

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held November 8, 2010

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of October 25, 2010. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes except for Mr. Richards who abstained. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of November 8, 2010 was presented to council. Reports from the Budget, Ways, & Means committee, ad hoc transportation committee, and Mrs. Freeman were added to the agenda. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Marty Linthicum made a presentation to the city of an additional plaque for Veterans Park memorializing Army Lt. Col. Thomas Belkofer who was recently killed in Afghanistan. As an Eagle Scout Mr. Linthicum had previously raised money and refurbished the plaques honoring those killed in war from Rossford. Mayor Verbosky requested Mr. Linthicum's help in refurbishing the WWI plaques on the boulevard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Hermes presented the Budget/Ways & Means committee report from October 18th (see written report). Mr. Richards presented the report from the ad hoc transportation committee (see written report). Karen Freeman, Finance Director, reported that two ordinances on the agenda are for the 2010 year end appropriations and the 2011 budget. As opposed to the 1 million dollar deficit forecast in 2010 the 2011 budget forecasts a \$300,000 deficit. The reason for this decrease is higher revenue than projected. The general fund will show a \$425,000 deficit and the budget will allow for no new staffing, \$150,000 for road repair, and replacing a police vehicle and the roof on the public works building. New finance software will be purchased as the old software can no longer be supported, ½ of the debt on the recreation center will be paid off, higher landfill expense will be shown due to EPA testing, and the water and sewer funds are budgeted to go to NWSA at the end of the first quarter. Mayor Verbosky noted that the 2010 was very conservative and that the 2011 budget is also conservative. Our higher revenue can be attributed to improvements at Pilkington, opening of new stores like TJ Maxx and the Stop-n-Shop, retired employees not being replaced, and some estate taxes. Mr. Marquette asked how we are covering the deficit and was told by Mrs. Freeman that we use our limited reserves. Mr. Hermes asked her to explain how we can afford the purchase of a new snow plow truck and was told that we came in under budget on expenses and thus there was enough money for the snow plow which was budgeted for.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky thanked DECA, Heather and her crew for an excellent Halloween Parade and thanked all the city departments involved along with the Wood County Sheriff's Department. He said the Planning Commission will meet this Wednesday, November 10th, at 7:00pm in city hall. He informed council that he had just received notification that once again Rossford has been designated a Tree City USA. He encouraged everyone to read the article in the latest issue of Cities & Villages regarding visibility of cities. He reminded everyone of the Spaghetti Dinner Benefit to be held November 13th for Rick Vascik, a member of our fire department, who is suffering from leukemia.

Mr. Ciecka said he is glad that most of the campaign signs have been cleared up and that is appreciated. He said we will need to focus on the state budget and new governor. Early reports indicate the state will have a 6-8 billion dollar deficit which may cause further cuts in the local government funds received from the state. He will continue to monitor thru the Ohio Municipal League. He notified council of the ad running in the Rossford Record regarding good and bad examples of how leaves are to be put at the curb. He told council that the new police vehicle is in and in the process of having the equipment swapped out. He said that the recent low water at the marina exposed problems with the ramp recently poured and that at the next low water event Rudolph Libbe will come out and correct.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was one piece of correspondence regarding street and bridge repairs on Glenwood Rd. from Mrs. Pat Linkous, 512 Indian Valley Ct.

ORDINANCES

#2010-51 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A CONSTRUCTION DUMP TRUCK WITH SNOW PLOWING AND SALT SPREADING ACCESSORIES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this was reported on in the budget committee report. He has the demo truck and the old 1991 truck with holes in the floor and rusted body in the lot for comparison with the demo truck we would purchase if council approves. The demo truck was only used by the dealer for shows throughout the state and has a stainless steel dump body to prevent corrosion from salt. He said there are other demos around but that Mr. Jones prefers the International truck. Mr. Richards said he is confident in the recommendation from the committee and Mr. Jones. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comment was requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel 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.

#2010-52 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO AND CHANGES TO REVENUE AND EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2010 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2009-45; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes asked if there would be a few minor changes to this ordinance in the next couple of weeks and Mrs. Freeman said she did not think so as she hoped she allowed enough money in the appropriate funds. This was given a first reading only.

#2010-53 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2011 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this ordinance as the one previous will be given multiple readings. This was given a first reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

#2020-21 – AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PERRYSBURG TO WITHDRAW FROM THE TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (TARTA). THIRD READING.

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

#2010-22 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTED REVISED DRAFT WOOD COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said council had received a memo from Mr. Ciecka regarding this plan on November 4th.

Mr. Ciecka said the members of the district are appointed by the county commissioners and that they are responsible for management of the Southwest district. They are to ensure that there is a 15 year capacity for the disposal of solid waste in the county. This plan is an update from one executed five years ago. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Duricek said the Halloween Parade was a nice success and that it brought in a huge amount of people from out of town. He suggested a possible expansion of the parade into an event that keeps people in our downtown for the day. He said the state claims they return 85% of the money they receive from local taxes back but this can not be substantiated. He said an article regarding this is in the Cities & Villages magazine. Mr. Scott extended his condolences to Mayor Verbosky on the death of Irene Verbosky and congratulated him on the birthday of his mother. He said the Convention/Visitors Bureau is up and running and that a contract with Buxton had been signed with a time period of 45-60 days to complete the study. He said they will meet on Friday to appoint a new member upon the resignation of Bill Zouhary. Mayor Verbosky thanked Dr. Zouhary for his up front work.

Mr. Marquette asked if their had been any involvement from NWSD in the repair of the water main break on Lime City Rd. and was told by Mr. Ciecka no, that the repair was made by Toledo as we have no formal agreement with NWSD yet. Mayor Verbosky said we are close to sending a draft agreement to NWSD.

Mrs. Eckel thanked DECA for the Halloween Parade. She asked about the status of the street resurfacing projects and was told by Mr. Ciecka that the Glenwood Rd. is finished and that Schreier will be completed by Thursday. Mrs. Eckel said that some cans are not being picked up by Waste Management and said she would like to look at the contract. Mr. Ciecka said the contract states a 35 gallon limit weighing no more than 50 pounds.

Mr. Oberdorf mentioned that the recreation committee is dealing with ADA compliance issues. He noted that Mr. Vascik has impacted many in a positive way and is a good and decent person.

Mr. Richards noted that Mr. Vascik is also the chaplain for the police and fire departments, founded the Fire Department Explorer Post, and is a Deacon at All Saints Parish. He suggested that the Convention/Visitors Bureau think about producing an inexpensive map showing area stores, restaurants, motels.

Mayor Verbosky mentioned that he had received correspondence last week with information for people struggling with heating bills and that information is available at the city.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Barb Weir, 1252 Grassy Ct. asked what is the city's plan for the Buck Rd. /Lime City Rd. intersection in 4-5 years. Mr. Ciecka explained the process involving the county engineer, federal funds, and the possible building of a traffic roundabout as a result of traffic caused by the new Penta Center. She also asked why the water main breaks on Lime City Rd. continue to happen. Mr. Ciecka explained it is a dead end line that is not looped and that weather and water hammer causes the breaks.

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