

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular Meeting / Public

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

Monday, May 19,

20 25

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

Roll call. Handwerk excused. All others present.

Council minutes of the regular and the committee of the whole meetings on May 5<sup>th</sup> were presented for approval. Lax motioned to approve those minutes; Davies seconds; all ayes; motion passes.

#### Committee Reports

Ordinance & Personnel – Squirrell: Requested a meeting for Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm to discuss a naming rights policy.

Transportation – Shanklin: Did a ride along with the Service Superintendent to look at PCR ratings on our roads. PCR is Pavement Condition Rating. May call for a committee meeting in June.

#### Administrative Reports

Mayor Plybon: Kathy Camacho in Human Resources is the employee of the month. The Wayne County Health Department in partnership with the Orrville community and the Creating Healthy Communities Grant has launched the new Orrville Farmer's Market on Saturdays from 1-3 pm until October in the North Depot parking lot. Congratulations Jenny McFarren for being selected the 2025 Paul L. Powell Citizen Award at the Orrville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: The splash pad is scheduled to open this weekend. The pool will open May 31<sup>st</sup>. Community Day will be June 7<sup>th</sup>. Trash delayed next week due to the holiday. We received a grant from the Wayne County Community Foundation to pay for a police drone and some fire equipment. The drone will be available to the other departments such as the Fire Department and others. Legislation will be coming.

Utilities Director Brediger: Storm outages over the weekend. Workers were on scene about 20 hours. There were multiple broken trees and poles. There are some poles still to be replaced.

Finance Director Strimlan: The budget calendar will be going out with first reading on June 2, second on June 16 and the final on July 7 to return the budget to the county by the deadline.

President Vance: Attended a city council president meeting in Cleveland and heard about other community's budget process. Many other council create the budget line by line and no fund balance at the end of the year. We are very fortunate with the team we have. Discussion ensued about raising the expenditure amount that the Safety-Service Director has from \$15,000 to \$50,000. Utility Director has \$100,000. Wooster has a \$75,000. Council agreed to have the legislation drawn up and discuss during council.

#### No old business

#### New Business

**Resolution 21-25**, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 21-25**, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Orrville, Ohio to enter into a partnership agreement with Wayne County and the City of Wooster for making an application to the Ohio Department of Development Office of Community Enhancements for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant for Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) funds, and declaring an emergency.

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Discussion: This legislation allows us to partner with Wayne County and the City of Wooster to apply for the grant. The CHIP grant is for private repairs to their homes for low to moderate income qualification. With our partnership, that adds an additional \$400,000 to the grant. Metropolitan Housing runs the program. The City of Wooster handles the financial aspects.

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 21-25** be adopted as read. Davies seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

**Finance Director Janet Strimlan** presented the 2024 Finance annual report. Copy on file and on the webpage.

**Good of the Order**

Davies: Thanked the utility and street departments for the storm clean up and getting the power back on.

Squirrell: Remarked on the Farmer's Market and hopes the city supports them.

Lax: Asked about branches being picked up after the storm. Wheeler: Yes, due to storm damage, but not cut branches.

Vance: Grateful for our distribution department and how quickly they can restore power.

Mayor: Thanked Strimlan for her report and all the other directors for their reports.

Lax: Memorial Day procession reminder.

Shanklin: Saw other utilities are raising their rates again. Ours have been steady since 2017. We are over 30% lower here which is a good reason to move to Orrville.

Mayor: Local resident saw that same information and contacted the Mayor.

Vance: Director Brediger emailed a video, from AMP, to us showing reasons why all the investment in power plants, in which Brediger had a cameo appearance.

Mayor: Speaking on Vance going to the council president meeting, he saw how great Orrville is. The Mayor goes to the mayor meetings and comes back and is grateful how good it is here.

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

Our next regular meeting will be June 2, 2025. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

  
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Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

June 2, 2025  
Date

  
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Paul Vance, President of Council