

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular Meeting / Public

Meeting

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

Held Monday, March 17, 20 25

A public hearing was held at 7:30 pm regarding **Resolution 9-25**, 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. There were no comments. Public hearing closed at 7:31

Council President Vance called the council meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. The Orrville Ministerial Association's Pastor Newton Brenneman led prayer. The pledge was recited.

Roll call. Handwerk, excused. All others present.

Council minutes of the regular meeting on March 3rd and special meeting March 10th were presented for approval. Lax motioned to approve those minutes; Shanklin seconds; all ayes; motion passes.

Committee Reports

Finance – Lax: Committee met with Lax excused from the meeting. Janet will review.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Plybon: Employee of the month is Dwayne Peters in the Finance Dept. Summer job applications are on the webpage and due by April 25th. Requested a meeting of the whole to discuss the city income tax on April 7th at 6:30 pm.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Park restrooms should open this weekend as long as the weather does not show and frost/freeze events. Two restrooms are open year round the Depot Park and the gateway park area. The compost center opens April 2nd.

Utilities Director Brediger: Sunday had several isolated wind outages.

Finance Director Strimlan: Finance Committee met on March 10th to review final appropriations for 2025. Operating expenses were discussed and changes made from the budget prepared last June. Revenue projections were reviewed for the general fund and the utilities and the ongoing impact of remote work. The 2025 capital projects were discussed. Total appropriations are \$68.4 million. \$8.9 allocated for the general fund; \$9.1 for the remaining tax supported funds; and \$50.4 for utilities. This is on final reading this evening.

Old Business

Resolution 09-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on third reading. Shanklin 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: Declaring an emergency simply means it takes effect immediately instead of waiting 30 days.

Squirrell moved that **Resolution 09-25** be adopted as read. Carr seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Ordinance B-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on second 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: The only change is the penalty section. Going from a \$50 fine to \$150 fine with a minor misdemeanor with subsequent offenses within 12 month period escalating it to a fourth degree misdemeanor.

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New Business

Resolution 11-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 11-25**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to amend the Enterprise Zone Agreement between the City of Orrville, Ohio and Big Heart Pet, Inc.

Discussion: Conversion of the 2015 agreement from 400 created jobs to 399 retained jobs. Creation period was 36 months and has expired. The State has significantly more of their subsidiaries in their agreement so we are trying to match the numbers. This is more housekeeping to reflect where they are at. No impact plus or minus to us in revenues. 50% abatement for 15 years, with 7 years remaining.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Lax seconded. Ayes all; motion carried. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 11-25** be adopted as read. Carr seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Resolution 12-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 12-25**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to procure quotes from various vendors and then enter into an agreement and/or agreements without bidding, to replace pool lights and repaint Orr Pool in the City of Orrville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: These projects are in the capital budget. There are three weeks until our next meeting, so we would like to get this approved tonight to get on the contractors' schedules. These are the lights in the pool.

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 12-25** be adopted as read. Davies seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Fire Department Chief Chris Bishop presented the 2024 Fire Department annual report. Copy on the webpage.

Alan Stanley, Firefighter of the year was presented to council. Alan said a few words of thanks and teamwork and that it is a pleasure to serve the community.

Good of the Order

Wheeler: There is a change in the dates of the Utility and Finance annual reports and instead will have Abbie Wilson give an update on the Depot Park project at our next meeting. Design Review Board has reviewed it.

Lax: Tomorrow at American Legion is having the Vets with Pets speaker at 6 pm.

Mayor: Thanked Chief Bishop for the annual report and for the passage of the pool legislation. With the lights repaired we will be able to hold moonlight swims.

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

Our next regular meeting will be April 7, 2025, preceded by a meeting of the whole at 6:30 pm. Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm.



Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

April 7, 2025
Date



Paul Vance, President of Council