

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held Monday, September 15, 20 25

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

Roll call. All present.

Council minutes of the regular meeting on September 2nd were presented for approval. Lax motioned to approve those minutes; Shanklin seconds; all ayes; motion passes.

Committee Reports

Planning – Carr: Met today to discuss a sidewalk petition for the west side of Wayne Street from Homestead to Oak Street.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Plybon: Employee of the month is Chuck Clark in the Technical Service Department. Farmer's Market continues through October with a car show this weekend. Other events include a fall festival, touch-a-truck, and a costume party. Construction at Depot Park begins. It will add greenspace with a stage and parking area. Set to be completed before next summer.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: The heavy rescue arrival is expected early November. Depot Park project began mobilizing today. The lot is closed as of today. Trail construction continues into mid-November.

New Business

Resolution 36-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 36-25**; A Resolution authorizing the Director of Utilities 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 legislation gives authority to submit an application for capital projects for the wastewater utility. Utility Board approved it.

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 36-25** be adopted as read. Carr seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Resolution 37-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 37-25**; A Resolution granting authority for the Director of Utilities to enter into a contract and/or contracts, without bidding, for the purchase and installation of an economizer tube bank and headers for Boiler 13, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Handout diagram distributed. Replacing a bank of tubes that are part of the water and steam cycle for Boiler 13 steam generator. Boiler is about 25 ft square and about 8 stories tall. This unit is used during peak shaving. Tube leaks mostly due to erosion. This year we have met all of our top five peak demands on the transmission system grid which allows us to be eligible for a little over \$12 million in credits next year. A little over \$5 million comes from this unit. It does leak when in service, which puts the credits at risk. It is important to make sure it is reliable when operating it 16-18 times a year. Cost is around \$450,000. Work to be done next spring due to equipment lead time. Requested approval tonight due to ordering lead time.

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 37-25** be adopted as read. Davies seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Administrative Order 1-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Administrative Order 1-25**; An Administrative Order authorizing the Public Utilities Board of Orrville, Ohio to increase wastewater rates as follows: By Seven and one-half percent (7.5%) beginning January 1, 2026, with additional annual increases of Seven and one-half percent (7.5%) to take effect on January 1 of each year through January 1, 2030. Beginning January

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1, 2031, wastewater rates shall increase annually by Two and one-half percent (2.5%) thereafter to provide for ongoing operations and maintenance needs and to establish base funding for future capital improvements of the Orrville Wastewater Plant

Discussion: Handout distributed on presentation the board has been working on. This handout was reviewed. We will not run our expenses into the ground. We would make adjustments to capital projects. We would not get ourselves into a position where we are nose diving. Tonight, we are approving the rates. We need additional revenue from our customers in addition to loans and/or grants and the rate increase will cover the debt service payments. The loan/grant will provide immediate cash. Discussion included raising the rate to 12% compared to doing loans. New scenarios can be run. We have access to zero interest loans. The last wastewater increase ended in 2022, prior to that was 1999. This can go five readings and go into effect in January. If no action is taken after five readings, it takes effect in 30 days. No public attended the Utility Board meetings.

Good of the Order

Mayor: Packet is rich of information.

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

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, October 6, 2025. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Jeanne Gault
Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

October 6, 2025
Date

Paul Vance
Paul Vance, President of Council