

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held October 23, 2006

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 October 9, 2006. 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 October 23, 2006 was presented to council. Recreation and Marina committee reports and an executive session to discuss pending litigation were added to the agenda. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION: School Superintendent Gernot presented a flag to the Mayor and city that had been flown over U.S. Secret Service headquarters in Washington D.C. The flag was given by the widow of an agent killed on 9/11 who meet the four Rossford High School students who walked to Ground Zero this summer and sent the flag to the school in recognition of their efforts. Mrs. Gernot felt the flag should be presented to the city rather than kept at the school since the students walked in honor of the community. Mayor Verbosky thanked her and the Board of Education for the donation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marina

Mr. Michaels presented the committee report. Items discussed were the 2006 marina season and operations. Another meeting of the committee is to be scheduled.

Recreation

Mr. Oberdorf presented the committee report of October 19, 2006. Items discussed were repairs to the recreation building, recovery of vandalism cost at Beech Street Park, 2007 budget preparation which includes \$11,300 for repairs of Beech Street tennis courts, \$6,450 for repair of roof over meeting roof C in recreation building, \$2,500 for stone for ball diamonds, \$800 for steel door on track, and \$3,888 for four new grills at Vets Park. Mr. Folcik had asked Mrs. Sloan to see if some other system could be utilized other than downspouts at Beech Street to reduce the vandalism and she reported back that they could be encased but that still would not guarantee they would not be vandalized. Mr. Oberdorf asked Mrs. Sloan to contact Chief Vespi regarding a park patrol.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky reported on the signing of the legislation by the Wood County Commissioners involving Bass Pro. He discussed a potential TIF agreement with Bass Pro and pending legislation contained in Ordinance #2006-51. He said he will do whatever is necessary to finalize bringing Bass Pro to Rossford. The mayor said that the Halloween Parade will be held on October 29 beginning at 2:00 at the marina. The mayor is requesting that Ordinance #2006-47 be tabled as the administration as negotiated hiring Tim McCarthy at a rate of \$175 an hour to handle the labor talks. Mr. McCarthy is an attorney with the firm of Shumaker, Loop, and Kendrick and spends 70-80% of his time in labor negotiations.

** Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to approve hiring Mr. McCarthy at an hourly rate of \$175 and hour with total cost not to exceed \$10,000. Vote on the motion was Richards, Eckel, Marquette, Hermes, Michaels, and Kovach ayes with Oberdorf voting no. Motion carried 6-1.

Mr. Ciecka presented council with copies of the results of the residential surveys for the downtown area. Anyone who would like to read the comments is welcome to review the actual surveys. He said the storm water problems in the Crossroads were being addressed. He reminded everyone of the downtown planning meeting to be held the second Tuesday of the month and said that financing options must be in place by April, 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE

Three items of correspondence were presented to council. A thank you card from Nancy Oberdorf, 2006 Ohio Issues ballot information report, and a letter from the office of the Ohio secretary of state explaining the requirement to show I.D. when voting.

ORDINANCES

#2006-47 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH STEVEN SPIRN, LABOR RELATIONS CONSULTANT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. Vote on the motion all nays. Motion failed and ordinance not passed.

#2006-49 – AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A ZONING CHANGE FROM AN R-1C CLASSIFICATION TO A C-2 CLASSIFICATION UNDER CHAPTER 1142 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel said she does not want to see happen here what has gone on with the buffer zone in Arbor Hills. Mr. Marquette questioned whether the Stansley Company is paying income tax on the fees they are charging for allowing the dumping of fill. Mr. Richards said that St. George church is not clear what is going on. Mr. Michaels feels access should be available from Glenwood also. Mr. Kovach said he is not supportive of the change in zoning. Before making a decision on this ordinance council would like to hear from the property owner about the plans to fill in the pond and rezone this for a commercial building. This was given a second reading only.

#2006-51 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 549.08 AND 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 Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and John Folcik asked about the hours the range would be open. He was told this would be worked out with Bass Pro. 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.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Richards said that the participation of city, county, and state officials at the Bass Pro signing looked good.

Mr. Oberdorf thanked the Mayor and Mr. Ciecka for their efforts in working with Bass Pro and said he is pleased to have them come to Rossford and expects the city will benefit in several ways.

Mrs. Eckel asked when negotiations will begin and was told as soon as Mr. McCarthy is contacted.

Mr. Marquette requested that the 7-11 vacant property be cleaned up.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jeff Appelhans, Hannum Ave., Rossford, asked if Lime City Rd. will be able to handle heavy truck traffic if used as the access for the proposed commercial site on Glenwood. He said that both Lime City Rd. and Glenwood Rd. should be used for access. He also inquired about the pending lawsuit with Perrysburg Township and legal fees incurred.

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Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. 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. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council