

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting  
Held November 14, 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, Eckel, Marquette, Hermes, Scott, and Duricek all present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of regular council meeting minutes of October 24, 2011. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of committee of the whole meeting minutes of October 17, 2011. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for regular council meeting of November 14, 2011 was presented to council. Presentation to Kevin Boris, marina and recreation committee reports and an executive session to discuss property acquisition were added. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to remove Ordinance 2011-45 from the table and place on the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Verbosky presented Kevin Boris with a clock in honor of his retirement after over 30 years of employment with the city public works department. Family members and Street Department head Dave Jones were in attendance.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Marina committee report of October 10, 2011 was presented by Councilman Scott (see written report). Mayor Verbosky noted that the change to finger docks helped bring in additional boaters this season and he thinks the idea to replace B dock with finger docks is a good idea.

Recreation committee report of October 27, 2011 was presented by Councilman Oberdorf (see written report). Mr. Oberdorf encouraged participation in this years 5K Reindeer Run. He noted that Ordinance 2011-53 will be given a first reading today and that Mr. Kovasevic is here to answer any questions. Mayor Verbosky said it is good to see that revenue and participation continue to increase at the recreation department.

*Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to accept the committee reports as given. All ayes. Motion carried.*

**REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Mayor Verbosky congratulated Mr. Mackinnon, Oberdorf, Marquette, Staczek, and Ruse on their elections and thanked the voters for approving the two charter amendments. He said that Mr. Duricek ran a good mayoral campaign and that he stays on council and he also thanked Mr. Hermes for what he has done for the city, especially over the last five years during a fiscally difficult time, and thanked him for his support for the city and himself personally. He thanked Heather Nissen and the DECA program for another successful Halloween parade. He informed council that Officer Bateson resigned last week as a police officer and that Chief Vespi had recommended elevating part-time Officer Kwiatkowski to full time to replace him. Mayor Verbosky and Mr. Ciecka had been consulted and agreed with that recommendation and Officer Kwiatkowski will go full time this week. He also noted that the change in standing committees of council that has been discussed at the previous two committee of the whole meetings has resulted in Ordinance 2011-56 which is on the agenda this evening.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Two letters of correspondence were read to council. One was from Governor Kasich's office acknowledging receipt of council's resolution opposing the lease of the Ohio Turnpike and the other was from Heather Nissen thanking the city for the donation of \$200 toward the annual Halloween parade.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **#2011-45 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONVEY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE WOOD COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this had been read three times previously before being tabled pending a decision by the RBOE regarding their half of the property. He said that Habitat from Humanity had also been here and made a presentation to council. Mr. Ciecka said the RBOE had transferred their half of the property to the Wood County Port Authority on November 8, 2011. He said that Habitat had met with the mayor and he over the last two weeks and that they have two potential families as homeowners. He is recommending council pass this as it is a great use of the property. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Mackinnon seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this issue has been before council for awhile and results from the age of the existing software and the inability to service it any longer. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek 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. Duricek said that at council's last meeting this had been held up pending a legal review of the documentation. Mr. Heban said he had not reviewed and suggested a third reading. Mrs. Freeman said some compromises have been made. Mr. Heban said it does say it is subject to legal review. Mr. Duricek asked what the detriment was to giving this a third reading and Mrs. Freeman said it would hold up installation. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky suggested that all council members be contacted as soon as the legal review is completed.

### **#2011-53 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 151.08 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this is a rate change recommended for 2012 and that council had received a memo regarding this on October 31, 2011 and that Mr. Kovasevic is here to answer any questions. Mr. Kovasevic said this is the first rate increase since 2009 and is needed to keep up with different expenses and a decrease in tax revenue. He said this is a 10% increase across the board and that since 2009 we have renovated the weight room, added a fitness studio, and increased the cardio fitness equipment. This will also change the structure of corporate memberships and give discounts based on the number of employees and different membership categories. Mrs. Eckel asked how many members we had and Mr. Kovasevic said he did not have that number but would email her the information. Mr. Scott asked what a qualified resident was and was told someone who works in the city but lives outside city limits. Mr. Kovasevic said the green track and gym cards will also be eliminated for all but senior members. Mr. Hermes questioned the logic of 1/3 employees having to sign on as new members. This was given a first reading only.

### **#2001-54 - AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE REVENUE ESTIMATE AND EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 2010-53.**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said this will finalize the budget for the year as required. Mr. Hermes said that three readings for this are fine and that this is the normal realignment of funds at year end. This was given a first reading only.

