

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held November 23, 2009

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

ROLL CALL: Richards, Oberdorf, Marquette, Hermes, Michaels, and Duricek all present. Mayor Verbosky said Mrs. Eckel should arrive shortly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of November 9, 2009. 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 November 23, 2009 was presented to council. Marina and Recreation committee reports were added. *Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to table Ordinance #2009-46. All ayes. Motion carried.* Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marina committee report from November 10, 2009 was presented by Mr. Michaels (see written minutes). *Mrs. Eckel entered the meeting at this time.* Mr. Marquette asked if there had been incidents at the marina when not guarded and was told by both Mr. Michaels and Mr. Ciecka no to either of their knowledge. Mr. Hermes clarified that the marina committee is recommending that fees not be raised as council sets the fees.

Recreation committee report from November 19, 2009 was presented by Mr. Oberdorf (see written minutes). Mayor Verbosky said it should be noted that the recreation levies were never meant to fully fund the recreation department but just supplement. He thanked council for their previous approval of the purchase of additional equipment which has led to an increase in membership and thanked Mr. Kovasevic and his department for their hard work. Mr. Richards said the YTD membership revenue shows an increase and asked how many new members this is. Mr. Kovasevic said he will have a better idea once the transition from the card system to the computer system is completed.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky said the tree lighting will be Sunday 11/29 at 7:00pm, asked all council members to have their committee requests to him by 11/30 in time for the 12/7 organizational meeting, thanked the RBA for the donation of 3000 Christmas lights, and said he had received a letter from Molly Jakubec in which she resigned from the Tree Commission after 22 years of service. He thanked Mrs. Jakubec for her service. He then yielded the floor to Mr. Heban who introduced Kaitlin Veluscek a senior at Notre Dame Academy who is here to observe as part of a school project.

Mr. Ciecka said the road paving in the Bruns/Schreier area should have been completed today, that leaf pickup continues, and that he is working on filing two energy conservation grant applications, one for efficiency in the administration, public works, and fire buildings involving heating, doors, and a new roof on the public works department and the second for LED traffic lighting. He is working with Mannik & Smith on completing these applications. He opened bids today for refuse collection receiving three bids from Waste Mgmt. Allied, and Stevens Disposal and these will be reviewed by the public works committee and then budget prior to the December 14th meeting. He reminded everyone that the pickup of yard waste bags is over for the season as of 11/18. Mr. Marquette asked if residents can take yard waste directly to the landfill and was told no. Mr. Richards asked the status of the streetlight program bids and was told they specifications are being reviewed by ODOT and then bids will be requested by them.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

ORDINANCES

#2009-45 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2010 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010; 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 said he and Mrs. Freeman had attended a summit meeting in Columbus on local government sustainability

put on by State Auditor Mary Taylor and that the overall message is that we are not alone in 2010 concerns as evidenced by the attendance of the Rossford head librarian and the city administrator of Maumee. He said the forecast is that it will be 2012 before an uptake occurs in government revenues, the slump in the housing market will continue in 2010, there is not much hope for a quick turnaround in revenues, and that it will be possibly 2017 before we return to 2007 revenue levels. He said 53 local governments in Ohio are on fiscal watch with over 30 occurring in the last year. He has met with all department heads regarding the budget and how each must address spending. Mayor Verbosky asked that any questions on the budget be directed to Mr. Ciecka or Mrs. Freeman before the next meeting. This was given a second reading only.

#2009-47 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said there is one error on the exhibit and asked that the 33 fire helmets be removed. *Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to delete the 33 fire helmets from exhibit A. All ayes. Motion carried.* Mr. Hermes questioned if any of the vehicles is unit #404 and said there is still a question if this should be surplus property. Mrs. Eckel suggested this be given a first reading only until the question on Unit 404 is resolved. This was given a first reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

#2009-25 – 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.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said our application from 2008 is just being considered now and thus needs a current resolution. These are no wake buoys. Mr. Richards questioned if these no wake buoys are properly located and if not does the city have some liability. Mr. Ciecka said they are placed within a prescribed area of which ODNR is notified and he is not sure if we have any potential liability. Mrs. Eckel 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. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Marquette said he is going to miss Mr. Michaels presence on council and it has been an honor to serve with him. Mrs. Eckel echoed the same sentiment, scheduled a public works committee meeting for 11/30 at 5:30pm, and said the public works department is working hard on leaf pickup and Christmas decorations.

Mr. Oberdorf asked if Mayor Verbosky had had contact yet with Toledo Mayor-elect Bell and was told no. He reminded everyone of the Toledo Symphony program to be held 12/13 at All Saints and said last years program was great.

Mr. Richards endorsed the earlier statements about Mr. Michaels and said tickets for the Symphony are \$10 which is a great bargain.

Mr. Duricek said he has received rave reviews from residents about the new workout equipment at Island View Park.

Mr. Michaels said it has been a pleasure working with all the council members and welcomed Mr. Scott. He said the city needs to continue looking for alternative water sources including NWSD, Oregon, and Toledo and said that decision will affect the future development of Rossford. Mayor Verbosky said that on behalf of the city he wanted to thank Mr. Michaels for his service over the last four years, said that his work was appreciated, and that he had been a good member of the team.

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

