

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held October 27, 2008

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 13, 2008. 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 27, 2008 was presented to council. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky said the information from TARTA had been given to council and that the next meeting is November 5th in Sylvania, said trick or treat will be Friday, October 31, from 6-8pm., and thanked Heather Nissen and the Rossford DECA for a great and well attended Halloween parade.

Mr. Ciecka said the contractor will begin street repairs to Lime City Rd. tomorrow, that the marina dredging project has begun and a possible change order may be forthcoming depending on money available. Mayor Verbosky asked about the condition of the dock poles and should they be replaced and was told by Mr. Ciecka that part of the change order is that concern.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from a John Kachmarik, 301 Eagle Point Rd., addressed to council regarding cell phone use while driving within the city was entered into the record.

ORDINANCES

#2008-50 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this had been given a first reading only last meeting in order to allow the fire chief to review the fire prevention codes. Mr. Heban said the fire chief had reviewed and had no problem with this. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2008-51 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 151.08 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky asked if there had been any public comment on this. Mr. Ciecka said he had received none and Mr. Kovasevic said a few people had asked him about it. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and Joe Jardine, 178 Hannum Ave. asked Mr. Kovasevic to explain the reasons for increasing the membership fees. Mr. Kovasevic said the recreation department is requesting an increase in rates in order to be able to increase the hours of operation and retain and recruit staff. He outlined the various means available to pay – monthly, quarterly, annually. Mayor Verbosky said it has been seven years since the last increase. Mr. Jardine then commented that he has been a fitness member since 1995 and has seen the fee increase from \$35 to \$70. He thinks removing the one time use fee is a bad idea, that a fee increase of 50% is too high, and that people who want to use only the track or gym should not have to buy a membership. He said the recreation department needs to assess first before increasing fees. Mrs. Eckel said the hope is that with new cardio equipment people will want to join. Mr. Kovasevic cited the increase in the minimum wage as a cost that has affected the operation cost. He also noted that the family rate is only 1.5 of the individual adult rate.

Vote on the motion was Oberdorf, Richards, Kovach, Michaels, Marquette, and Eckel aye. Hermes no. Motion carried 6-1. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to declare an emergency. Vote on the motion was Oberdorf, Richards, Kovach, Michaels, Marquette, and Eckel aye. Hermes no. Motion carried 6-1. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adopt. Vote on the motion was Oberdorf, Richards, Michaels, Marquette, and Eckel aye. Hermes and Kovach no. Motion carried 5-2.

#2008-56 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2007-46; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka explained this ordinance covers three increases in the appropriations budget covering dredging, recreation, and the landfill. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. Vote on the motion was Oberdorf, Richards, Michaels, Marquette, and Eckel aye. Hermes and Kovach no. Motion carried 5-2.

#2008-57 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION ROSSFORD OHIO UNIT (PATROL OFFICERS) AND OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION ROSSFORD OHIO UNIT (COMMAND OFFICER); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka explained that the contract has finally given to council after going to binding arbitration. It calls for a 3% salary increase per year for 3 years and excludes the DARE officer and officers on special assignment from being considered toward the minimum manpower requirement. Many other changes were agreed upon (i.e.) part-time police officer, 80 hour minimum. He said while not totally happy with the arbitrators ruling it is binding. Mr. Oberdorf stated he is disappointed with the arbitrators finding since it appears he totally accepted the other sides points. Mr. Ciecka said he was more disappointed in the length of time the fact-finder took. Mr. Oberdorf asked what the legal cost was for this and was told by Mr. Ciecka in excess of \$30,000. Mayor Verbosky said this was a give and take issue and he to was disappointed in the length of time it took. Mr. Richards said we have to live with it, like it or not. Mr. Marquette questioned how much is owed in retroactive pay and was told by Mr. Ciecka that Mrs. Freeman is still calculating. Mr. Marquette would like to know the difference between a 2% and 3% increase. Mr. Kovach noted that the last contract expired 12-31-06 but the new contract says it begins 9-1-07. Mr. Ciecka said that is an error and needs to be corrected.

****Mr. Kovach moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to amend section one of the ordinance to show the new contract beginning 01-01-07. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings of the ordinance as amended. . Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2008-22 – A 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.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is a grant request to replace buoys in the no-wake zones along the waterfront. The old ones have deteriorated and council needs to provide a resolution showing their knowledge of the request. Mr. Hermes asked what the grant amount was and was told by Mr. Ciecka that it will cover replacing 13 buoys at a cost of \$300-400 each. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels 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 Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Richards congratulated everyone involved in the Halloween parade and said this is a great community event. He said that the mayor meeting with the 2nd graders is a good civic lesson and a great program and congratulated the mayor for participating. He said he appreciates getting the agenda and minutes via email from the clerk.

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

**** Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to dispense with the November Committee of the Whole Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. He congratulated Mrs. Nissen and her DECA program for a great job with the Halloween parade, asked what time the next TMACOG meeting was (6-8pm), and asked Mr. Heban if he had any update on the Perrysburg resolution regarding TARTA (No).

Mrs. Eckel congratulated Mrs. Nissen and the DECA kids for a great job on the parade, complimented the clerk for providing agenda/minutes by email, and asked Mr. Cieccka about pick-up of yard bags. Mr. Cieccka said bags will be picked up weekly through November and that leaf pickup has begun. He reminded citizens to not put leaves in the street and to not mix in grass clippings.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

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