

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held October 24, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mayor William J. Verbosky Jr. and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mackinnon, Oberdorf, Marquette, Hermes, and Duricek all present. Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Scott who is out of town on business. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of October 10, 2011. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of committee of the whole meeting minutes of October 3, 2011. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of October 24, 2011 was presented to council. Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky reminded everyone of the Rossford Convention and Visitors Bureau open house on October 25th from 5:30 to 7:30pm. at the Marriott Courtyard and of the Halloween Parade on October 30th at 2:00pm. with trick or treat on Monday the 31st from 6-8pm.

Mr. Ciecka said that the marina closed over the weekend and only 10 boats are left in the water as of today. He said the proposed idea in the state of Ohio for mandatory central collection of municipal income taxes brings up several concerns such as infringement on home rule authority, cost, and loss of local control. A special meeting on October 28th with State Representatives Gardner and Sears taking questions and listening to concerns will be held at the Maumee Indoor Theatre. He said that NWSA has started hydrant testing which may cause some cloudy or rusty water, and that rumor has it that Five Guys opened today. He said the Rossford Bd. Of Ed. will have a resolution at their next meeting regarding the Bacon St. property. Mayor Verbosky commented that he is very comfortable with our tax collection through RITA at a cost of 2% or less versus the possible state cost of 5-6%.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2011-51 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE AND RELATED HARDWARE WITH SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS INC.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the budget committee had reviewed the proposals for new software as our old software is no longer supported and that Mrs. Freeman had recommended SSI after visiting the city of Oakwood and seeing the software in use. Mr. Hermes said that in 2005 our computer software was identified as a future \$60,000 expense and that this comes in at \$55,000 which we were prepared for and had budgeted. This is recommended by the budget committee. Mr. Marquette said this may be the best fit but is it the lowest cost and was told yes by Mr. Hermes. Mr. Ciecka said this will be given a first reading so legal counsel can review the license agreement and any other legal questions. This was given a first reading only.

#2011-52 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2011 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2010-53; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said that in running department budgets the concern was the fire department budget was insufficient to reach the end of the year due to unexpected repair cost therefore would be amended by \$10,000 for non-wage expenses. Mr. Hermes said that \$10,000 is a small amount in a half-million dollar budget and that we have money remaining in other categories that just needs to be moved. Mr. Marquette asked if the increased cost of medicines for the rescue squad is covered by insurance and was told by Mr. Ciecka that we bill the patient's insurance company and get back a percentage of the cost but not all. Mr. Hermes said we get back most of it and that we bill for the maximum under

Medicare guidelines and get back about \$60-70,000 a year. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and Jerry Staczek, 1017 Dixie Highway said he has heard complaints about the rescue squad being driven to lunch and the ladder truck going on rescue runs. Mr. Duricek said fuel costs are not part of this request, only medicines and repairs. Mr. Hermes said \$125,000 was budgeted for reimbursement of ambulance services and that \$96,000 has been received YTD. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2011-15 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR NAVIGATIONAL AIDS GRANT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF WATERCRAFT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the city has been placing no-wake buoys along the shoreline for the last few years and that some have been lost and/or damaged and this grant will cost the city nothing. Mr. Hermes 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. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mrs. Eckel thanked Mr. Ciecka for the additional recreation parking spaces and asked about the lighting project. Mr. Ciecka said 12 additional spots were created as a result of closing the boulevard cut-thru and that the last trenching was done today for the new lights. Mrs. Eckel reminded citizens to not place grass clippings in their leaf piles and to not place leaves in the street and asked candidates to keep campaign signs out of the city right-of-way. Mr. Oberdorf asked if there was a need for a November committee of the whole meeting. Seeing none:

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the November committee of the whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Oberdorf thanked the RBA for hosting Meet the Candidate night, and Mr. and Mrs. Montague for acting as moderator and assistant respectively. He said one of the questions was whether the property behind the recreation center was Pilkington's and Mr. Hermes responded that it is and is used as contractor parking and lay down area during major rebuilds at the plant which would preclude it being sold. They did allow use of it for parking during the fire convention a couple years ago.

Mr. MacKinnon congratulated the Rossford 7th and 8th grade football teams for going undefeated and playing for the league championship this week. He thanked the RBA for Meet the Candidate night and said he is looking forward to the best Halloween parade ever.

Mr. Duricek said he had received an email from Diane McKinney regarding donating bagged candy for distribution by DECA during the parade, thanked the RBA for Meet the Candidate night, and asked Mr. Ciecka about the Pilkington railroad crossing and other railroad crossings. Mr. Ciecka said that Pilkington is budgeting to work on their railroad crossing and that CSX told him they don't see the need for repairs to their crossings but he will inquire again.

Mr. Hermes asked for support for the RHS play on November 3rd-6th being put on by the drama department.

Mrs. Eckel suggested no parking signs be placed on Hannum during the Halloween parade because of previous parking issues.

Mr. Ciecka told council that the heat tonight is being provided by our new furnaces installed under an American Recovery Act grant along with new programmable thermostats.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Barb Weir, 1252 Grassy Ct. asked if committee meetings are open to the public and when and where they are held. She was told they are open to the public and that all meetings are held at city hall with the exception of the recreation committee which meets at the recreation center and that all meeting times are posted on the calendar at city hall.

Steve Vedra, 170 Hannum said it took two years to find out that Pilkington owned the railroad crossing and he hopes it is repaired quickly. He asked who decided what streets get repaired and complained that Hannum Avenue was not done despite the amount of traffic it gets during the summer. He also complained about people putting leaves in the street and the rescue squad being driven around town all day long. Mayor Verbosky said that streets to be repaired are determined by the public works committee with input from Dave Jones and the city engineer.

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum complained about Waste Management not placing the yard waste containers back on the lawn after dumping and inquired if a special permit was granted to the cigar bar to put signs in the public right-of-way in the boulevard. Mr. Ciecka said that the signs are not permitted and it will be followed up on.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council