

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held December 11 2006

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

ROLL CALL: Richards, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Hermes, Michaels and Kovach all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of November 27, 2006. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of December 11, 2006 was presented to council. Marina and Recreation committee reports and an executive session to discuss contract negotiations and pending litigation were added. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marina

Mr. Michaels presented the committee report of December 5, 2006. Items discussed were the season length, parking and fishing restrictions, safety equipment, and operations report. The committee left the season length unchanged (April 14-October 14), made no changes to the parking and fishing restrictions, said the safety equipment had been upgraded as requested by the fire chief, and reported that revenues for 2006 were down compared to last year. The committee recommended that beginning in 2007 that the marina fund be charged for electricity used.

Mr. Hermes questioned why the debt paydown was not reflected in the marina expenses and was told by Mr. Ciecka that there is no debt, that this was paid off last year. Mayor Verbosky said that work done in-house helped reduce that debt cost.

Recreation

Mr. Oberdorf presented the committee report of November 16, 2006. Items discussed were repair of the RCRC, park security, installation of wood carpet, winter programs, and the 2006 concession stand report. Net profits for the concession stand increased from \$3000 in 2005 to \$4637 in 2006. Mr. Andy Screptock, a roofing professional with 30 years experience, volunteered to review the final quote for the roofing repair and was thanked by Mr. Marquette for taking an interest in the building. Mr. Tim Seman is again donating trees for Island View Park and a thank you letter will be sent.

Mr. Marquette questioned where the check that is given to the city from the concession stand profits is applied. Mayor Verbosky said that it has to go into the general fund but could then be directed to the recreation fund. Mr. Richards asked for clarification as to what Mrs. Sloan is allowed to do and was told that since the RCRC project is being handled through the county that Mrs. Sloan has been authorized by the committee to act. Mr. Hermes wondered how the park security was being funded and was told it is being paid through the police department. He also explained that since the general fund currently subsidizes the recreation fund deficit it is entirely proper for the concession profits to go through the general fund.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to accept the committee reports as given. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky stated that he and council had received a letter from a concerned resident regarding parking issues in the 300 block of Colony Rd. Mrs. Eckel said that the police chief has acted on this. The mayor congratulated the Arts Commission for sponsoring the Festival of Trees, thanked Mary Kay Scott and Sue Yoder for their efforts in arranging the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony as well as the public works department, fire department, girl scout and brownie troops, and Father Al for their efforts and participation. He thanked All Saints Church for sponsoring and hosting the Toledo Symphony Orchestra

Christmas concert. He reported that the city had received a 2005 Financial Reporting Award from the office of the state auditor.

Mr. Ciecka informed council that leaf pickup has ended for this season.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2006-54 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said that these are unused police vehicles, an old public works vehicle, and lawnmower. The city will accept sealed bids with a \$1000 minimum on operable vehicles, a \$500 minimum on vehicles not operable, and \$50 on the mower. The sealed bid is being tried to see if is more effective than going to public auction. 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.

#2006-55 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2007 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said he had given council a memo earlier detailing the highlights of the 2007 budget and proceeded to summarize the highlights of that memo which included a 1.5% increase in income tax revenue, \$25,000 increase in estate tax revenue, and a 10% decrease in marina revenue. Expense changes are a 1% increase in wages, \$280,000 being paid down on debt, and a 15% increase in health care cost. Mr. Hermes said the budget committee had met twice and had done a line by line review of the budget before recommending adoption. He said the increase in payroll expense reflected an anticipated 15% increase in health care cost, said the city was making sure that the promises of the levy campaign were being fulfilled, and that debt paydown was about 8% total. Mr. Richards encouraged everyone to review and thanked the administration for the user friendly format of the presentation. This was given a first reading only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Marquette asked if the delinquent refuse fee problem had been resolved. Mr. Ciecka said the list had been sent to the county auditor for inclusion on the next tax bill.

Mrs. Eckel congratulated the Arts Commission for sponsoring the Festival of Trees and said the public works department had done a good job with the fall leaf pickup.

Mr. Oberdorf said he had attended the Rossford Firefighters Association Christmas banquet which was very nice and expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the department in matters of life and death.

Mr. Richards said he also was appreciative of the Fire Association banquet and said he was touched by the presence of people who go out of their way to handle the needs of our citizens and also the people that made up the success stories. He said the Festival of Trees was nicely done and very inclusive. He asked the administration to check on a post on Colony Road that should be removed, as it is a safety hazard.

Mayor Verbosky reminded everyone that the next council meeting will be held December 18, 2006.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to go into executive session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to return to regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council