

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular Meeting / Public

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

Monday, August 19,

20 24

Council President Vance called the council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and Pastor Gary Dehart led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

Roll call. All present.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Plybon: presented a power point of the flood event. Proud of our employees.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Service Department has been working to get the pool reopened (after flood damage). Power Plant employees helped with regards to the pumps. NRH Electric provided free labor to help get up operational. A true team effort. It is now closed for the season. Service Department has been checking the storm system where there was debris to be cleared from the flooding. The big hit was the culvert which will be discussed during legislation. Community Day was Saturday. Well attended. Free swimming and hot dogs that day as well as the kickball tournament and inflatables. Proud of our employees and the lives that were saved.

Utility Director Brediger: Echo the comments, everyone stepped up to help each other. Utility will follow up on checking infrastructure, cameraing the lines to check for backups or restrictions. The water treatment plant is caught up from processing the waters. We have emergency storage capacity, that entire outdoor storage area was completely under water. We had to notify the Ohio EPA with respect to the event. Our losses were minimal.

Finance Director Strimlan: Tonight's power point presentation information was filtered through her. It was long but was not condensed. These people are amazing, from the first responders to city workers down to our citizens. From the pictures and the stories and comments that they sent in, amazing group of people. We are finalizing our audit.

Law Director Kirkbride: Echo'd comments. A lot of help will come from our non-profits. The Orrville Ministerial Association and Wayne County Community Foundation has an emergency fund that I told the Salvation Army Director about. Most people don't have insurance to cover this type of event. Many had significant losses.

Council President Vance: Works for an insurance company which discussed, when he first joined them, these 500 year events. He has seen 30 of them. 500-year event isn't what it used to be, it's pretty regular now.

New Business

Resolution 20-24, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 20-24**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into an agreement and/or agreements with the Ohio Public Works Commission for grant funding and a contractor, without bidding, to undertake an emergency repair on the Norfolk Southern Rail Stormwater Culvert and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This is a 48" line under Norfolk Southern, almost directly behind our new salt bin off of Jefferson Court, adjacent to Pine Street. It was built in 1939. We have identified it as failing and is part of our capital project list for this year to replace it. The culvert that runs to the pipe was about 2 ft by 3 ft hole and is now 20 ft by 25 ft hole and about 20 ft deep as well due to the storm. With the additional rains last night, we got a few additional inches as well. It is critical to repair the hole. The storm pipe and culvert are owned by us via an easement we acquired from Norfolk Southern. Estimates are in the low \$30,000 range. It is highly unlikely we will receive any funding due to the age of the pipe. We would love to get started on this quickly. We have a few feet to go before the railroad would need to close, maybe about 5 feet. It is barricaded.

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Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Shanklin seconded. Ayes all; motion carried. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 20-24** be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Resolution 21-24, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 21-24**, A Resolution to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Orrville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: When a house fire occurs the Ohio Revised Code requires insurance companies to deposit with the local municipality a portion of the damage claim in anticipation if the house is not brought back up and repaired, the municipality would have sufficient funds to demo the house. There was a house fire at 427 W Oak, the deposit was made, repairs completed, property has been inspected, and now we return the deposit changing appropriations for the deposit escrow fund.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Shanklin seconded. Ayes all; motion carried. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 21-24** be adopted as read. Carr seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Good of the Order

Squirrell: Thanks to the United Way and Salvation Army for their help to the community.


Mayor: Thanked everyone in the room for being a part of this special meeting and telling our story. The directors and staff members have been unbelievable. And appreciation of Council support and our first responders.

Davies moved to adjourn. Squirrell seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.



Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

 2024

Date



Paul Vance, President of Council