

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held December 12, 2005

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of November 28, 2005. The clerk asked that the minutes be amended to reflect that the Christmas tree lighting ceremony was held December 11th not December 4th. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of organizational council meeting minutes of December 5, 2005. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of December 12, 2005 was presented to council. Report from Marina committee added and Mr. Richards asked that a presentation by Don Montague to discuss energy alternatives be added under item 5A. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Montague indicated that his daughter works in the alternative energy business and based on councils previous discussion about wind energy he would like to set up an informational meeting for council to meet with her. This was set up as an informal informational meeting to be held on December 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MARINA

Mr. Oberdorf presented the committee minutes of November 23, 2005. The committee reviewed the 2005 marina season and the survey taken of marina dock renters, reviewed the 2005 Marina fund summary, discussed proposed administrative changes to dock rental procedures, indicated that dock rental fees will remain unchanged for 2006, and discussed the policy regarding ADA dock access. Mr. Hermes asked what the occupancy rate for the 2005 season was and Mr. Ciecka responded that there were 39 empty spaces out of 250 spaces available. Mr. Hermes also asked how that compared to 2004 and was told by Mr. Ciecka that dock rentals were down slightly but launches were up so that total revenue decreased by only \$1800. Mr. Ciecka stated that in talking to boaters he had learned that other marinas occupancy rate was down this year also and attributed it to fuel prices more than dock rental rates. Mr. Oberdorf said the marina committee has discussed putting together a flier with marina information for distribution in an effort to become pro-active in increasing seasonal dock rentals. Mr. Hermes asked Mr. Oberdorf as marina committee chairman to clarify, in response to a audience statement at the last council meeting, that no money was taken from the water fund to pay for marina improvements and that the marina fund fully funded the city's share of the grant. Mr. Oberdorf stated that this was correct. Mayor Verbosky said that some cost savings were achieved through the efforts of our own public works department and their doing some of the work. Mr. Oberdorf said the marina committee hopes that by keeping rates unchanged and becoming pro-active in achieving more rentals that occupancy rates will increase. He encouraged council to review the marina survey and note the positive tone of the boater's responses.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky commented regarding the opening on the recreation committee and said Richard Hotz, a former recreation committee member by virtue of being on the Rossford Board of Education, had requested to stay on as a civilian representative and that Mrs. Sloan had so recommended. He also thanked Nancy Rust and Judy Sikorski for spearheading the tree lighting ceremony, the public works department for putting up the Christmas decorations, and the fire department for opening up the fire station for the refreshments after the ceremony. He also said that he has received a memo from Chief Foy stating that he is working on updating the police fleet with 3 vehicles in 2006 using the funds provided by passage of the tax levy.

Mr. Ciecka said that renewal notices went out to all current marina dock renters recently and people are already coming in and reserving their 2006 docks. He also commented on the memo he gave to council regarding the infrastructure for the proposed PUD project on Lime City Rd. He outlined the process that will be followed and said that the final plan still needs to go to the planning commission and after they act on will be submitted to council in ordinance form. He expects the final plan to be submitted to the planning commission in January. Mayor Verbosky said this has been the topic of much discussion and an engineering survey had been done to address concerns regarding the existing infrastructures ability to handle the increased load. Mrs. Eckel said she had specific questions about the survey and it was suggested she contact Tom Stalter at Poggemeyer directly. Mr. Hermes asked if the survey, which says there is sufficient capacity, takes into consideration the age of the pipe. Mrs. Eckel responded that the age is factored in. Mr. Oberdorf questioned if there is anyway to ascertain the effects of the proposed development on city services such as fire, police, and traffic and also how many of previous type developments like this have become rental properties. Mr. Ciecka said that the survey does reference a traffic study done for Penta and that any city's growth does impact fire and police. Mark Nowakowski, one of the developers said that their development in Luna Pier, MI. has 2 units that are rentals out of 50 and that this type of housing attracts owner-occupants. Mr. Michaels said the survey does not show a pressure test being done on the water/sewer lines and suggested in the future this be done. He also questioned why the flood plain issue was not considered.

Mr. Ciecka said that in the next two weeks the city will be sending out late notices for unpaid refuse fees and will pursue collection, that a public hearing will be set for the downtown development grant, and that the county engineer has submitted an application to TMACOG for improvements to the Buck/Lime City intersection which will be ranked for possible funding. Mr. Hermes asked if this application was for 100% funding and was told by Mr. Ciecka no, that this potential \$700-800,000 project would probably be funded with an 80% grant with the additional 20% coming from local sources such as the city, township, county, or Penta. Mr. Hermes said that maybe we should propose to Penta that they pick up the 20%.

