

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held December 22, 2008

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 December 8, 2008. 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 December 22, 2008 was presented to council. Report from the Budget committee was added to the agenda. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Hermes presented the Budget committee minutes of December 8, 2008 (see attached minutes).

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky reported that Police Chief Vespi's military unit has returned to the U.S. and he should be released from active duty in two weeks and be able to return to the city in the middle of January. He thanked All Saints for the hosting the sold-out Toledo Symphony concert which brought many out-of-town visitors to our city. He noted Mr. Oberdorf making the front page of the Sentinel and the complimentary article about the Rec Center and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He notified council that he had talked to Mayor Finkbeiner last week and scheduled a meeting to talk about the water contract.

Mr. Ciecka said that the public works department is asking that people move their vehicles off the street when it snows to allow for complete plowing. He noted that the city ordinance requires vehicles be moved every 24 hours anyway. He said about 140 runners participated in the Rudolph 5K Run last Saturday despite 15 degree temperatures.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2008-67 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES AND AMENDING THE 2008 ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008, AMENDING ORDINANCE #2007-46; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes noted that exhibit A has been updated to include changes suggested by the budget committee and questioned whether the ordinance needed to be amended to include updated exhibits. Mr. Marquette asked what the change was and was told by Mr. Hermes it is now \$200,000 less. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to amend the exhibits A and A1 to reflect the revised exhibits dated 12-15-08. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Michaels seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#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.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to remove ordinance #2008-61 from the table. Richards, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Hermes and Michaels aye. Kovach no. Motion carried 6-1. Mr. Michaels reported on his visit to the R.I.T.A. office and provided council with a breakdown of their labor force (attached). He spent the better part of a morning looking at their operations and asking many questions. He wanted council to have

as much information as possible before making a decision. He stated that they handle 1 million accounts with 6000 delinquent. He noted that in the state of Ohio there is a twelve day rule that allows for payroll income tax only being owed if work goes into a thirteenth day. He said that Karen Freeman has access to current tax laws and regulations and we should be able to be in compliance with all tax laws. We do not have access to some tax bases that R.I.T.A. does. He noted that R.I.T.A will train our local employee to handle questions on site, provide a computer with access to R.I.T.A., and provide training for accountants in our area to handle their forms. Mayor Verbosky said the administration and budget committee has spent a lot of time on this and still feel it is the best way to improve our tax collection in view of our limited resources. 3% is a relatively small price to pay and he feels it is worth trying for a year. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. Hermes, Richards, Oberdorf, Eckel, and Marquette aye. Michaels and Kovach no. Motion carried 5-2.

RESOLUTIONS

None

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Richards wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Oberdorf thanked Mr. Kovasevic and his staff, the Toledo Roadrunners Club, major sponsors Meijer and Giant Eagle, the Public Works department, and Officer Johnson for a very successful Rudolph 5K Run. He also said the Toledo Symphony concert was a wonderful event and thanked All Saints for hosting it. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Healthy New Year. He then asked if anyone saw a need for a Committee of the Whole meeting in January.

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

Mrs. Eckel asked if there will be any change to the refuse pickup schedule due to the holidays and was told no, that refuse will be picked up on Wednesday both weeks and that while not unlimited more than three bags will be picked up the week after Christmas. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Hermes said that for 2009 the budget committee has scheduled six meetings beginning March 23rd. All meetings will be held at 5:30 and will be posted on the calendar.

Mr. Michaels thanked council for giving him the time to investigate R.I.T.A. and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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