

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held November 24, 2008

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

ROLL CALL: Richards, Eckel, Marquette, Hermes, and Kovach all present. Mr. Marquette moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Oberdorf who had a family obligation and Mr. Michaels for medical reasons. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of November 10, 2008. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of November 24, 2008 was presented to council. Report from the Marina committee and ordinances #2008-65 and #2008-66 were added to the agenda. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Kovach seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Presentation from Chuck Hawk representing R.I.T.A. (see attached package).

Mr. Richards said this has been discussed for some time and he thinks all his questions were covered. Mr. Hermes said that R.I.T.A. was his tax collection agency when he lived in Middleburgh Heights and he is familiar with them. He asked about the 3% retainer and was told that it has been given back for the last 4 years except for a few communities that owed more than the 3%. These were allowed to pay back over 1 or 2 collection cycles. Mr. Hermes asked what the average call waiting time is and Mr. Hawk said he would get that information and provide. Mr. Richards asked if city audit cost would be reduced because of the intensive audit of R.I.T.A and was told yes due to the scope of the city audit being reduced by the removal of the tax collection portion. Mayor Verbosky said this is a good plan for the city because due to our size we are unable to check on every non-payer and that it is an affordable way to enhance our tax collection process. Mr. Marquette wondered what sort of increase in collections the city may realize and was told that is hard to predict because it depends on how well the city was already handling. Mr. Hawk as seen increased as low as 3% and as high as 15%. Mrs. Eckel asked if there is a cost for e-filing and was told no. She also questioned how the city exits if decides not working out and was told that as long as R.I.T.A. notified by end of June will end in that cycle. Mrs. Eckel also asked if they will collect back taxes and was told yes if the city wants them to. Mr. Kovach asked about add-on fees and was given some examples such as \$8 for a subpoena, \$35 an hour for small claims court representation, and 18% of judgments collected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Marquette presented the Marina committee minutes of November 17th, 2008 (see attached minutes). Mr. Hermes asked if the contract with marina guards specifies the season is from May 1 to October 1. Mr. Ciecka said no, that the city sets the length of the season and that 24 hour security would not be provided from April 15 to May 1, and October 1 to close but that the marina would still be open. Mr. Marquette says eliminating 30 spaces saves the cost of replacing the pipe for those spaces. Mr. Hermes noted that we would be giving up potentially \$10,000 in income by eliminating those spaces. Mrs. Eckel said that some of the old spaces were very small and hard to rent out because boater was unable to get his boat in the space. She also believes that there has never been any dredging of the marina and we need to get it done and that having our own independent soundings is a good idea. Mr. Hermes asked if we pay for the survey what happens if it is substantially different from the contractor's numbers. Mr. Ciecka said if the contractor went below the contracted depth we would not be required to pay. Mayor Verbosky noted that while the project cost is higher than anticipated it is the first dredging since the marina opened and that the major part of the cost is being paid through a state grant.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky said the tree lighting ceremony will be November 30th at 7:00pm., that the last yard waste bag pickup will be Wednesday Nov. 26th, reminded council of the WCED open house on December 4 from 4-6:30pm., and said he had attended the soft opening of the new Country Inn Suites last week. Mr. Ciecka said leaf collection is continuing and that the last day to place leaves at the street will be December 7th.

CORRESPONDENCE

One piece of correspondence - a liquor permit request from Aldi Inc. - was related to council. Clerk is to check with acting police chief and notify council.

ORDINANCES**#2008-65 – AN ORDINANCE**

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this is a new amendment to the original revenue sharing agreement with Perrysburg Township enacted in 1993 and amended in 1998. This new amendment is being done to clarify the language and revenue formula and that the township approved the agreement this morning. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette 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. Marquette seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2008-60 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky reminded council that this ordinance had been extensively reviewed by the Budget committee and was timed to be given three readings. This was given a second reading only.

#2008-61 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN R.I.T.A., A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR INCOME TAX COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES. SECOND READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this ordinance relates to the presentation given earlier by the representative from R.I.T.A. Mr. Hermes said it had the unanimous support of the budget committee. This was given a second reading only.