CORRESPONDENCE

Two items of correspondence were received, a Christmas Card addressed to council from the Rossford Board of Education and a request for a new liquor permit for the new owners of the Sunoco station. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion that a hearing not be requested conditioned on the police chiefs final report. All ayes. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #2005-40 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY TO BUCKEYE CABLEVISION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion that the ordinance be amended to change the word easement and right of way to licensing agreement anywhere it appears in the ordinance. Ayes from Richards, Kovach, Hermes, Marquette, Eckel, and Oberdorf. Nay from Michaels. Motion carried 6-1. Mr. Hermes did not understand why this agreement was necessary and was told by Mr. Heban it was because this line was coming into a commercial establishment. Mrs. Sabin stated the savings will be about \$700-

800 a month. The ordinance gives Mr. Ciecka the authority to negotiate the terms of the agreement. Mr. Michaels explained that is no vote was based on the fact he believed he was voting on the licensing agreement and he was not against the ordinance. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none made. Vote on the motion all ayes. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2005-43 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$124,630 TO JAMES G. ZUPKA C.P.A., INC. FOR AUDITS OF THE CITY OF ROSSFORD FOR FISCAL YEARS 2005-2009; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said that last meeting council had questions regarding the cost of the previous contract, what the other bids were, and why a multi-year contract. He said that multi-year contracts are the standard mandated by the state. Mr. Hermes said the city cannot use the same people that have done the last five audits because of state regulations that do not allow this, the last contract cost was almost \$109,000, and this contract is not the lowest cost bid. Their was one bid lower by \$3,000 but the state auditors office ranked the bid from Zupka as number one and said to go with them. Mr. Hermes said the new contract represents about a 3% increase per year over the old contract. Mayor Verbosky reminded council and the audience that council itself looks at not just the lowest bid but also the best bid. Mrs. Sabin said that this contract is actually \$100 per hour less than the lower bid but estimates more time needed. Mr. Marquette asked if any bids were received from local firms. Mrs. Sabin said requests for bids were sent but only two firms responded. Mr. Kovach asked what the cost would be if the state performed the audit and was told by Mrs. Sabin that the state auditor's office will not do it and has chosen to outsource it as is their choice. Mr. Richards said the last time this came up the city delayed this and asked the state auditors office to perform and was told that was not going to happen. Mr. Michaels asked if the RTID audit is part of this contract and was told by Mrs. Sabin that it was not. Mr. Marquette questioned what exactly they audit and was told the financials of the city. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none made. Vote on the motion all ayes. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. Richards, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Hermes, and Michael aye. Kovach no. Motion carried 6-1.

ORDINANCE #2005-44 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2006 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky stated that in November a comprehensive finance committee meeting was held regarding the budget, this was given two readings in November, council was asked to review over the last two weeks, and he hopes for passage tonight. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none made. Vote on the motion all ayes. 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.

ORDINANCE #2005-45 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MODIFY THE FISCAL YEAR 2005 BUDGET TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN BUDGET AND EXPENSE ITEMS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Sabin explained that this was a housekeeping ordinance necessary to prevent any line items showing a negative balance. The only bottom line effect is an \$88 increase for interest expense. Mr. Hermes asked that the memo explaining each line item change be included with the ordinance. Mr. Richards appreciated the clarity that the memo added in understanding the modification. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards

seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none made. Vote on the motion was all ayes. 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.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Hermes thanked Nancy Rust, Judy Sikorski, and the Fire department for their efforts in the tree lighting ceremony. He thanked Mr. Ciecka and Mrs. Sabin for their efforts on the budget and the increased communication regarding it.

Mr. Michaels thanked Mrs. Sabin for the time spent with him reviewing the 2006 budget.

Mr. Kovach wished everyone happy holidays.

Mr. Marquette also wished everyone happy holidays.

Mrs. Eckel said job well done to Mrs. Sabin and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Oberdorf reminded council of the informational meeting on 12/21 at 7:00 p.m. and asked if there were any agenda items for a January Committee of the Whole meeting. He also wished everyone happy holidays.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Kovach seconded the motion to suspend with the January Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards said he had met the gentleman who is rehabbing the former Sterling store. It will be a food redistribution center using 6 vans and covering a multi-county area. This is similar to Meals on Wheels and will employ 15-18 employees equating to 12 full time jobs. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to suspend with the second December meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Verbosky also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Jack Rossler, 138 Windsor Dr. Rossford, OH. who has served as the city representative for TMACOG on the Bike Trails issue asked if council has heard of any interest from their constituents on creating bike trails on abandoned railroad lines. Mayor Verbosky said any type of bike trail would have to be funded through grants. Mr. Rossler said grants are available but they do require a 10-20% match from the city. Mr.

Marquette said trails are nice but we are fortunate that the streets of Rossford are pretty safe to ride on.

Terry Gall, Brookside Condominiums, wondered when Zachary Lane right of way will be dedicated to the city. Mr. Ciecka said council acted on this in 2001 and the final step is to get the survey and get it recorded. Mayor Verbosky said he will have the administration double-check on this.

Mark Nowakowski, 2000 The Bluffs, Toledo, OH. of the development company working on the Lime City PUD project wanted to introduce himself and other parties. He introduced his partners Wayne and Alan Nowakowski, the property owner Joanne McNally and her son Tom, Deb Olinger and Lynn Wisniewski who are realtors involved in the project. He said they have been working on the project since June and are trying to put together a plan that meets everyone needs. They have held a public meeting with neighboring property owners to listen to complaints and suggestions. They intend to have an improved plan ready to present in January that will be acceptable to everyone.

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