

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular Meeting / Public

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

Monday, December 2,

20 24

Council President Pro Tem Rick Aspiras called the council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Dan Hostetler from Living Water Church led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

Roll call. All present.

Council minutes of the regular meeting on November 18th were presented for approval. Davies motioned to approve those minutes; Carr seconds; all ayes; motion passes.

Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation – Handwerk: The committee did not meet. Provided council with an update on the Depot park project. The goal is to bid early January and open bids in February.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Plybon: The 25th annual Home for the Holidays was held with over 2,000 in attendance. There were 56 ice sculptures. Over 1,000 hotdogs were distributed at City Hall. This Wednesday is the Mayor's Cookie Contest.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Service Department continues with leaf pick up. Chief Bishop gave news that the new heavy rescue truck ordered two years ago will begin engineering phase. We hope to have it by late summer.

Utility Director Brediger: Buehler's co-sponsored support of purchasing the hotdogs for Home for the Holidays. Our new assistant utility director Dave Filippi started last week. His office is located at the power plant.

Old Business

Resolution 42-24, Squirrell moved that it be placed on second reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 42-24**, 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: This is a change to current year appropriations. Overall a net decrease of \$2.4 million to our final appropriations. The general and capital funds were reduced \$1.5 million, removing the allocation for the potential property purchase in Baughman Township. The Wastewater utility reserve fund increased \$300,000 to account for the purchase of the new all jet Vac truck that council approved in Resolution 29-24. The Deposit Escrow fund was increased \$37,000 that is to return fire damaged property deposit. And two smaller increases, one for cemetery maintenance fund and for EMS supplies. Those two totaled \$15,000.

Resolution 43-24, Squirrell moved that it be placed on second reading. Lax seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 43-24**, 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, 2025, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This is for spending the first three months of 2025. Total appropriations are \$68.1 million; \$9.7 million for the general fund, \$7.4 million for the remaining tax supported funds and \$51 million for the utilities. This can go for third reading.

New Business

Ordinance G-24, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Lax seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Ordinance G-24**, An Ordinance Amending Section §151.08 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Orrville, Ohio, relating to the compensation of Elected Officials and certain Appointed Officers, and repealing all legislation inconsistent herewith.

Discussion: Committee had been held to discuss. No further discussion.

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Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of an ordinance on three separate days be suspended. Carr seconded. Shanklin, Nay. All remaining Ayes; motion carried. Squirrell moved that **Ordinance G-24** be adopted as read. Lax seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Resolution 44-24, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 44-24**, A Resolution extending the moratorium established by Resolution 45-23 on the issuance and processing of permits allowing retail dispensaries, cultivators, or processors of adult use marijuana/cannabis for an additional period until December 31, 2025; and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This is an extension of the moratorium as discussed in prior committee meeting. The moratorium will expire Dec. 31, 2025. We will make decisions prior to that date. The State is still determining regulations so this gives us time to see how we would like to move forward with those new regulations.

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 44-24** be adopted as read. Davies seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Resolution 45-24, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Shanklin seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 45-24**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract to provide for tax abatement for real property for Xeldam, LLC and Jarrett Companies, Inc. and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Matt Tarutani from Jarrett gave an overview. The warehouse at 1781 is 80% filled and looking at other clients seeking warehousing. There are 15 acres to expand warehousing operations. Between 260,000-280,000 sq. on the roof with the docks on the west side. A bump out facing Main Street to hopefully grow Jarrett Logistics.

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 45-24** be adopted as read. Lax seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Good of the Order

Squirrell: Thanked the Street Department for installing all the decorations downtown. It looks really nice.

Lax: Asked about the Hostetler project. Wheeler responded that the culvert work is potentially going to be completed but the road will be done in the spring.

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

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, December 16, 2024. Meeting adjourned 7:52 pm.



Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

 December 16, 2024

Date



Paul Vance, President of Council