

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular Meeting / Public

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

Monday, September 2,

20 25

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

Roll call. All present.

Council minutes of the regular meeting on July 21st were presented for approval. Davies motioned to approve those minutes; Lax seconds; all ayes; motion passes.

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation – Handwerk: Committee has not met. Fall Fest is October 27th.

Planning – Carr: Reminder of the committee meeting to be held 9/15 at 6:30 regarding a sidewalk petition on Wayne Street.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Plybon: Employee of the month is Ron Taylor, a Service Worker 2, overseeing the cemetery. August wrapped up with a successful Rehm Performance Series, ending with Hometown before a crowd of 200 and special thanks to Jeanne Gault for coordinating all of the concerts. Orr Pool saw strong attendance this season, highlighted by a moonlight swim enjoyed by more than 500 guests. Residents are encouraged to visit the Orrville Farmer's Market Saturdays from 1–3 PM at the Depot area for local produce, baked goods, and other items and this will continue until the last Saturday in October. Looking forward to progress being made on current city projects including the Rails to Trails extension from Allen to Forrer and new construction at Depot Park.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Trash is delayed due to Labor Day. Depot Park construction begins soon. Bike trail work continues. Officer Danial Sottosanti was named the 2025 Wayne & Holmes County CIT mental health officer of the year for his diffusion of a mental health situation. Trick or Treat will be October 31st, 6-8 pm.

Utility Director Brediger: The Utility Board approved a freeze of the power cost adjustment factor rates; frozen since 2017. Companies are sending out natural gas rate cards. The City's runs from October to October and is a two-year fixed rate with one more year to go. State Representative Meridith Craig visited the power plant. Next council meeting we will have legislation regarding the wastewater department rates

Finance Director Strimlan: June and July Fund Balance reports were distributed. Requested a motion to approve those reports subject to audit. Carr moved. Davies seconds. All ayes; motion passes. General Fund revenue update coming.

Old business

Resolution 28-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on third reading. Shanklin seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 28-25**; A Resolution authorizing and establishing the Naming Rights Policy for the City of Orrville, Ohio.

Discussion: None

Squirrell moved that **Resolution 28-25** be adopted as read. Davies seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

New Business

Resolution 32-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 32-25**; A Resolution to approve the form and authorize the execution of 2027 Waste Heat Energy Schedule with American Municipal Power, Inc. and taking of other actions in connection therewith, and declaring an Emergency.

Discussion: A handout from Director Brediger describing this power purchase. This is a 16 year term. Gives us renewable credits. About 5% of our energy. Credits will vary.

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 32-25** be adopted as read. Davies seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

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Resolution 33-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 33-25**; A Resolution authorizing the Safety – Service Director to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program for grant or loan funds and/or agreements as required to obtain said funds, and declaring an Emergency.

Discussion: This is an annual grant. The 2026 proposed streets are Westwood, Linden, Mohican, and Andover as discussed in the Transportation Committee meeting as well as being the lowest rated on the pavement condition rated streets in the city at this point. Requested approval tonight.

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 33-25** be adopted as read. Lax seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Resolution 34-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 34-25**; A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Orrville, Ohio to participate in proposed Opioid Litigation Settlement(s) negotiated with the Ohio Attorney General involving various pharmaceutical manufacturers and declaring an Emergency.

Discussion: There are various settlements and percentages with different states/counties/municipalities have submitted. This is generic legislation, so we have the opportunity to participate. This gives us the authorization to move forward in the event the authorization is needed. This gives us the opportunity to participate. No promise of a big payout. Aspiras moved to amend the second Whereas section and the word claims. In the resolution it has it written as clai9ms. Motion to strike the 9 from the second whereas section in the word claims. Lax seconds. All ayes. Passes.

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 34-25** be adopted as read. Lax seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Resolution 35-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 35-25**; A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Discussion: Our budget was sent to the Wayne County Auditor for review by the Budget Commission. They did not find any issues. They forward this resolution that authorizes the county to collect property taxes on behalf of the city. It needs to be returned by September 30th.

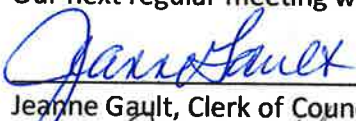
Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Lax seconded. Ayes all; motion carried. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 35-25** be adopted as read. Carr seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Good of the Order

Squirrell: Grateful for the first responders and power line crews.

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

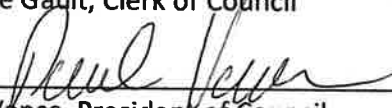
Our next regular meeting will be Monday, September 15th, 2025. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.



Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

9-15, 2025

Date



Paul Vance, President of Council