

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held November 22, 2010

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

ROLL CALL: Oberdorf, Richards, Marquette, Hermes, Scott, and Duricek all present. Mayor Verbosky indicated that Mrs. Eckel expected to be late as out of town on business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of November 8, 2010. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf 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 22, 2010 was presented to council. Report from the ad hoc transportation committee and Ordinance #2010-57 were added to the agenda. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Richards presented the ad hoc transportation committee report from November 17 (see written report). Mr. Scott said that disabled riders in Perrysburg are fearful of losing TARTA. Mr. Hermes said that looking at the last election results for the TARTA levy in Rossford that showed 1138 for and 1548 against he would feel more comfortable if there was a wider margin of people against. Mr. Scott said it was apparent at the meeting that Perrysburg realizes they will not be able to get out but want the current system fixed with support from other communities. Mr. Scott feels TARTA is listening and noted he has a meeting with Jim Gee of TARTA coming up. Mr. Marquette said he understands Mr. Hermes position since council appears to be 7-0 against TARTA yet 4 out of 10 voters want and wondered how we can change TARTA if we cannot get out. Mr. Marquette does not think any member will ever get 100% of the other members to allow them to leave so we should concentrate our efforts on improvements. Mayor Verbosky thinks that TARTA is looking at changes that they can make to make the member communities satisfied. Mr. Richards said we have never passed a resolution asking to separate from TARTA but think our efforts are resulting in TARTA looking for ways to get us off their backs and are now willing to listen to the elected officials in the suburban communities. He also thinks that the discussion between Perrysburg and Rossford have resulted in the Wood County commissioners to take some interest in this. He feels that the TARPS program and Call-a-Ride service are signs of progress we have made with TARTA. He would feel satisfied if we are able to cause them to make improvements. Mr. Hermes likes that TARTA appears to be becoming more efficient and responsive to our citizens. We now have TARTA's attention and must decide what we really want and possibly use the website to gauge improvements our citizens' want. Mr. Scott said he has had discussions with Perrysburg regarding their informal survey of their citizens and found that a high percentage of their citizens would not use TARTA even if it was free and that they have more riders using it to go to Mud Hens games than regular riders. Wood County has no ability with TARTA to get from one suburb to another. The suburban communities are looking at doing a joint survey on ridership. Mr. Oberdorf said we will probably never get out and possibly more Rossford citizens would have voted against TARTA if given another alternative. He thinks the work done up to now has built a fire under TARTA to look at our needs and that unified members working with TARTA should yield better results. He appreciates the feedback we are receiving from our TARTA board member.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to accept the report as given. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky referenced the thank you letter printed in last week's Rossford Record regarding the benefit for Rick Vascik and thanked the fire chief and the firefighters association for organizing, All Saints Church for allowing the use of the Maclear Center, all the organizations that contributed food, and all who

supported the benefit from throughout the area. Over 900 dinners were sold. He recommended a committee of the whole meeting be held on December 6th for final discussion of the potential agreement with NWSD before the ordinance is placed on the regular council agenda. He noted the Christmas tree lighting will take place on December 5th at 6:00pm. Mr. Ciecka will pass out copies of the tentative agreement with NWSD to council members. Mr. Ciecka said the agreement covers pretty much every topic that was a concern to council members and while we did not get 100% of everything we wanted it is a good compromise. Mayor Verbosky requested the judiciary committee to meet and review the charter in its entirety and also hopefully place a charter amendment on the ballot in 2011 to eliminate the treasurer position. He noted no one has run for treasurer in the last several elections and that technology and the finance director have made this a redundant position. He received correspondence from Buckeye Cable notifying us of a change to switched digital video technology and changes in channels. He said that at the planning commission meeting in November Mr. Ken Hicks presented a preview of a potential site plan on the viability of locating two businesses on the Rt. 20 Meijer outlots.

Mr. Ciecka said that leaves continue to be picked up and again reminded people to not place their leaf piles in the street. He said city offices will be closed Thanksgiving and the day after as well as December 23rd and 24th for the Christmas holiday.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#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. SECOND READING.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a second 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. SECOND READING.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is the annual budget for 2011 which projects a \$500,000 deficit compared to the actual \$50,000 deficit for 2010. Mayor Verbosky said this budget and the prior 2010 budget are both extremely conservative and that the hope is the economy improves and that the deficit will be less than projected. Mr. Marquette asked what the original projected deficit was for 2010 and was told \$1.3million. This was given a second reading only.