### **#2001-55 - AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE 2012 REVENUE ESTIMATE AND ESTABLISHING EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012.**

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman said this had been discussed by the budget committee. She noted that the storm water fund money has been moved into the general fund, as it is no longer a proprietary fund since we have joined NWWSD. She said the major capital expenditures next year will be new radios, a new roof for the public works building, and \$150,000 for road improvements. This was given a first reading only.

**#2001-56 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 111.12(a) AND 111.06(a) (6) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this is a change to the standing committees of council as discussed at two committee of the whole meetings. Mr. Marquette said it does not show what the committees do and was told that description would be provided but is not part of the revised code. Mr. Scott said this needs to be in place for the organizational meeting. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek 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. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

**#2001-57 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE WOOD COUNTY ENGINEER AND PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP IN THE BUCK ROAD AND LIME CITY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Duricek moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this has been a long process with discussion beginning in April of 2005 with a traffic impact study for Penta Career Center. At that time the suggested improvement at Buck and Lime City was traffic signalization but shortly after the Wood County Engineer was awarded a grant involving environmental issues. Four alternatives were presented at public meeting and the two roundabouts option was selected. The project has been on hold pending an agreement on local share of the cost. He said the city's part would be primarily in the acquisition of right of way at approximately a half-million dollars subject to appraisals and negotiations with property owners. The ordinance provides for a cooperative agreement among the parties. Mr. Ciecka provided council a memo over the weekend describing the project in greater detail. Federal funds will cover 80% of the construction cost. Mrs. Eckel said it took a long time to get everyone on the same page and to concede to their share of participation. She said while the community talks about signalization it is not the quick and easy fix that people think it is. Mayor Verbosky said the time frame has an impact on cost. Mr. Marquette said the total cost of \$5.7million is absolutely ridiculous and his biggest concern is cost and his biggest complaint is that we are being asked to participate in something that is not our problem. Mr. Ciecka talked about the calming effects of roundabouts and the lessening of serious accidents. Mr. Marquette has a problem with being asked to pay for a roundabout in Perrysburg Township and also would like to see a police officer direct traffic during busy times and see how that works. Mr. Scott said this is a huge project that has been forced upon us. Mr. Hermes said he cannot envision this ever being mandated as it is not a state road and that his thoughts echo Mr. Marquette's. He questioned Penta's share of \$150,000 and was told it consists of donated land. Mr. Hermes said they would be out basically zero cash for a problem they created. Mr. Hermes said this will take the city's entire road improvement budget for the next three years. Mr. Duricek said the reason for the roundabout is that it creates less air pollution and that is the only type of grant available. He said we have not yet paid for the Lime City Rd. project and that our own citizens do not require this and whoever created this issue should pay for it such as Penta who is not investing any money just land which the taxpayers paid for. He does not understand why we should invest a dime in this unless it benefits Rossford. Mrs. Eckel said the roundabout is the preferred choice because funding is available. Mr. Mackinnon asked how time sensitive this issue is and was told a first reading is fine. Mr. Oberdorf thinks this is a fantastic once in a lifetime opportunity. He asked Chief Verbosky for any safety concerns and the chief said he had no opinion but that the big rigs would have to really slow down to make the circle. This was given a first reading only.

**RESOLUTIONS**

None

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mrs. Eckel thanked DECA for a great Halloween parade, Rossford businesses that participated in the pre-school trick or treat afternoon, and the department heads who attended the council meeting. She asked what we can do about the people begging at the corner of Buck and Lime City and reminded people to not rake leaves into the street. Mr. Oberdorf congratulated all those reelected and newly elected. Mr. Mackinnon thanked DECA and said it was an incredible day. He congratulated all those elected and thanked Mr. Hermes for his service to the city saying he had been a huge asset and hopes he stays involved. He thanked Mr. Duricek for a good campaign saying that had stayed friends during the race and that Mr. Duricek had offered his help in the future. Mr. Duricek said it was a great Halloween parade, that he was glad to see the railroad crossing on Glenwood was being repaired, suggested a description of the committees be placed on the website, and said that he had given Mr. Ciecka a plan for dealing with the debris problem of Glenwood Rd.

Mr. Scott congratulated DECA for a great event, said some movement on TARTA has occurred involving Perrysburg's interest in joining with us and that we need to create a special committee on TARTA ( he suggested a committee of three councilman) as any voter legislation needs to be at the Board of Elections by February 2<sup>nd</sup> to make the May election.

**AUDIENCE REMARKS**

Tim Okapal, 913 Jennison expressed his concerns regarding the current political and economic situation.

*Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss potential property acquisition. All ayes. Motion carried.*

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

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

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William Verbosky Jr.  
Mayor

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Robert P. Watrol  
Clerk of Council