#2008 – 62 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH INDUSTRIAL POWER SYSTEMS, INC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the contractor is preparing to place the equipment on the roof and because of the wet ground in the rear of the recreation building would need a larger crane that can reach the roof from the street thus the additional \$2000 cost. Mrs. Eckel does not know if that additional cost should be the city's responsibility. Mr. Marquette asked if it is the city's responsibility to repair the ground and was told no by Mr. Ciecka but that the cost for lawn repair is being deducted from the actual cost of the crane. Mr. Richards asked if this ordinance had been reviewed by the recreation committee and was told no. Mr. Hermes said the judiciary had talked about and thinks this is not our responsibility and he would be vote no. This was given a first reading only.

#2008 – 63 - AN ORDINANCE COMBINING FUNDS FOR FINANCIAL RECORD KEEPING, REPORTING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this involves no revenues or special assessments, that this just combines funds into the proper category. Mr. Ciecka said there is an expense associated with the arena drainage ditch improvement that will be combined into the TIF district fund. There is no revenue that comes into the fund and there is no practical purpose to being a separate fund. Mr. Hermes asked if it was possible to give this a first reading only and was told yes. This was given a first reading only.

#2008 – 64 - AN ORDINANCE COMBINING GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBTS INTO ONE (1) FUND FOR FINANCIAL RECORD KEEPING, REPORTING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka explained that this is just the same as the prior ordinance. This just combines the appropriate funds into one

debt-service fund. Mr. Hermes said this is the same as the prior ordinance and that at one time it might have made sense to have separate funds. This was given a first reading only.

#2008-66 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE DREDGING OF THE ROSSFORD MARINA WITH THE GEORGE GRADEL CO. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is a direct result of the marina report and his memo to council summarizes what is happening. He said the marina fund has \$24,000 in it and will have a deficit at year end thus the general fund will have to cover the cash flow situation. The money will be paid back with the revenue from the state grant when the project is completed. The replacement pipe and additional dredging are two separate components of this ordinance. Mr. Richards asked if this needed to be passed tonight and was told by Mr. Ciecka that if not the project may not get done before the 12/15 deadline. Mr. Richards asked when the state funds would be received and was told by Mr. Ciecka that after all forms regarding completion of the project are sent to the state it should take approximately 10 weeks before payment is made. Mr. Hermes asked what the cost of the independent survey would be and was told approximately \$2000. Mr. Marquette said the replacement pipe will be used and will be 5 inches instead of 2 inches as previously. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and one was received from Jeff Appelhans, Hannum Ave. who said he witnessed dredging outside of the west wall and wondered why. Mr. Ciecka said that was done to open up a circulation pipe which had become covered. Mrs. Eckel asked if something is being done to prevent that from happening again and Mr. Ciecka told her that the water flow should keep it clear. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#2008 -25 - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S RE-APPOINTMENT OF JUDY HEBAN TO THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said Mrs. Heban has been a dedicated member of the planning commission (non-compensated volunteers) and he strongly recommends her reappointment. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel 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 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.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Hermes said he had attended the Recreation Center garage sale and thought it was a great idea and hopes it continues on an annual basis.

Mrs. Eckel said she needs to schedule a public works committee meeting.

Mr. Richards said he will be scheduling an economic development committee meeting in the near future.

***Mr. Hermes moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the December Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Glenn Goss, Dixie Hwy., said a lot of street lights are burned out and said the one in front of his home has been going off and on for 3 years. Mayor Verbosky said the street light problem is frustrating for everyone. Mr. Ciecka suggested that Mr. Goss report the outage himself on the Toledo Edison website and the city will notify also. Mayor Verbosky asked Mr. Ciecka to call Edison. Mr. Kovach said that the police midnight shift used to mark burned out lights by placing white tape on the pole, compiling a list, and notifying Edison. He suggested they do that again. Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum Ave., asked who is responsible for the traffic lights on the Buck Rd. overpass. He said the motion detector has been turned and is not recognizing traffic going west to east at the top of the overpass. Mr. Ciecka said the city is responsible and he will have it checked.

John Folcik, Hannum Ave., asked if any conclusion had been reached on the Buck/Lime City intersection. Mr.

Ciecka said that it is going to be a roundabout. Mr. Folcik asked if it will be done next summer. Mr. Ciecka said no,

that it is still in the planning and engineering phase and that no funding source for the approximately \$3m project has been identified.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council