

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Rossford City Council Special Meeting  
Held May 2, 2011

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

**ROLL CALL:** Duricek, Marquette, Eckel, Oberdorf, and Mackinnon all present. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to excuse Mr. Scott and Mr. Hermes who are out of town. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda for special council meeting of May 2, 2011 was presented to council. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES**

**#2011-26 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PETITION THE WOOD COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS TO FORFEIT CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said the reason for calling the special meeting was a timing issue. He said this property is in the 200 block of Bacon St. and is has delinquent taxes of \$28,000+. It consists of one house and a garage on two lots and three vacant lots. The property was offered at sheriff sale and did not sell thus the court has given the city the option to take the property at no cost. He said we did this last year with the vacant land by the old Video Connection. He said taking this property would allow the city to abate a disrepaired property. He strongly encouraged council to approve this ordinance and then said we would look at tearing the house and garage down. He said this need to be completed within 10 days of April 26<sup>th</sup> thus all five members present will need to approve this as an emergency. Mr. Oberdorf asked if someone were to file ahead of us on this property would they take precedence. Mr. Heban said he does not believe so but there is no case law that speaks to that fact. Mr. Marquette asked what happens if we do nothing. Mr. Heban said the property would then revert to the state which has no obligation to maintain the property (cut grass etc.) and that the state cannot be cited for having a nuisance property. Mr. Marquette asked what would the teardown cost be and was told by Mr. Ciecka the estimate is \$10,000. Mr. Marquette said he has walked the property and it is in very rough condition and asked what the city would do with the property after the teardown. Mr. Ciecka said we could possibly offer the property to an organization like Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Ciecka said he really wants to get this property because if the state takes the property and neighborhood will deteriorate even further. Mayor Verbosky said we would look at getting help from the Wood County Health Dept. for the teardown cost. Mrs. Eckel said she agrees with the mayor that we need to acquire and teardown this property to improve the neighborhood. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf 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. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Verbosky said with passage of this ordinance the city will instruct Mr. Heban to file the necessary paperwork with the court and when completed the city will look at handling this property.

*Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.*

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William Verbosky Jr.  
Mayor

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Robert P. Watrol  
Clerk of Council