

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held October 25, 2010

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

ROLL CALL: Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Hermes, Scott, and Duricek all present.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Richards who is attending a meeting at Sylvania Township regarding TARTA. All Ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of October 11, 2010. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of October 25, 2010 was presented to council. Ordinance #2010-48 and an executive session to discuss labor negotiations were added to the agenda. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky said he attended the open house at Dr. Jackson's new office last week and noted it is a beautiful facility with three times the space of her previous location. He is glad she was able to stay in Rossford and thanked her diligence in maintaining her presence in Rossford. He also attended the craft fair at St. George Church and said he had a nice time and that the people at St. George are happy to be in Rossford. He also attended the Board of Education's grand opening of the new athletic facility which he said is very nice. He reminded everyone of the Halloween Parade and Trick -or -Treat on Sunday the 31st. Mr. Hermes asked if the people at St. George had offered any opinion on the property located behind them and was told no.

Mr. Ciecka said Schreier Rd. was closed today for the beginning of construction and will be closed for about 3 weeks. He said this is the last week for the marina which closes on the 31st and that he has been receiving some complaint calls regarding approximately 1400 letters sent out by RITA on unpaid taxes. Mayor Verbosky said RITA was meant to increase our data base of whom or who not has been paying taxes and help to maximize our efforts in collecting income tax owed.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was one piece of correspondence regarding the transfer of a liquor permit from JF Enterprises on Clark Drive to the new Stop-n-Shop. Council did not request a hearing,

ORDINANCES

#2010-48 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PLATTENBURG & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2010 THROUGH 2014; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

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

Mayor Verbosky said there had been some questions after the first reading which Mr. Ciecka had responded too. Mr. Ciecka said he would like this approved now so that the auditing firm can begin preparations. Mr. Hermes said he had talked to Mrs. Freeman and he is satisfied based on the state recommendation. Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. All ayes. Motion carried. Audience comments were asked for and none received. 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.

#2010-50 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE GRASSHOPPER ZERO-TURN MOWER THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this was budgeted for. Mr. Oberdorf asked if approved today how soon we will get this and Mr. Ciecka said a purchase order will be issued within two days. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. All ayes. Motion carried. Audience comments were asked for and none received. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2020-21 – AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG TO WITHDRAW FROM THE TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (TARTA). SECOND READING. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf recommended this be given only a second reading. Mayor Verbosky said there has been hesitancy by Sylvania Township and Maumee on approving this and that is the reason for the meeting tonight being attended by Mr. Richards. Mr. Marquette asked if Perrysburg is allowed to leave what happens to the rest of the members without Perrysburg’s \$1.3million. Mayor Verbosky said expenses would have to be redistributed to the remaining members but that our millage will not change and our contribution remains the same. Mr. Hermes said the loss would result in possible reduction in routes and rider cost increases but that our millage will not change. Mr. Ciecka said we are not a donor community in that we collect about \$300,000 and our cost as arrived at by TARTA amount to that. Mr. Duricek noted that the TIF area is only taxed for TARTA based on increased values. Mr. Scott said if Perrysburg exited TARTA it could affect the routes. This was given a second reading only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Hermes said the new CAFR had been given to council and thanked Mr. Ciecka, Mrs. Freeman and staff for their efforts on this. He said it contain a lot of good information and continues to get better. It is available on the website also. He attended the Wood County Economic Meeting and said it was well attended by a diverse group with the main question posed being “What do you want to be”, retail, industrial, tourism, etc. He said possibly this winter this should be a topic for a committee of the whole meeting to get input from our citizens.

Mr. Scott suggested that possibly we should think about doing another master plan for the city. He said we need to talk about this and ways to fund it.

Mr. Duricek said he attended the same meeting and that the smaller communities in Wood County seem in awe of what Rossford has accomplished. He also attended the open house at Dr. Jackson’s and said it is a very nice facility. He noted the letters sent by RITA seem to have addressed mismatched and that the casino in Columbus is asking for public money.

Mr. Oberdorf said he attended the same meeting and thought it was a great workshop. They talked about the dynamics of Toledo Mayor Bell’s trip to China and how important that was culturally. He said it is important to have a development plan but we need to maintain a good working relationship with our existing businesses.

Mrs. Eckel attended Dr. Jackson’s open house and said it is a great building and it is great to see her stay in Rossford. Mrs. Eckel congratulated the high school on the new athletic complex and reminded Mr. Ciecka to have public works put up no parking signs on the Halloween parade route. Mrs. Eckel said the letter from Hull & Associates had some good ideas on getting the landfill closed and reuse of the property.

Mr. Oberdorf asked if there was a need for a November committee of the whole meeting.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to suspend with the committee of the whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Marquette said the marina committee had conversation regarding wind turbines providing electricity for the marina. He said we need to keep leaves out of the street and in the tree lawn. Mr. Ciecka said the leaves are carried into the storm sewers by the rain when piled in the street and eventually turns into the blue algae we find in the lake.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Judy Davenport, Eagle Point Rd. complained about leaves piled in the street and also people who blow snow from their driveways into the street instead of sideways into their yard. She asked if political signs are allowed on school property and was told that the board of education owns the property. Mayor Verbosky asked Mr. Heban to check the campaign law regarding signs on school property.

Barbara Weir, 1252 Grassy Ct. said she understood the city was broke but yet we employed RITA and instituted the one-call system. Mayor Verbosky said the city did anticipate a deficit budget this year and have cut costs everywhere possible including keeping personnel cost down thru attrition. He said the cost of the one call system is \$2300 a year and that RITA eliminated the need to staff our own tax department and in the long run it is cheaper to contract out our tax collection. It is paying for itself and benefiting us. Mr. Scott said the county phone system would have cost us \$7500 a year. She also thought that the fall brush pickup was not well publicized. Mayor Verbosky said it was in the Rossford Record and usually is held about the same time every year.

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

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

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

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council