

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held November 28, 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 November 14, 2011. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of November 28, 2011 was presented to council. Budget committee report and Resolution #2011-16 were added to the agenda. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the city Mayor Verbosky presented a plaque to Councilman Hermes in thanks for his service as treasurer from 1998-2003 and councilman from 2003-2011.

President of Council Oberdorf presented a plaque to Mayor Verbosky in thanks for his years of service as treasurer, councilman, and mayor and said it has been an honor to serve with him and under him. Mr. Oberdorf then read a commendation from the Ohio State Senate in gratitude for Mayor Verbosky's 24 years of public service.

State Representative Gardner then presented Mayor Verbosky a commendation from the Ohio House of Representatives and said it has been an honor and privilege to work with Mayor Verbosky. Mayor Verbosky commented that in today's world of the polarization of political parties it has been refreshing working with Mr. Gardner as party affiliation has never been an issue with him. He said we have been blessed to have him represent Rossford.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget committee report was presented by Mr. Hermes (see written report attached). Mr. Marquette asked who to contact regarding the CHIP program and was told to contact Mr. Ciecka who will connect the person with Poggemeyer Design.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ciecka reminded council of the Wood County Economic Development Committee Holiday gathering this coming Wednesday from 4-6pm at Holiday Inn French Quarter and said this is a great networking opportunity. He said on Monday December 5th the Christmas tree lighting ceremony will be held prior to the 7:00 organizational meeting. He also noted that at the conclusion of tonight's meeting a reception will be held for outgoing Mayor Verbosky.

Mayor Verbosky said the next RBA meeting is Wednesday at 12:00 at the Recreation Center with Mayor-elect Mackinnon as the featured speaker. He reminded council to get their committee assignment requests to Mr.

Mackinnon. He said he had received a letter from Buckeye Cable regarding changes in programming and a reply from State Senator Wagoner to his letter protesting proposed state control of municipal tax collection. He then read a farewell statement to council and the audience (see written statement attached).

At this time one more presentation from Elizabeth Bostdorff representing Congressman Latta was made to Mayor Verbosky.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council was informed of one piece of correspondence regarding the transfer of a liquor permit. After an opinion is received from the police department council will be given the opportunity to request a hearing at the next regular meeting.

ORDINANCES

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

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Kovasevic said at the last council meeting there had been questions regarding the corporate rates and thus he is recommending amending the section of the ordinance on these rates. Mr. Scott asked if Mr. Kovasevic had received any comments from anyone regarding the change in rates and was told no. Mr. Kovasevic explained that the largest increase is \$15 for a family plan. Mr. Marquette noted that currently the recreation department is subsidized by the general fund and this is part of the effort to make the department self-sufficient.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to amend the section of the ordinance regarding corporate rates. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#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. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a second 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. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Freeman stated she had provided a memo to all council members. This was given a second reading only.

#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. Scott moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka informed council that the RTID had received a grant in the amount of \$85,000 from ODOT to assist with right-of-way acquisition. This was given a second reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

#2011-16 – A RESOLUTION TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT PRIMARY ELECTION THE ISSUE OF WHETHER THE CITY OF ROSSFORD SHOULD WITHDRAW AS A MEMBER OF THE TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said council has been studying the TARTA issue for the last several years and that he has been in contact with area communities on their progress on this issue. Sylvania Township informed him that they received an opinion that the 2013 taxes could be affected if leaving TARTA is not approved by the March 2012 primary. Therefore the ballot request needs to be approved by December 7th to make the March ballot. Mr. Oberdorf suggested a special meeting be held following the organizational meeting to allow council time to review this and still meet the deadline.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to hold a special meeting on December 5th immediately following the organizational meeting to act on Resolution #2011-16 only. All ayes. Motion carried.

This was given a first reading only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Hermes offered his thanks to God, the nation, Rossford, his family, Mayor and peers on council, department heads especially Ed and Karen, and all citizens for making the city a good place to live (see written statement attached).

Mr. Scott expressed his gratitude to the Mayor and Mr. Hermes for their years of service devoted to the city and said all the accolades have been well deserved. He encouraged them both to stay involved.

Mr. Duricek thanked both the Mayor and Mr. Hermes and said both have done a great job. He said Mr. Hermes financial information and expertise has been a wonderful asset.

Mr. Marquette said Mr. Hermes attention to detail was inspiring and he learned from him to be a better listener. He said the community needs to know that we are in the good financial condition we are due to Mr. Hermes hard word. He then thanked Mayor Verbosky for his service and said the city does not realize how many meetings the mayor was involved in especially regarding the RAAA project.

Mrs. Eckel thanked Mr. Hermes for being an excellent watchdog for the city finances and said people do not realize the amount of work he did and that his knowledge and experience will be greatly missed. She said it has been an honor to serve on council under Mayor Verbosky and that he has lead with dignity and respect and to please know how much he is appreciated.

Mr. Oberdorf said he served on the finance committee with Mr. Hermes and although did not always see eye to eye he had the utmost respect for him and his knowledge of city finances and he was an integral part of this council. He said it has been a pleasure to serve under, work with, and learn from Mayor Verbosky and to be part of his team.

Mr. MacKinnon thanked Mr. Hermes and said he has the utmost respect for him and that he has been a huge asset to the city and he hopes he stays involved. He said he also has the utmost respect and affection for Mayor Verbosky and that he did a phenomenal job over the last eight years. He thanked him for his accessibility and help since the election.

Mayor Verbosky thanked the ladies in the office for their work.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Tiffany Densic, 107 Birch Dr., said she had read with interest the article regarding the Buck Rd. /Lime City roundabout. She said that in the March of 2007 the recommendation was for a turn lane and signal at a cost of \$1.2m and now we are looking at a roundabout at \$5.7m. based on an air pollution grant that requires this. She noted that the government is \$15 trillion in debt and really doesn't have the money to pay for this grant and that these federal funds will come with strings attached such as the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Ed Tucholski, 131 Rosedale Place, former clerk of council said he enjoyed Mayor Verbosky as a student of his in high school, and as a councilman and mayor and wished him well.

Ken Gwozdz, 126 Jennings Rd. first wanted to congratulate both Mr. Verbosky and Mr. Hermes and noted he likes to think he helped Mayor Verbosky as a new councilman by making him chairman of the negotiation committee. Secondly he hoped that all of council his hearing the voices regarding water bills since the change to new meters. He said he can only speak for his family and relatives but that he has a real problem with the new organization as to how they handle questions on large bills and the fact that a termination notice is received three weeks after the first notice. He said he received a bill and immediately called the number questioning how it could be \$2433.37 when his previous usage has been between 4ccf and 11ccf. He is waiting to hear back from Mr. Greiner of NWWSD. Mayor Verbosky commented that the switch to NWWSD has been challenging and some of the meter readings are being handled on a case by case basis and recommended he give his bill to Mr. Michaels.

Stephanie Verbosky, 312 Hawthorne, mother of the mayor congratulated him for his service as councilman beginning at age 26, then city treasurer, and for the last eight years as mayor. She said she is very proud of him and that he always had Rossford's interest first and foremost and served with integrity and honesty.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council