr. Marquette said he had noticed some new street lights at the corner of Dixie Hwy. and Lime City Rd. Mr. Ciecka said some old worn out light heads had been replaced.

Mrs. Eckel said she had received the photometric layout for the downtown lights and it seemed to here that the Glenwood Rd. intersection was dark. Mr. Ciecka said that any concerns be emailed to him and the city engineer. He thinks the problem is that the photometric layout did not include existing adjacent lights just the new ones. Mrs. Eckel thanked Mrs. Kurth for her years of service and asked if leaf pickup had been scheduled and was told no.

Mr. Oberdorf observed that Mrs. Kurth was at one time a high school student of his so it is hard to believe she is retiring already. He asked if there was any reason to hold an October committee of the whole meeting and seeing none:

\*\*\*\*\*Mr. Richard moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to suspend with the October Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Oberdorf reminded everyone of the Fire Dept. open house on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm., that flu shots will be available, and that the voter registration deadline is October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Richards said the safety committee will meet on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. and that the contract the city signed with ODOT for maintaining the four traffic lights along SR795 appears to have been brilliant move in view of seeing the amount of ODOT equipment and manpower that has been tied up for several days in replacing lights.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf 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