

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular Meeting / Public

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS - 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

Monday, March 3,

20 25

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

Roll call. All present.

Council minutes of the regular meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> were presented for approval. Davies motioned to approve those minutes; Shanklin seconds; all ayes; motion passes.

**Committee Reports** - None

**Administrative Reports**

Mayor Plybon: Mayor, Director Brediger, Assist. Director Filippi and Utility Board member Messenger traveled to Washington D.C. for the American Public Power Association (APPA) Legislative Rally to advocate for public power. Mayor and Chief Seiler honored the elementary citizens of the month, Kellen Brown and MaeLee Dalessandro.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Rails to Trails bid opening was Friday. ODOT has to approve before we move forward.

Utilities Director Brediger: As the mayor mentioned, we attended the meeting with the federal legislators with about 60 association members attending to speak on energy related matters. Energy is on President Trump's top five list. We connected with the two new senators and their staff to continue relations. A report was sent to the Ohio Governor's office that in the next 2-3 years there will be an energy shortage in the state of Ohio, mainly due to data centers, electric vehicles and generation being shut down across the state. Senator Moreno discussed the possibility of an energy summit with the Governor.

Finance Director Strimlan: December 2024 Fund Balance report had been distributed. The year concluded with positive net income across all funds of \$4.37 million. The combined ending fund balances were \$95.1 million. Financials will be reviewed in the annual report next month. Requested motion to approve the fund balance report subject to audit. Carr moved, Shanklin seconds. All ayes. Motion passes.

The 2025 final appropriations are on first reading tonight. It will go three readings. Next Monday immediately following the utility board meeting will be a workshop.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business**

**Ordinance A-25**, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Lax seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Ordinance A-25**, An Ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of Orrville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This is an annual ordinance. It incorporates any changes made at the state level Ohio Revised Code that amends our code. Any changes the city made at our local level are automatically incorporated as they are done via ordinance.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of an ordinance on three separate days be suspended. Davies seconded. Ayes all; motion carried. Squirrell moved that **Ordinance A-25** be adopted as read. Lax seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

**Resolution 08-25**, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 08-25**, A Resolution in Support of State Issue 2 renewal of the State Capital Improvement Program on the May 6, 2025 Statewide Ballot.

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Discussion: This resolution of support for SCIP funds which are what funds the OPWC projects. The state raises the funds through selling bonds. This legislation supports the ballot item and shows our support. We have received multi-millions in the last five years in OPWC funds which are used on our road and water utility projects.

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 08-25** be adopted as read. Lax seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

**Resolution 09-25**, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 09-25**, 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: Total appropriations for 2025 are \$71 million; \$52 million allocated for the enterprise funds, \$10 million for the general fund and \$9 million for the tax supported funds. Compared to the budget prepared last June, there is a 4.1% increase that's primarily due to the negotiated wage increases and as well as the change in capital projects.

**Ordinance B-25**, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Shanklin seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Ordinance B-25**, An Ordinance amending Sections 721.01 – 721.99 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Orrville, Ohio, relating to registration of solicitors, restricted hours of business solicitation and penalties for violations, repealing all legislation inconsistent herewith, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This potential change was discussed previously. We had a vendor that said they had no issue violating the regulations of our ordinance at a \$50 fine it was worth their time and money. The main change is the penalty changing it to a minor misdemeanor, fine of \$150, and subsequent offenses within a 12 month period is classified as a misdemeanor in the 4<sup>th</sup> degree. There is no escalator clause.

**Resolution 10-25**, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 10-25**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into an agreement and/or agreements, without bidding, with Graber Manufacturing to purchase benches, tables and associated equipment for Depot Park, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Depot Park project planning. This will allow for purchasing materials so there is no wait period for the contractor to install. It is well under state bidding requirements of \$75,000. But it is over the \$15,000 which Steve can bid without legislation.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Carr seconded. Ayes all; motion carried. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 10-25** be adopted as read. Lax seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

**Service Superintendent Ryan Immel** presented the 2024 Service Department annual report. Copy on the webpage.

**Good of the Order**

Vance: Pastor Chuck Davis, of the Orrville Ministerial Network, messaged he was sorry, he had forgotten about leading prayer this evening.

Lax: American Legion is having a Veterans with Pets speaker and are looking for people to get involved to help veterans with service animals, etc. March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Also, some non-profits in the area are looking for a community calendar for non-profits that they have access to in order to list events that they have going on. It was suggested he check with the Chamber.

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Mayor: Attended the annual health department meeting in Wooster. They are collaborating with the Safety-Service Department on a grant to start up a farmer's market and add playground equipment around the dog park area.

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

Our next regular meeting will be March 17, 2025 with the Fire Department annual report. Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm.

Jeanne Gault  
Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

March 17, 2025  
Date

Paul Vance  
Paul Vance, President of Council