#2010 – 54 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 151.02 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf said this ordinance deals with the membership of the recreation committee which has been unchanged since 1976. The recreation committee felt they needed to revamp to make the committee more productive and efficient by reducing from 9 to 7 members which eliminated one Rossford citizen position and the one school district citizen from Perrysburg Township. He said that the following ordinance will set forth an attendance policy which has been a problem. Mr. Kovasevic, the recreation director noted that the township does not pay the recreation levy and that shortening the term should help attendance. Mr. Hermes asked for information concerning the number of people that use the recreation center, the percent that are Rossford citizens, average participation in programs, how many are non residents and asked Mr. Heban to look at the attendance policy and its effect on the members from council. Mr. Kovasevic has the information Mr. Hermes asked for and will get it to him and Mr. Heban will research the attendance policy. This was given a first reading only.

#2010- 55 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 151.03 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a first reading only.

#2010-56 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 153.99.

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka this is a result of the recommendation of the tree commission for the penalty for removing a tree in the city tree lawn. Previously it was cheaper to pay the fine than replace the tree and this will prevent that from happening. This has been reviewed by the law director. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2010-57 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP, WOOD COUNTY FOR RESURFACING OF GLENWOOD ROAD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is part of our road paving program and that we had Perrysburg township repave the 11% of Glenwood that was in our limit to tie in with their repaving of Glenwood Rd. Mr. Hermes asked if the township paid their portion with a grant and was told no, it was part of their budget. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2010 – 23 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AND DEBT POLICIES.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the finance department worked on this using an intern from the University of Toledo this past summer. The government finance officers association has recommended that governmental units adopt this has a best practice. This will identify in writing the city's policies on finance and debt. Mr. Hermes said the budget committee had recommended having a policy but this version is not exactly what the committee reviewed. He asked council to please read and be ready to comment, as this is what we will do and be held to. This was given a first reading only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Oberdorf said based on the mayor's request he would like a motion to hold a committee of the whole meeting in December. Mr. Hermes suggested a special meeting following the committee of the whole so that the NWSD ordinance could be given a first reading and then receive a second reading on December 13th before potential passage. This is based on council possibly not holding the December 27th meeting. Mr. Marquette asked if there is a deadline on getting this NWSD ordinance passed. Mr. Ciecka said the only time constraint is that NWSD is holding off on making an appointment of a Rossford citizen to their board. Mayor Verbosky said Mr. Michaels has agreed to take this appointment if offered. Mr. Ciecka said that Mayor Verbosky will not sign the petition to join NWSD until council has had the opportunity to review and act on the agreement. The special meeting would allow council to review the agreement and have a first reading before taking any action. Mr. Hermes was suggesting that we call the meeting on December 6th a regular meeting. Mr. Heban said it would have to be a special meeting as the charter says regular council meetings are to be held the 2nd and 4th Monday's of the month. Mr. Richards does not understand why we need a special meeting after the committee of the whole. He believes the changes to the agreement could be made based on ideas voiced at the committee of the whole meeting and then acted on the following week. Mr. Hermes said that based on the importance of the legislation he would like to have two public meetings at which the ordinance is read.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to hold a committee of the whole meeting on December 6th at 7:00pm for the purpose of discussing the NWSD agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to hold a special meeting of council on December 6th at 8:00pm for the purpose of giving a first reading to the NWSD ordinance. Hermes, Marquette, and Scott voted aye. Oberdorf, Richards, and Duricek voted no. Mayor Verbosky broke the 3-3 tie by voting aye. Motion passed 4-3.

Mr. Richards said we have talked about eliminating the treasurer position for several years which he believes is no longer needed based on annual state audits, oversight of the budget committee, finance director position, and key people being bonded. He said the current treasurer has said the position meets the

charter requirements but he does nothing. Mr. Hermes would like any charter amendment to be on the ballot at a general election so as not to incur any cost for holding a special election.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to place a charter amendment on the next general election ballot asking voters to delete all references to the city treasurer position. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hermes extended his thanks to Mr. Ciecka, Mrs. Freeman, and all of the city office employees for receiving a special award from the state auditors' office. This award is given to only the top 5% in Ohio. Mayor Verbosky said he will have a special presentation of the award in December.

Mr. Scott said the Buxton project started last Friday and should be completed in 30-45 days. They will look at the downtown, Crossroads, and Buck Rd. /Lime City Rd. areas and mass transit habits. He said he and Mr. Ciecka have met with the Entrepreneurial Studies Center at BGSU regarding their interns doing a marketing internship in the city of Rossford using the information we receive from Buxton and any other information the interns come up with. They will look at retail, light, and regular industrial. Probably 4-5 interns would work on this during their spring semester. He and Mr. Ciecka are still working on this.

Mr. Duricek said he had talked to Mr. Drouard last week and found out we have no zoning requirement for Bed & Breakfast establishments. He said we should do that soon.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Steve Vedra, 170 Hannum Ave. complained that no one is listening regarding not putting leaves in the street. He said the public works committee needs to get busy and get an ordinance on the books that would fine people who do this. He also noted that the Pilkington railroad crossing is still not repaired and is very bad.

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